

Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – Two residents attended the Parish Council Meeting.

Mr D. Godwin attended the Meeting and gave a brief report on his meeting with Cllr Smith and a representative from Network Rail. The main items discussed were:

- Network Rail have now agreed to return in the Autumn to clear any rubbish which has accumulated under the bridge;
- Re-painting of the bridge would not be possible, this is due to cost implications;
- Network Rail will not erect rabbit proof fencing alongside the Rec. Ground, however there would be no objection to this being provided by another source.
- Trees overhanging the railway line were flagged up.

Mr Putman also attended the Meeting and raised the following issues:

- The potential hazard of vehicles parking alongside the war memorial on the left hand side, heading into Drakesbridge Road. Several options were discussed, it was therefore agreed that the matter would be raised with Worcestershire Highways.
- Station Road, leading into Avon Drive – it was suggested a white dotted line be added showing the curve of the road. The PC however felt it highly unlikely Highways would agree that this would be a necessary addition.
- Two other matters were also raised, however due to the fact that they related to areas outside the Parish, the issues were noted by the PC and passed to the County Councillor (who was in attendance of the Meeting).

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

99/13 Present – Cllrs. Williamson, Forrest, Wood, Smith, Cameron, Bainbridge, Ransted, Wilkes and Glaze.

100/13 Apologies – No Apologies were received.

101/13 Declarations of Interest – No declarations were received.

102/13 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Following one minor amendment, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Glaze, this was seconded by Cllr Smith. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

103/13 District & County Councillor Reports –

In Cllr Davis' absence, a report was made regarding the following issues:

- Pursuant to a recent report, additional financial savings in the region of £3.0 million will need to be made within the next two years;
- WDC are hopeful that the proposal to open a large chain supermarket in the centre of Evesham will help the much needed regeneration of the town.

Cllr Hardman was also present at the Meeting and noted the requests raised regarding road safety issues within the village. Cllr Hardman agreed to pursue the matters with the Highways Team.

104/13 Progress Reports – The following was reported:

Clerk – The following matters were reported:

- Footpath Modification Order relating to Peason Lane - The papers will shortly be sent to the Secretary of State for consideration in relation to the existence of the rights of way and the correct width;
- The Clerk reported the various issues which had been raised by residents during a recent walkabout with Rooftop Housing Association at Glenmoor. A full report can be found on the Rooftop website;
- Following advice from CALC, it was reported that the Parish Council will continue with all current individual dispensations, and look at using one form listing all dispensations in the future.

Village Hall – It was reported that the application to the Big Lottery Fund is still ongoing, along with other smaller grant applications.

Recreation Centre – Due to the fact that Network Rail have refused to install rabbit proof fencing, it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer to purchase the fencing to be attached to the fencing already there.

Footpaths – Cllr Wilkes reported that a new bench has now been installed on the approach to Woollas Hall.

BHCG – No issues affecting Eckington directly were reported.

PACT – Cllr Ransted agreed to raise the issue of speed enforcement at the next meeting.

PMTP – The issue of Superfast Broadband within the community was discussed. It was agreed that an article would be placed in the Parish Magazine urging residents to register their demand for the service

105/13 – 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013:

#### **Planning Approvals**

W/13/01021/PP The Levens, Drakesbridge Road – Garage conversion to provide hobbies room and loft conversion to provide bedroom & ensuite.

#### **Planning Applications to be discussed:**

W/13/00847/CU Manor Farm, Manor Road – Change of use of agricultural barn and land to side from agriculture to dual use for agriculture and for purposes ancillary to the Cookery School (retrospective). – no objection.

W/13/01122/PP & W/13/01177/LB Old School House, Jarvis Street – Single storey extension – no objection.

106/13 – Highway Matters – The Meeting discussed the drainage issues relating to blocked grips/gullies along the B4080. It was agreed the matter would be raised with Highways in an effort to get them cleared during the next few months.

The overhanging willow at Gravelly Hill was also discussed, it was agreed this would be reported to Birlingham Parish (as this area is outside the Eckington Parish).

107/13 – Section 106 Funding – The Meeting examined and generally approved the plans (in relation to the 106 Funding), which have been prepared in readiness to be submitted to Wychavon District Council.

108/13 – New Homes Bonus Meeting - The NHB Committee presented the following options (for use of the funding) to the Meeting:

- Improvements to the War Memorial;
- Parish Defibrillator;
- Improvement of Broadband speed;
- Traffic calming measures within the village;
- Cricket Club & Junior Football Club – possible funding towards various projects;
- Village Hall

The Meeting discussed the above options. It was agreed that five of the options should qualify for consideration by Wychavon and therefore a package would be prepared, presented to the village and submitted to the District Council. It was anticipated that a public meeting (with an opportunity to view the prepared package), would take place in October.

109/13 – Urban Grass Cutting- The Meeting discussed and agreed the offer made by WCC, that the current grass cutting scheme should continue, with one extra cut added per year – to be undertaken on request from the Parish Council.

110/13 – Finance – Cllr Bainbridge proposed and was seconded by Cllr Cameron that the following payments should be approved:

Clerk's salary (inc. backdated hol. pay and increment)	£479.68
Admin expenses & mileage	£26.97
Lengthsman salary	£148.00
Village hall hire	£15.00
Kompan (Rec. slide)	£3662.40
Worcs CALC (training)	£20.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£359.64
New Farm Grounds Maintenance (Rec. cut)	£273.60
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£51.00
N. Wilkes (plants – war memorial)	£31.50

111/13 – Correspondence for Information – Noted.

112/13 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda

- Tidyness of grass cutting at cemetery – Cllr Wilkes will look at and report back.
- Cutting grass back to Churchyard boundary – Clerk will speak to grass cutting contractors regarding this matter. Clerk will also request Lengthsman to clear ivy which has again accumulated.
- Clerk to report Highways issue at Jarvis Street (water collecting in large dip during adverse weather).
- Cllr Glaze attended the Abbey Launch of the Big Pershore Heritage Quest.
- Land currently for sale in the village – to be considered by Councillors before the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013, in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 10.05pm.