

Tuesday 09th February 2016 One resident attended the Open Public Forum.

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 09th February 2016

18/16 Present – Cllrs. Glaze, Wilkes, Cameron, Bainbridge, Wood, Brown, Bogaard and Ransted.

19/16 Apologies – Apologies received from Cllr Palmer, these were unanimously accepted.

20/16 Declarations of Interest – None received.

21/16 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 – Following one minor amendment, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January were a true and accurate record and a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Ransted, this was seconded by Cllr Bainbridge. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

22/16 District & County Councillor Reports –

Cllr Davis sent a short report informing the Meeting that it is proposed the SWDP will be adopted at the Council Meeting on 24th February.

23/16 Progress Reports

Clerk: - The following was reported:

- Allotments – Network Rail have confirmed that they will be carrying out gassing of the rabbits, once a contractor for the works has been appointed.
- Light pollution from property on Pershore Road – The matter had been reported to WRS, although as the issue would not be considered a hazard to motorists or an environmental issue, no action would therefore be taken.

Police Report: Theft from vehicle parked at the Wharf (26/01).

Village Hall – It was reported that the letter received from the PC will be considered at the next committee meeting, following which a response will be made.

Footpaths – Hammock Lane – progress is being made; areas prone to flooding will be stoned, gates will be erected; it is anticipated this will be completed within the next couple of months.

Piecing – There continue to be issues to overcome (SSI, pond areas); unfortunately this will delay opening of the path.

BHCG – Planning app 15/01723 (Woollas Hall) – Plans withdrawn.

PACT – Issue of parking on Church Street has been raised; no response as yet received.

24/16 – 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 January 2016:

W/15/03029/OU Land rear of Roman Meadow – New residential development of 25 dwellings including 10 affordable dwellings with associated landscaping and infrastructure – objection sent – Cllr Bainbridge represented the Parish Council at the WDC planning committee meeting (04/02/2016) – Cllr Bainbridge reported that approval had been granted for 25 dwellings.

Approvals:

W/15/02604/PP Stone End, Manor Road – Extension to driveway.

W/15/02149 North House, Church Street – 4 bed detached house, 3 bed detached house, 2 bed detached bungalow, garages, parking and access drive.

To Discuss:

W/15/03172/PN 3 Eckington Fields Farm, Hollands Road – Erection of 2 semi detached dwellings and erection of garage block – as approved under planning permission W/13/02275/PN but without compliance with condition 10 (to allow alterations to the design layout of the rear gardens, car parking and landscaping) – No objection.

W/16/00198/PP & W/16/00199/LB Anchor Cottage, Boon Street – Renovation and extension to sunroom to provide utility room. Removal of wall between sunroom and galley kitchen – No objection.

15/01013 – application for dwelling of one gypsy family. Upon further discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Bredon PC seeking their views on the application. The Clerk would also speak to WDC regarding current ownership of the land.

Clerk to pursue a response from WDC regarding enforcement matters raised previously.

25/16 – Finance – Cllr Bainbridge proposed and was seconded by Cllr Cameron that the following payments should be approved:

Payments to be made:

Clerk's salary	£397.30
L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage	£28.49
Lengthsman salary	£158.65
Village hall hire	£15.00
WDC (non domestic rates)	£31.22
N. Wilkes (reimbursement – purchase of NP maps)	£31.00
G. Glaze (reimbursement – NP printing costs)	£35.48
PAYE	£61.00
G. Ransted (shelving & brackets – phone box	£44.94

26/16 – Neighbourhood Plan – A brief update was received. The Meeting noted the Public consultation event to be held on 26th & 27th February (an additional evening for councillors has been arranged for 15th February).

27/16 – Highways – The following was reported:

- Slab now installed at dog waste bin on Manor Road).
- Nafford Road – hedge has been cut back.
- A further request to be made to WCC in respect of additional work to footways in The Close (house nos. 2 – 9).
- Request to ensure 'Businesses Open as Usual' sign be erected during times of bridge closure.

28/16 – Pershore Volunteer Car Share Scheme

It was reported that uptake of the scheme had been slow. Cllr Ransted agreed to add an item in the Parish Mag, also making a request for any volunteer drivers.

29/16 – Section 106 Funding – Car park matting to be purchased.

30/16 – New Homes Bonus – The following was reported:

- The Scouts & Guides application has now been sent to WDC.

- WI request for Mac adapter cable and loudspeaker system – Letter has been sent to WI requesting that an investigation be carried out to ascertain whether the current system can be utilised.
- Village Hall request – Letter has been sent requesting quotes and specifications.

31/16 – Village Hall - Trusteeship – After a short discussion, it was agreed that trusteeship cannot be considered until the land has been registered, an agreed plan has been put in place and a formal request has been made to the Parish Council. Cllr Bainbridge agreed to make these requests to the Committee.

32/16 – Annual Parish Meeting – The Meeting agreed that this would be held on 12th April and would take place at 7.00pm (before the April Parish Council Meeting). Clerk to check availability relating to the venue.

33/16 – Correspondence for Information – No correspondence.

34/16 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

- Eckington Facebook noticeboard and PC website – Cllr Bainbridge reported that the PC website had now been set up, but is currently password protected. Clerk to take advice from CALC regarding what information should be made available via the site. Meeting to consider the benefits of an Eckington notice board via Facebook. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Bus flood route – Complaints received regarding buses using Nafford Road, speeding and churning up verges. Cllr Wilkes agreed to speak to First also to request a meeting to discuss a review of the current service.
- Flood alleviation scheme – It was noted that (under the current scheme), WCC have no plans for flood alleviation works at the Wharf. Cllr Wilkes agreed to pursue the matter with WCC. Cllr Brown agreed to speak to businesses in the village to ascertain what effect the bridge closure has on individual businesses.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 08th March 2016 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.