ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held 13th March 2018 At Eckington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Public Participation: There were no members of the public present.

Present: Councillors David Bainbridge (Vice Chairman), Cilla Cameron, Geoff Ransted,

Mike Wood, Nils Wilkes, Mary Hughes and Chris Yarnold.

Also present: County Councillor Adrian Hardman.

Apologies: Councillor George Glaze (Chairman), District Councillor Ron Davies.

Declaration of Interests: None

The Parish Council then welcomed new Councillor Chris Yarnold to his first meeting.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
231/18	The Minutes of a meeting held 13 th February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Wilkes, seconded Cllr Ransted. All agreed.	
232/18	District & County Councillor Reports The email circulated by District Cllr Davies was acknowledged. County Cllr Hardman discussed the following matters – Health & Wellbeing event Options for parish speed reduction / road traffic accident	Cllr Davis – meeting with Planners raised at the previous meeting remains outstanding.
	stats to date across the County together with causation factors	Clerk to look at speed reduction options / costs for 'white gates' or similar.
233/18	Progress Reports Clerk – Bell bollard quotes are being obtained. The next Parish Conference will be 5 th July at WDC at 6.15pm. Police report as circulated. Village Memorial Hall - Cllr Bainbridge reported on the	Clerk to progress the bell bollard.
	successful launch event. The Committee have also secured £2,230.00 from the WDC Community Fund. Extension works are now fully completed, and quotes are being obtained for signage, a new notice board and key safe. A new contractor has been appointed for fire testing at a significant saving. Future events are being planned including the 100 th anniversary of the end of WWI.	
	Recreation Centre – Cllr Wood asked if the Council would consider providing a grit bin on site. To be considered.	Clerk to obtain grit bin quotes for the next meeting / next agenda.

Footpaths – no update. It was agreed to rename this item 'Public Rights of Way' for future agendas.	Clerk to change future agenda item as agreed.
Tree Warden – no update. Bredon Hill Conservation Group – no update. Church & Bridge Trusts – no update.	
Wychavon CALC – Cllr Ransted reported on the recent meeting attended and reported on the Local Transport Plan 4 adopted 9/11/17. Strong focus on rail investment plus ambitious plans for walking and cycling.	
Partnership – Cllr Ransted reminded the Council of the next meeting on 25 th April.	
Cemetery & Churchyard – Cllr Wilkes raised the issue of the grave with the pink stone border, which has still not been removed as requested. It was agreed that a further polite notice should be placed on the grave until after Easter, after which the border stones will need to be removed.	Clerk to place a notice on the grave as agreed.
Planning Matters	
Applications considered:	
 18/00389/FUL - Hill Barn, Nafford Bank Farm, Nafford Road, Eckington - Conversion of 2 no. barns to 2no. dwelling houses as approved W/16/000846/PN but without compliance with condition 1 to amend list of approved plans to provide additional rooflights and a retaining wall. Agreed to recommend approval. 	Clerk to submit response as agreed.
 18/00212/AGR – Court Gate Nursery, Station Rd – application withdrawn for proposed building for agricultural use. 18/00312/CLPU – Mayfrey, New Road – application for a Certificate of Lawfulness (no comment required) 	
 Applications to be considered before the next meeting: 18/00442/FUL - Court Gate Nursery, Station Road, Eckington - Erection of plastic greenhouse/polytunnel. 18/00405/HP - 33 The Close, Eckington - Two storey rear extension. 	
Financial Matters:	
It was proposed by Cllr Cameron, seconded by Cllr Ransted that the following payments be made: £251.30 Clerks salary (net) + £24.84 mileage claimed	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
	Rights of Way' for future agendas. Tree Warden – no update. Bredon Hill Conservation Group – no update. Church & Bridge Trusts – no update. Wychavon CALC – Cllr Ransted reported on the recent meeting attended and reported on the Local Transport Plan 4 adopted 9/11/17. Strong focus on rail investment plus ambitious plans for walking and cycling. Partnership – Cllr Ransted reminded the Council of the next meeting on 25 th April. Cemetery & Churchyard – Cllr Wilkes raised the issue of the grave with the pink stone border, which has still not been removed as requested. It was agreed that a further polite notice should be placed on the grave until after Easter, after which the border stones will need to be removed. Planning Matters Applications considered: 18/00389/FUL - Hill Barn, Nafford Bank Farm, Nafford Road, Eckington - Conversion of 2 no. barns to 2no. dwelling houses as approved W/16/000846/PN but without compliance with condition 1 to amend list of approved plans to provide additional rooflights and a retaining wall. Agreed to recommend approval. Notifications: 18/00212/AGR – Court Gate Nursery, Station Rd – application withdrawn for proposed building for agricultural use. 18/00312/CLPU – Mayfrey, New Road – application for a Certificate of Lawfulness (no comment required) Applications to be considered before the next meeting: 18/00442/FUL - Court Gate Nursery, Station Road, Eckington - Erection of plastic greenhouse/polytunnel. 18/00405/HP – 33 The Close, Eckington – Two storey rear extension.

