

Tuesday 13th September 2011 – Two residents attended the open forum. Both residents wished to raise the issue of speed through the village. The Meeting was informed that two incidents involving school children having been struck by a vehicle, shortly after having got off the school bus, had taken place in the last three months. Various methods of speed control were discussed and the residents were informed that the Parish Council have in fact already agreed to purchase a vehicle activated speed sign for use on four separate sites within the village. It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to both Bredon Hill Middle School and Prince Henry's High School requesting that the children be reminded of road safety at all times.

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th September 2011

112/11 Present – Cllrs. Williamson, Smith, Glaze, Bainbridge, Forrest, Ransted, Wilkes and Wood.

113/11 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Cameron. The Meeting agreed to accept the apologies.

114/11 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Glaze declared an interest in item 6 of the Agenda (Planning App. No. 01782).

115/11 Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2011 – The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Smith, this was seconded by Cllr Glaze. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

116/11 District & County Councillor Reports – District Cllr Davis gave a short report:

- Localism Bill (initiative to give more powers to local authorities) – matter currently under discussion;
- Councillors were reminded of the forthcoming SWDP Roadshow Events, particularly the event due to be held in Bredon on 20th October. All Councillors were encouraged to attend.
- Cllr Davis encouraged the PC to approach the Evesham Journal with regard to nominating an Eckington resident for a 'Community Champions' award. It was agreed that the Clerk would further investigate this matter.

117/11 Progress Reports – Clerk:

The Meeting was informed that a request had been made from one of the allotment holders to share his plot with another resident. The Meeting was in agreement with this.

The Meeting discussed professional cleaning of the war memorial. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a quote for the work.

Cllrs Bainbridge and Ransted agreed to attend the Planning Landscape Seminar and Workshop. Cllr Bainbridge requested CALC Councillor training. The Clerk agreed to arrange both of these

Village Hall – It was reported that:

- Following the recent meeting with the architect, a new quote for revised works had been received;
- Information received from Community First regarding funding opportunities was discussed.

Footpaths –

It was reported that the Wychavon Way has been revised and is now made up of two recreational routes. Information panels regarding the routes are due to be installed at the Wharf

CALC – The Clerk read a report prepared by Cllr Cameron to the Meeting. Cllr Cameron had recently attended a meeting where the main topic of discussion was the proposal to build a large incinerator at Hartlebury. The Meeting was informed that although the scheme was being backed by Worcestershire County Council, residents are strongly opposed to it.

118/11 – Planning - The following planning matters have been brought before the Clerk and/or Wychavon District Council since the last Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2011:

W/11/01556/PN Field No. 1431, Tewkesbury Road – New agricultural building for use as livestock housing – No objection.

W/11/01782/PP Brook House, Manor Road – Removal of existing leylandii hedge fronting Manor Road & replace with Cotswold dry stone wall – No objection.

Planning Approvals

W/11/01340/PP Whitehouse, Church Street – Kitchen extension. Refurbishment of outbuilding to form utility and lobby. Rebuilding of toilet lean-to internal alterations.

W/11/01059/PN Eckington Village Hall, School Lane – Demolition of existing element of building comprising stepped external and internal access, lobby toilet accommodation.

Construction of new level access entrance, lobby and toilet accommodation.

Planning Application to be discussed:

W/11/01822/CU St. Catherines Farm, Woollas Hill – Change of use of existing outbuildings – No objection, although comments send.

119/11 – Planning Application W/10/02450/PN – Following a discussion regarding whether particular approval conditions of this planning application had been complied with, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Wychavon DC to request that they further investigate this matter.

(8.50 – Cllr Hardman arrived)

120/11 – County Councillor Report -

- Hammock Lane gate – Cllr Hardman confirmed that an agreement had now been made regarding the new positioning of the gate. He also confirmed that the Rights of Way enquiry is still ongoing.
- A discussion took place regarding the inadequacy of certain services on the new 382 bus service timetable. Cllr Hardman agreed to look into the matter and encouraged the PC to write with their concerns to the County Council.
- The Meeting discussed the proposed purchase of the VAS sign with Cllr Hardman. The Meeting was informed that there could be a possibility that the PC would be awarded £1000 from a Members Divisional Fund towards the cost of purchasing the VAS. Cllr Hardman agreed to look into whether the PC would be permitted to purchase the VAS sign on its own, without a neighbouring village.
- Discussion took place regarding work at the Wharf and disappointment was registered regarding the lack of parking spaces now provided in the area.

121/11 – Cala Homes - Section 106 Questionnaire – The Meeting agreed that the distribution of the questionnaire would take place during the next seven days.

122/11 – Vehicle Activated Speed Sign – It was agreed that the Clerk would also write to Highways requesting that the VAS sign be purchased by Eckington PC and not with a neighbouring village.

Cllr Williamson informed the Meeting that, following further investigation Wychavon DC would permit the use of 30mph stickers attached to wheelie bins, however only to the green bins. Cllr Williamson agreed to investigate costings.

123/11 – New Homes Bonus Meeting – The Meeting discussed the reported prepared by Cllrs Cameron and Glaze, following their attendance at the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out Council Tax bandings for the CALA Homes Development, which would then give a clearer picture of funds which should, during the next six years, become available to the PC. Application for the funds should then be made in October.

124/11 – Community Bus Service Scheme – Cllr Glaze informed the PC that no meeting had taken place as yet. It was agreed that the Clerk would e-mail the Clerk at Defford for any information regarding the proposed meeting (to discuss setting up a working party in relation to a possible community scheme).

125/11 Grit Bin – School Lane – The Meeting discussed the scheme currently available from Worcestershire County Council (which enables Parish Council's to purchase their own grit bin). A proposal was made by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Bainbridge that a bin should be bought for use in School Lane. Cllrs Glaze and Wilkes agreed to discuss with the school a suitable place to situate the bin.

126/11 Tewkesbury Road – Derelict Building, opposite The Pike House – The Clerk informed the Meeting that Wychavon DC had recently visited the building and, although the matter is still under investigation, it was confirmed that the windows at the property would be boarded up in the near future.

127/11 Rural Rate Relief – The Meeting discussed the Application received (Woollas Hall). It was agreed that as the business is not of benefit to the local community as a whole, it would therefore not be reasonable to grant the relief. A proposal was therefore made by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Smith.

128/11 Cemetery Trees – The Meeting discussed the quotes received regarding the tree maintenance works at the Cemetery. A proposal was made by Cllr Smith that Roger Small undertake the work, this was seconded by Cllr Glaze.

129/11 – Correspondence for Information – The Meeting noted the file of correspondence available for inspection.

130/11 – Finance – Cllr Forrest proposed and was seconded by Cllr Ransted that the following payments should be approved:

Clerk's salary	£309.34
Admin expenses & mileage	£14.82
Lengthsman salary	£141.90
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£327.00
Cotswold Line (subs)	£10.00

Wychavon Sport	£59.00
L Gerber – reimbursement (BT phone line)	£61.32
Create, Design & Print	£81.00
Boughton Butler Consultancy	£40.00

Payments already made:

Clerk's salary	£309.34
Admin, expenses & mileage	£36.94
Lengthsman's salary	£141.90
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£327.00
Village Hall Hire (June & July)	£20.00

131/11 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda

No requests.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th October 2011.

The meeting was closed at 10.15pm.