

ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting)
of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 at
Eckington Village Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Councillors Present:

Councillors G. Glaze (Chairman), G. Ransted (V/Chairman), G Goodlad, M. Hughes, T Knight, J Wiffen, M Wood,

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, 2 members of the public

It was noted that the proceedings of this meeting may be filmed or recorded but that anyone wishing to make such a record was to notify the Chairman before the commencement of the meeting.

83. To receive Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bees & Cllr Yarnold (illness)

84. Declarations of Personal, Sensitive or Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Goodlad declared a personal interest in 19/01934/FUL (neighbour). The Chairman requested that all Councillors check their Registered Interests are up to date and published on Wychavon DC website.

85. To Agree the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th October 2019

The Minutes were agreed as a true record. Additional wording added to 69 (adjourned part) there was discussion on the overage but no formal decision was proposed or voted upon.

86. Adjournment for Public Participation

An adjournment of the business of the meeting may be called if a member of the public wishes to speak to any item on this agenda

A parishioner requested clarification of development boundaries on two maps that he brought to the meeting. He believed that this should have been amended by the NP. He also queried whether parish council could postpone consideration of a planning application. He repeated his previously written request regarding detail of the overage. His Stage 2 complaint was referred to the council and a panel of Cllr Wiffen, Cllr Goodlad, Cllr Ransted were appointed to respond through the clerk.

A parishioner queried the number of housing units on Roman Meadow and Pershore Road and asked if numbers would be reduced to accord with the Neighbourhood Plan. He also asked whether the Council were aware of the surface condition and edge run off along Nafford Road resulting from recent floods and use as a diversion route when Eckington Bridge is closed. The resident considered the road condition dangerous and required immediate attention.

87. To receive and request County & District Councillor reports

None received

88. To receive reports from the Chairman and Parish Councillors

Reports will be taken as read. Any actions arising from the reports will be itemised separately.

- Village Hall (circulated – Cllr Ransted)
- Recreation Centre (Cllr Knight - circulated)
- Footpaths (no report)
- Tree Warden – update on fungus affected tree requested
- Bredon Hill Conservation Group (circulated – Cllr Ransted)
- Church and Bridge Trusts (no report)
- Wychavon CALC (no report)
- Cemetery & Churchyard (Cllrs Glaze & Yarnold - circulated)
- Allotments (Cllr Wiffen – circulated)
- Community Engagement (no report)
- Dementia Friendly Village (Cllr Hughes – report not available)
- Neighbourhood Watch & Community Speed Watch (circulated – Cllr Ransted)

**88.1 To consider actions requested by Allotments spokesperson
Before considering these the Clerk would write to check whether
tenants are aware of their representation. B/F**

89. Planning Matters:

89.1 Applications for consideration:

19/01934/FUL Land off Hacketts Lane - replace hedge with post and rail fence

Proposed Cllr Knight/seconded Cllr Hughes all in favour that the Council object because there is already an access to the site and the application fails to mention that possible development on the neighbouring site.

19/01355/FUL Change of use from disused land to 5no. pitches for local travellers with 1no. static and 1no. touring caravan per pitch Eckington Rd.

Proposed Cllr Glaze/seconded Cllr Knight all in favour that the Council confirm the existing objection because the FRA produced is information based, lacking in local knowledge and does not accurately reflect the situation.

89.2 Decision Notices:

19/01254/FUL Deer Park Business Centre – Expansion of Deer Park Business Centre with new office buildings and winery – Approved

89.3 Consultation:

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Preferred Options 4th Nov – 16th Dec –

A working group was approved by the Council to respond by the 16th December – Cllr Knight, Cllr Goodlad, Cllr Ranstead.

90. Eckington Neighbourhood Plan

Having received the Examiners Report and proposed modifications the Council are to confirm support and consider any necessary assistance with the referendum event and publicity.

Cllr Hughes voiced concern that the Pershore Road site had not been modified in accordance with the Examiners Report.

Support for the modified Eckington Neighbourhood Plan was agreed by the majority (4/3)

Cllr Glaze advised following modifications recommended by the independent examiner Wychavon District Council are recommending that the Neighbourhood Plan goes to referendum and will publish a decision statement on 26/11/2019 confirming this and the referendum date (likely 30/01/2020). The Parish Council/Steering Group will arrange a public meeting prior to the referendum, Cllr Goodlad and Cllr Knight have been invited to assist with communications.

91. Parish Council Logo – to consider quotations and receive ideas for design Deferred from last meeting

Three quotations had been received. Cllr Glaze suggested that a further quotation be obtained.

92. To Create a List of Projects for funding by S106/New Homes Bonus/Grants

Deferred from last meeting

Cllr Glaze advised prevailing WDC NHB protocol requires substantial legacy projects and only two such were on the horizon:-requirements for levelling any newly acquired land, and repairs to the village hall roof. No other suggestions had come forward but new ideas might arise if the neighbourhood plan is adopted. B/F February

93. Flooding Issues

Issues have been reported to Worcs. County Council and a service request raised by them. Council to discuss whether there have been new areas of flooding this year.

The Council had already contacted WCC Highways regarding the condition of Nafford Road noted in agenda item 86.

It was noted that the field above Nafford Lock was not being ditched and therefore runoff was across the road rather than being channelled into the brook. **This would be reported to WCC.**

94. Finance

94.1 To authorise payments (list)

Payments were approved as follows:

Administration	£532.62
Mobile phone topup	10.00
HMRC	342.39
Lengthsman	189.00
Grasscutting cemetery	127.20

Turf for War Memorial	9.00
Office Expenses	34.39
Village Hall Hire	30.00
J Smith audit	17.00
BHCG meeting/donation	40.50

94.2 To agree the bank reconciliation to end of October and budget reports October

Balances were agreed as follows:

Treasurers £16732.01

Deposit £25918.46

The budget report showing expenditure for October £2136.46 and receipts £1161 was agreed

94.3 To receive a draft budget 2020/21 for consideration

The draft budget was noted.

Councillors are to send any comments to the Clerk

94.4 To consider a grant request in respect of Parish Games transport £50 –

The Council agreed by the majority (6/1) to support the grant request in the sum of £50. Cllr Knight proposed, Cllr Goodlad seconded that a policy be drawn up to allow a panel of councillors to decide on grant applications without reference to a meeting. The clerk advised that the council will need to revisit their Financial Regulations and/or have a Grants Policy. B/F

94.5 To consider a quotation for Independent Internal Audit £189 plus mileage

The Council were advised that the previous auditor would continue to assist and agreed that Mr J Smith be appointed.

95. Parish Wards

To finalise parish wards and agree remit of councillors

Cllr Goodlad was appointed to draw up a procedure document.

96. Legal Matters – Valuations

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 The Council called an adjournment by a majority 5/2 as publicity of the item would prejudice the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Council appointed Chartered Valuers to determine likely outcome of any future development on Community owned land post NP referendum and to assist with Wayleave negotiations.

The Council also agreed to obtain further legal clarification regarding overage provision.

97. Date of Next Meeting

To fix the time and place of the next meeting

17th December 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.35pm

