

# ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
At Eckington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

**Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present.

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

Also present: County Councillor Adrian Hardman.

**Apologies:** Councillor George Glaze (Chairman), District Councillor Ron Davies.

**Declaration of Interests:** None

The Parish Council then welcomed new Councillor Chris Yarnold to his first meeting.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
231/18	<b>The Minutes of a meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b> were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Wilkes, seconded Cllr Ransted. All agreed.	
232/18	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillor Reports</b> The email circulated by District Cllr Davies was acknowledged. County Cllr Hardman discussed the following matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; Wellbeing event</li> <li>• Options for parish speed reduction / road traffic accident stats to date across the County together with causation factors</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Davis – meeting with Planners raised at the previous meeting remains outstanding.</p> <p>Clerk to look at speed reduction options / costs for 'white gates' or similar.</p>
233/18	<p><b>Progress Reports</b> Clerk – Bell bollard quotes are being obtained. The next Parish Conference will be 5<sup>th</sup> July at WDC at 6.15pm. Police report as circulated.</p> <p>Village Memorial Hall - Cllr Bainbridge reported on the successful launch event. The Committee have also secured £2,230.00 from the WDC Community Fund. Extension works are now fully completed, and quotes are being obtained for signage, a new notice board and key safe. A new contractor has been appointed for fire testing at a significant saving. Future events are being planned including the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWI.</p> <p>Recreation Centre – Cllr Wood asked if the Council would consider providing a grit bin on site. To be considered.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress the bell bollard.</p> <p>Clerk to obtain grit bin quotes for the next meeting / next agenda.</p>

	<p>Footpaths – no update. It was agreed to rename this item ‘Public Rights of Way’ for future agendas.</p> <p>Tree Warden – no update. Bredon Hill Conservation Group – no update. Church &amp; Bridge Trusts – no update.</p> <p>Wychavon CALC – Cllr Ransted reported on the recent meeting attended and reported on the Local Transport Plan 4 adopted 9/11/17. Strong focus on rail investment plus ambitious plans for walking and cycling.</p> <p>Partnership – Cllr Ransted reminded the Council of the next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>Cemetery &amp; Churchyard – Cllr Wilkes raised the issue of the grave with the pink stone border, which has still not been removed as requested. It was agreed that a further polite notice should be placed on the grave until after Easter, after which the border stones will need to be removed.</p>	<p>Clerk to change future agenda item as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to place a notice on the grave as agreed.</p>						
234/18	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p><b>Applications considered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18/00389/FUL - Hill Barn, Nafford Bank Farm, Nafford Road, Eckington - Conversion of 2 no. barns to 2no. dwelling houses as approved W/16/000846/PN but without compliance with condition 1 to amend list of approved plans to provide additional rooflights and a retaining wall. Agreed to recommend approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Notifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18/00212/AGR – Court Gate Nursery, Station Rd – application withdrawn for proposed building for agricultural use.</li> <li>18/00312/CLPU – Mayfrey, New Road – application for a Certificate of Lawfulness (no comment required)</li> </ul> <p><b>Applications to be considered before the next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18/00442/FUL - Court Gate Nursery, Station Road, Eckington - Erection of plastic greenhouse/polytunnel.</li> <li>18/00405/HP – 33 The Close, Eckington – Two storey rear extension.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to submit response as agreed.</p>						
235/18	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Cameron, seconded by Cllr Ransted that the following payments be made:</p> <table data-bbox="260 1921 1042 2029"> <tr> <td>£251.30</td> <td>Clerks salary (net) + £24.84 mileage claimed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£584.00</td> <td>HMRC PAYE quarter 4 payment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£150.60</td> <td>P. Higgins - Lengthsman salary (net)</td> </tr> </table>	£251.30	Clerks salary (net) + £24.84 mileage claimed	£584.00	HMRC PAYE quarter 4 payment	£150.60	P. Higgins - Lengthsman salary (net)	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.</p>
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	<p>£1331.90 Foxley Tagg Planning Ltd – Neighbourhood Planning fees</p> <p>£1524.68 Kompan Ltd – play equipment (vat payment only)</p> <p>£2886.00 Adrian Hope Tree Services</p> <p>Monies received:</p> <p>£432.00 Worcs CC – Lengthsman scheme reimbursement</p> <p>Account balances:</p> <p>£22,085.73 Treasurers account</p> <p>£13,898.29 Business account</p>	
236/18	<p><b>Councillor Co-option</b></p> <p>An application had been received and circulated by the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Cameron, seconded by Cllr Hughes, that Chris Auty be co-opted. All agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk to inform / induct the Applicant asap and notify WDC accordingly.</p>
237/18	<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>Website – The Clerk is progressing the County Council site access and transfer as agreed.</p> <p>GDPR (Data Protection) – The Clerk and Cllr Bainbridge explained the data audit process required. It was noted that the Council will be the Data Controller (as an organisation). The Clerk is Data Processor. Current thinking by NALC/CALC is that the Clerk cannot also be the DPO due to a conflict of interests, although this still remains unconfirmed.</p> <p>The Council is required to register with the Information Commissioner’s Office.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress the website.</p> <p>Clerk to progress GDPR as required.</p> <p>All Councillors to submit data audit information as agreed by end March to the Clerk.</p> <p>Clerk to register the Council with the ICO.</p>
238/18	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr Wilkes reported on the Steering Group minutes relating to a previous matter raised by this Council regarding a Valuer Report. Cllr Hughes also referred to the PC Financial Regs and the requirement for independent advice, which was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Bainbridge confirmed the status of the Neighbourhood Plan which becomes a material planning consideration once adopted.</p> <p>Cllr Ransted raised the question of the SWDP overriding the Neighbourhood Plan (2030-2040) and the increase of housing development allocations.</p>	
239/18	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>Bell Bollard – see 233/18 item.</p> <p>War memorial condition survey – War Memorials Trust response awaited.</p> <p>It was noted that Highways matters would be discussed at the future meeting with Gerry Brienza on 27<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	

240/18	<p><b>New Homes Bonus</b> No updates.</p>	
241/18	<p><b>Parish Matters</b> Bus Service – the new timetable with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> March was noted.</p> <p>Rural Communities Programme – Cllr Hughes now has contacts and has started to speak to people locally and at WDC. A future group meeting is to be arranged. The RCP may be a topic at the Annual Parish Meeting or future PC meeting.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch / Community Speed Watch – Cllr Ransted reported on recent progress. The NW AGM is at Hindlip on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Community Speed Watch has had a slight change in Volunteers – training to be arranged. Cameras have been returned for calibration.</p> <p>Social Media – Cllr Bainbridge is monitoring the Eckington Village Facebook page.</p> <p>Speeding Concerns – the concerns around New Rd and Nafford Rd were discussed as there appear to still be high speeds recorded up to the 30mph signage and beyond in to the village. Comments made on social media have been noted. Cllr Ransted mentioned the option of relocating the 30mph boundary to a more appropriate location. Concerns to be raised at the Highways meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	<p>Cllr Ransted will place a notice in the parish magazine re the changes to services.</p> <p>Cllr Hughes to speak to the Chair re a future meeting Speaker.</p>
242/18	<p><b>Flooding Issues</b> Matters to be discussed at the Highways meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Ransted also raised the issue at the recent LTP4 meeting.</p>	
243/18	<p><b>Correspondence for Information</b> None.</p>	
244/18	<p><b>Councillor Reports &amp; Items for Future Agendas</b> Cllr Hughes reported on recent training attended. Councillors were reminded about the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm</b></p>	