

ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held 8th January 2019
At Eckington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors George Glaze (Chairman), David Bainbridge (Vice Chairman), Geoff Ransted, Mary Hughes, Nils Wilkes, Cilla Cameron, Chris Yarnold, Chris Auty and Mike Wood.

Also present: District Councillor Ron Davis.

Apologies: None

Public Participation: No public attended.

Declarations of Interest: None.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
104	The Minutes of the Meeting held 11th December 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Bainbridge, seconded Cllr Ransted. All agreed.	
105	<p>District & County Councillor Reports</p> <p>District Councillor Ron Davis reported as follows –</p> <p>WDC Grants Scheme 2019 – closing date 29/3/19 - £50K available.</p> <p>Previous meeting – earthworks query being looked at by WDC Enforcement. Allegedly there is an Env. Agency certificate to take earth to the site which is being checked.</p> <p>Drakesbridge House – the application has been withdrawn but is still showing on WDC website as pending – due to be updated and Cllr Davis to chase up.</p>	D. Cllr Davis to chase up re Drakesbridge Hse.
106	<p>Progress Reports</p> <p>Clerk – reported on recent Police stats, the WDC Planning Enforcement Summit, WDC Parish Games, WDC Community Recognition Awards and WDC Community Engagement Grants.</p> <p>Village Hall – Cllr Bainbridge had circulated a report on the current funds and 2018 fundraising, the condition of the roof and ceiling, future event planning and the next meeting on 5th March.</p> <p>Recreation Centre – no report.</p> <p>Footpaths – no report.</p> <p>Tree Warden – no report.</p> <p>Bredon Hill Conservation Group – no report.</p> <p>Church & Bridge Trusts – no report.</p> <p>Wychavon CALC – no report. Next meeting 6th March.</p> <p>Partnership – no report.</p>	

	<p>Cemetery & Churchyard – Cllr Ransted queried when the moss on the cemetery pathway could be done? Cllr Wilkes replied it could be done when the temperature increases and is ‘on order’ with the contractor.</p> <p>Allotments – no report. Fencing quotes pending.</p> <p>Community Engagement – Cllrs Yarnold and Auty confirmed that the survey is ready for printing via the Clerk. Distribution has also been arranged. A link will be made via the PC website and will be posted to Facebook as well. It is hoped that here may also be an insert in the parish magazine.</p> <p>Facebook Councillor profiles remain outstanding and everyone was asked to send through asap. These may also be added to the Worcs CC web page for consistency.</p>	<p>Cllrs Yarnold & Auty to send the survey to the Clerk for printing. Will also speak with the parish magazine Editor re an insert.</p> <p>Worcs CC website profiles to be agreed.</p> <p>All to send profiles to Cllrs Yarnold & Auty.</p>
107	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Cllr Bainbridge had circulated notes of applications to consider. The appeal allowed for Blue Gecko was noted.</p> <p>Drakebridge House – the Highways response has only just been filed. Noted it now has Listed status currently although this may be appealed against.</p> <p>North House listed status – Cllr Glaze has spoken to the Heritage Officer. WDC won’t do the listing themselves as there is currently no threat against the building. The PC need to consider whether to apply for it. All agreed that the PC should progress the listing and that Cllr Glaze should complete the required forms.</p> <p>Applications for consideration before the meeting:</p> <p>18/02103/LB – Coach House, Woollas Hill, Eckington WR10 3DN – installation of flue for wood burner; removal of non-conservation velux window to rear of potting shed roof and replace with 2 conservation velux windows. Response submitted 7th January 2019 – no objection.</p> <p>Applications for consideration at the meeting:</p> <p>18/02569/HP – Harrow Fields, Cotheridge Lane, Eckington WR10 3BA – proposed demolition of a pre-fab garage outbuilding and annexe outbuilding replacement. Response due 11th January 2019 – all agreed no objection provided there is a condition imposed that it is not able to become a separate unit of occupation in the future.</p> <p>Notifications:</p> <p>18/02585/TPOA – Coach House, Woollas Hill, Eckington WR10 3DN – tree preservation order application (works to) Leylandii – remove all Lawson Cypress – remove all various trees (group1) – reduce from 14m-5m various trees (group 2) – reduce from 8m-4m 3no. Beech – fell reasons for work – Leylandii – have</p>	<p>Cllr Glaze to complete Listing forms for North House.</p> <p>Clerk to submit the agreed response.</p>