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	£1331.90 Foxley Tagg Planning Ltd – Neighbourhood	
	Planning fees	
	£1524.68 Kompan Ltd – play equipment (vat payment only)	
	£2886.00 Adrian Hope Tree Services	
	Monies received:	
	£432.00 Worcs CC – Lengthsman scheme reimbursement	
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	Account balances:	
	£22,085.73 Treasurers account	
	£13,898.29 Business account	
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236/18	Councillor Co-option	
	An application had been received and circulated by the Clerk.	Clerk to inform / induct
	It was proposed by Cllr Cameron, seconded by Cllr Hughes, that	the Applicant asap and
	Chris Auty be co-opted. All agreed.	notify WDC accordingly.
237/18	Governance Matters	
	Website – The Clerk is progressing the County Council site	Clerk to progress the
	access and transfer as agreed.	website.
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	GDPR (Data Protection) – The Clerk and Cllr Bainbridge	Clerk to progress GDPR
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	explained the data audit process required. It was noted that the	as required.
	Council will be the Data Controller (as an organisation). The	All Councillors to submit
	Clerk is Data Processor. Current thinking by NALC/CALC is that	data audit information as
	the Clerk cannot also be the DPO due to a conflict of interests,	agreed by end March to
	although this still remains unconfirmed.	the Clerk.
	The Council is required to register with the Information	Clerk to register the
	Commissioner's Office.	Council with the ICO.
238/18	Neighbourhood Plan	
200/10	Cllr Wilkes reported on the Steering Group minutes relating to a	
	previous matter raised by this Council regarding a Valuer	
	Report. Cllr Hughes also referred to the PC Financial Regs and	
	the requirement for independent advice, which was noted.	
	Cllr Bainbridge confirmed the status of the Neighbourhood Plan	
	which becomes a material planning consideration once adopted.	
	Cllr Ransted raised the question of the SWDP overriding the	
	Neighbourhood Plan (2030-2040) and the increase of housing	
	development allocations.	
239/18	Highways Matters	
200/10	Bell Bollard – see 233/18 item.	
	War memorial condition survey – War Memorials Trust response	
	awaited.	
	It was noted that Highways matters would be discussed at the	
	future meeting with Gerry Brienza on 27 th March.	

240/18	New Homes Bonus	
	No updates.	
241/18	Parish Matters	
	Bus Service – the new timetable with effect from 24 th March was noted.	Cllr Ransted will place a notice in the parish magazine re the
	Rural Communities Programme – Cllr Hughes now has contacts and has started to speak to people locally and at WDC. A future	changes to services.
	group meeting is to be arranged.	Cllr Hughes to speak to
	The RCP may be a topic at the Annual Parish Meeting or future PC meeting.	the Chair re a future meeting Speaker.
	Neighbourhood Watch / Community Speed Watch – Cllr Ransted reported on recent progress. The NW AGM is at Hindlip on 25 th May.	
	Community Speed Watch has had a slight change in Volunteers – training to be arranged. Cameras have been returned for	
	calibration.	
	Social Media – Cllr Bainbridge is monitoring the Eckington Village Facebook page.	
	Speeding Concerns – the concerns around New Rd and Nafford Rd were discussed as there appear to still be high speeds recorded up to the 30mph signage and beyond in to the village. Comments made on social media have been noted. Cllr Ransted mentioned the option of relocating the 30mph boundary to a more appropriate location. Concerns to be raised at the Highways meeting on 27 th March.	
242/18	Flooding Issues	
	Matters to be discussed at the Highways meeting on 27 th March. Cllr Ransted also raised the issue at the recent LTP4 meeting.	
243/18	Correspondence for Information	
	None.	
244/18	Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas	
	Cllr Hughes reported on recent training attended.	
	Councillors were reminded about the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on 17 th April.	
	There being no further business	
	the meeting closed at 10.05pm	