

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 One resident attended the Open Public Forum.

An application in respect of play equipment for pre-school children was presented to the Meeting for their consideration. The PC agreed to consider the application, before passing to WDC for their decision.

### **Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

95/17 Present – Cllrs. Glaze, Brown, Bainbridge, Wood and Ransted.

96/17 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Cameron and Wilkes. These were unanimously accepted by the Meeting.

97/17 Declarations of Interest – No declarations were received.

#### 98/17 District & County Councillor Reports

Cllr Ron Davis reported the following:

- WDC planning fees to increase in July.
- £42.5 million currently in reserves.

#### 99/17 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Following one minor addition, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> May were a true and accurate record. Therefore a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Ransted and seconded by Cllr Brown. All present were unanimous in their agreement and the Minutes were duly signed.

#### 100/17 Progress Reports –

Clerk – The Clerk reported that:

- The cemetery and graveyard inspection was carried out during May, by the Clerk and Cllr Wilkes – there are no issues to report.

Police Report:

- 30/05 – Burglary occurred on Manor Road between 21.20 and 23.00.

Village Hall – The Meeting was informed that:

- A revised planning application (in respect of the alterations/improvements) has now been sent to WDC.
- During a recent meeting between the Village Hall Committee and the PC, it was agreed that a formal request for the funds should be made to the PC, following which the whole amount will be transferred to the VH Committee. It was also agreed that should further funding be required, a new application to the NHB fund would have to be made.

CALC – Cllr Ransted informed the Meeting that he had attended the recent AGM. No issues to report.

Partnership – Next meeting postponed until September.

Church & Churchyard – The tree inspection will be carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

101/17 Planning – The Meeting considered the following planning matters:

#### **Approval:**

W/17/00419/LB Mollie Cottage, Boon Street – Replace existing conservatory and bedroom window, repair chimney, add support to roof beam, add upstairs bathroom and construct new garage.

#### **Planning Appeal in respect of:**

W/16/02095/OU Land adjacent to Lechmere, Hammock Road – Partial demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single dwelling house on land to the south of Lechmere – No comments.

102/17 Finance – Cllr Bainbridge proposed and was seconded by Cllr Ransted that the following payments should be approved:

**Payments already made:**

L. Gerber (reimbursement of laptop & printer) £638.99

**Payments made:**

Clerk's salary	£414.37
L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage	£31.54
L. Gerber – (BT invoice)	£74.79
P. Higgins Lengthsman salary	£150.60
HMRC (PAYE)	£70.20
WDC (NHB refund, re: Cricket Club application)	£1000.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance – Rec. cut	£355.20
New Farm Grounds Maintenance - PC	£374.40

The Meeting considered the accounts and annual audit for 2016/17:

102(a)/17 – Approval was gained for the Annual Governance Statement 16/17.

102(b)/17 – Approval was gained for the Accounting Statements 16/17.

103/17 Co-option – No applications were received.

104/17 Neighbourhood Plan –

It was reported that the draft plan is now near to completion. The process will then be as follows:

- Sent to WDC; they will then consult with other organisations regarding the plan.
- Consultation in the Parish.
- Comments then considered by WDC, following which alterations may be made.
- Sent to official inspector, following which there may be a referendum.

105/17 Highway Matters –

- Report unsafe wall (residential) facing on to Church Street (matter reported by a resident).
- Check maintenance work at New Road has been completed (before next Meeting).

106/17 New Homes Bonus –

(See Public Open Forum).

No other matters to report.

107/17 382 Bus Service -Cllrs Glaze & Ransted attended a recent transport meeting. The following was reported:

- The Vale Public Transport Group has now been formed (to assess transport within the Vale).
- Currently the 382 service is still at risk. It is therefore likely to de-register as a service in July. The Vale group is proposing changes, in an attempt to keep a local service.
- If the proposed changes take place, it be a more useable service for the parish.
- The next meeting (where these changes will be further discussed) will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

108/17 Flooding Issues -

Cllrs were informed that a site meeting with WCC has now been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> June, where viability of the proposals will be discussed.

109/17 Rural Communities Programme –

The Meeting discussed becoming a dementia friendly village.

It was reported that the process appears quite involved with a fair bit of criteria to meet. Bearing in mind the current parish councillor vacancies and additional workload this may create, it was agreed that once further information and advice from WDC has been obtained, a decision regarding whether to further pursue this matter would be made.

110/17 Correspondence for Information –

None.

111/17 Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

**Reports:**

- Following a recent inspection by Western Power, additional trees have been added to the list requiring attention/cutting back.
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Following a short discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Ransted would arrange a visit from a representative of the scheme; following which the event will be advertised in the parish.
- Speedwatch – A further three volunteers will potentially join the scheme (currently awaiting the acceptance of application forms).
- Village Planters – Issue raised regarding advertising the flower festival on the planters. Cllr Bainbridge will raise the issue with the flower festival committee.

112/17 Date of next meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.