	<p>outgrown location / Cypress – collapsing due to snow / Beech – storm damage / Others – general maintenance.</p>	
108	<p>Financial matters Payments were approved as listed – proposed Cllr Cameron, seconded Cllr Bainbridge. All agreed.</p> <p>Payments to be made: £341.47 Clerks salary (net) £52.55 Clerks expenses – phone & internet £16.05 / StartTraffic L'man equipment £36.50 £23.50 Clerks expenses – laminating equipment £256.20 HMRC Q3 PAYE payment £178.20 Wychavon DC – annual charge for bin emptying Hammock Rd & New Rd</p> <p>Monies received - noted £7.00 Eckington Scout & Guide Group – rental fees (received Dec 2018) £161.00 Hills Funeral Services – burial fees (Dec 2018)</p> <p>Account balances - noted £12,341 - Treasurers Account £25,907 - Business account</p> <p>Fencing quotes received for the allotments – two quotes received to date. It was agreed that the Clerk should clarify the materials to be used to ensure that the posts would be long lasting.</p> <p>Parish Precept 2019/20 – the provisional tax base of 566.16 (previously 558.20), is to be agreed by the Executive Board on 9th January. If confirmed the percentage increase for Band D properties will be 2.9%. It was unanimously agreed to delegate permission for the Clerk to forward the agreed precept request to WDC, subject to the tax base being approved.</p>	<p>Clerk to make payments as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to acknowledge the payment received from the Scout & Guide Group.</p> <p>Clerk to check re posts to be used as quoted.</p> <p>Clerk to forward precept request as agreed.</p>
109	<p>Lengthsman Report It was agreed that this item should be a standing item on future agendas for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Positive feedback has been received to date. The Lengthsman had sent a couple of queries via Cllr Wilkes regarding weed clearance and overhanging trees in Glenmore. The Clerk will be contacting Rooftops regarding the trees. Weed clearance in pavements may prove difficult in places without spray, but no certificate is held. The Clerk will look at options for spray certification. Meanwhile the weed tumps will be removed with a shovel. This matter will also be raised with Highways as there is a local meeting shortly.</p>	<p>Clerk to make a standing item.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Rooftops and look at spraying options.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkes to speak with Highways.</p>

110	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Glaze reported that a letter had been received from a resident which was noted, and a draft response agreed following clarification on some of the points raised during this meeting by Cllr Hughes.</p> <p>Next SG meeting 14th January. Some clarifications will be sought from WDC after comments are evaluated.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Reg 14 comments would be published as part of the Reg 16 submission.</p> <p>There is to be a consultation event by Spitfire, however there is some confusion as two differing sets of notices have been circulated. The 14th Jan 'going live' date has been omitted on one version. It was agreed that Cllr Auty would issue a simple explanation via social media.</p>	<p>Cllr Glaze to respond as agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Auty to clarify the Spitfire consultation date as agreed.</p>
111	<p>New Homes Bonus</p> <p>No new applications received (nothing further currently received from the Village Hall). The Eckington fund remains unchanged. A letter has been received from WDC regarding uncommitted NHB money. Cllr Glaze agreed to speak with WDC regarding this matter as responses / proposals are needed by 18th March 2019.</p> <p>A proposal for an all-weather surface at the Recreation centre was discussed and Cllrs Hughes and Auty agreed to progress community interest and costs – a report to be made to the next meeting.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the village hall roof were discussed and it was noted that a Surveyor may soon be required.</p>	<p>Cllr Glaze to speak with WDC re uncommitted money.</p> <p>Cllrs Hughes and Auty to report back to the next meeting re an all-weather surface.</p>
112	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>The gullies still need clearing along the main road – Clerk to chase up Highways.</p> <p>Hanford Drive speeding concerns – a meeting is to be held on 25th January with Highways to discuss options open to the PC.</p> <p>The north end of the village is waiting for development to take place which may mean the relocation of the 30mph speed limit.</p> <p>Nafford Road speeding concerns are currently on hold until the southern end of the village options are agreed and financial resources are in place. Cllr Hughes queried if the speed limit for Nafford Rd could be reviewed based on 'mean' speed guidance. (Dept of Trnspt 2013) It was noted that Highways do not currently accept that there is a speeding problem, but a request was made for them to revisit Nafford Rd limit when they are next meeting in the parish. Cllr Glaze agreed to raise it at the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to chase up re gullies.</p> <p>Cllr Glaze to speak with Highways re Nafford Rd.</p>

113	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>Buses – the Vale Transport Group met today, and the Bus Scrutiny Report was noted together with Cabinet resolutions. The group decided not to support any community transport schemes. (Drivers can be hard to recruit) It is believed that the Hub is the way forward. A further meeting with County has yet to be arranged. Pershore and Evesham Town Councils will be approached to contribute and support the group. They may also write to Parish Councils asking for the same. Next meeting 4th February.</p> <p>Rural Communities Programme – no December meeting held.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch (NW) & Community Speed Watch (CSW)– Cllr Ransted reported no one had been caught for speeding during December sessions. There will be a national CSW campaign between 14 – 27 January. Some sessions are planned during that period which the Police may attend. NW signs are proving difficult to acquire and there may be a cost to the PC. We may also have to participate in a Smart Water event.</p> <p>Defibrillators – the Clerk is contacting a Facebook member re training options. The Clerk will also find out if the Recreation Centre defib. pads are suitable for children.</p>	<p>Cllr Ransted to progress NW signage and CSW sessions.</p> <p>Clerk to progress training options and pads query.</p>
114	<p>Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas</p> <p>Cllr Wilkes – Hammock Lane drainage and flooding issue to be investigated and will contact WDC Officer.</p> <p>Also, the Churchyard ivy / boundary vegetation still needs clearing – Clerk to chase up contact.</p>	<p>Cllr Wilkes to investigate re Hammock Lane.</p> <p>Clerk to progress churchyard clearance.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held Tuesday 12th February 2019</p>	