

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – There was no attendance at the open public forum.

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

01/12 Present – Cllrs. Williamson, Cameron, Smith, Glaze, Bainbridge, Forrest, Wilkes and Wood.

02/12 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Ransted, these were accepted by the Meeting.

03/12 Declarations of Interest – No Declarations were received.

04/12 Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Following one minor addition (176/11 - ‘A working group was agreed, consisting of Cllrs Glaze, Smith and Cameron’), the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Smith, this was seconded by Cllr Forrest. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

05/12 District & County Councillor Reports – Cllr Davis – the following matters were discussed:

- New Homes Bonus;
- Wychavon grants – all applications need to be received by 30<sup>th</sup> March;
- Localism bill – moving forward;

The Meeting asked Cllr. Davis to investigate the proposed hedge removal at Days Farm (Clerk would send details). It was requested that Cllr. Davis report back to the Parish Council.

06/12 Progress Reports – Clerk:

The Clerk confirmed that although correspondence relating to the discussion which had taken place between Roy Fullee and the Parish Council at last month’s meeting had been received from Worcestershire County Council, there was still no date for the post columns (required for the VAS sign). The Clerk would continue to pursue this matter.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Astons Coaches had been made aware of the need for a flood timetable for the 382 bus service and were presently working to produce this.

The Chair informed the Meeting that an incident had taken place during the Christmas break involving a deer which had died on the railings at the rear of the cemetery. The animal had been cleared from the railings by Cllr. Wood.

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence had been sent to Wychavon District Council regarding the issue raised by a local resident regarding the need for tarmac to be laid at Peicing Lane. The outcome of this matter was, as yet, is still unresolved.

Village Hall – It was reported that the following matters were raised and discussed at the recent meeting:

- An additional quote solely for the rebuilding of the front of the hall has now been received;
- A positive response in relation to the recent questionnaire has been received;
- Applications for funding are now being made;
- It has been agreed that cones will be purchased for use during functions, and that the PRS fee (formerly discussed) will now be paid;
- Attempts are being made to locate village hall deeds (as these will be required before building works can commence).

Footpaths - It was reported that a path, ditch, hedge and fence has now been installed at St. Catherine's Farm.

The Meeting discussed trees to be planted for the Queen's Jubilee. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries in relation to this matter.

PACT – The Meeting discussed the recent burglaries which have taken place within the village. It was agreed that:

- The Clerk would request that Cllr Ransted raise this matter at the next PACT meeting;
- The Clerk would write to the Police requesting an update on the matter.

07/12 – 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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011:

**Planning Approvals:**

W/11/02503/PN Manor Farm, Manor Road – Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 02450 to increase habitable internal space from 150 sq. metres to 167.9 sq. metres.

W/11/02350/PP Russetts, Manor Road – Demolish conservatory and erect new side extension.

**Planning Refusals:**

W/11/02566/LB 4 Woollas Hall, Woollas Hill – Replacement windows

**Planning Application to be discussed:**

W/11/02764/PN Anchor Inn, Cotheridge Lane – Detailed planning permission for a pair of 2 bed, three person semi detached dwellings on part of The Anchor Inn car park – comments sent.

**Planning Application Withdrawn:**

W/11/02285/OU Land adjacent Sandrene, Tewkesbury Road – outline application for one dwelling and garage

Planning Application W/11/02503 (Manor Farm, Manor Road) was further discussed (as copy letter to Wychavon DC from a local resident, which disputes internal measurements, had been received by the Chair). It was agreed that each Councillor would read the letter prior to the next Meeting and that the matter would then be further discussed.

08/12 – Highway Matters – The Meeting was informed that an article regarding the 30mph stickers recently purchased for use on the main road would appear in the local newspaper.

09/12 – Wychavon CAB – Parish Council Contribution – The Meeting discussed making a contribution to the CAB. It was agreed that a cheque for £100 would be sent, Cllr. Glaze then made a proposal, which was seconded by Cllr. Bainbridge.

10/12 – Cala Homes & Section 106 Funding - Due to the fact that no further progress had been made in relation to the purchase of land, there was nothing further to report at this stage.

11/12 – New Homes Bonus Meeting – The Clerk confirmed that all small groups and organisations within the village had now been contacted regarding this matter. No responses had been received at present.

12/12 – Community Bus Service Scheme – The Clerk read recent correspondence received from Pershore Volunteer Centre to the Meeting. The Parish Council agreed that more information

regarding this matter, particularly which villages within Wychavon would qualify for funding in relation to this matter, should be sought.

13/12 – Correspondence for Information – The Meeting noted the file of correspondence available for inspection.

14/12 – Finance – Cllr Wilkes proposed and was seconded by Cllr Glaze that the following payments should be approved:

Clerk's salary	£309.34
Admin expenses & mileage	£32.33
Lengthsman salary	£141.90
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£163.50
M Wood (hire of equipment)	£49.50
Village Hall hire	£15.00
PAYE contributions	£51.80

15/12 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda

The following matters were raised:

- Blocked culvert (Network Rail) off Tewkesbury Road (issue raised by a resident) - it was agreed the Clerk would seek an update in relation to this matter from Wychavon District Council;
- Clerk to pay cost of memorial poppy wreath;
- It was agreed that updates from Rural Services was no longer required by the Parish Council;
- The length of Parish Council Meetings was discussed. It was agreed that if a Meeting becomes too lengthy, other matters on the Agenda may be adjourned until the following month.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

The meeting was closed at 9.01pm.