



ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting)

of a virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 commencing at 7.15 pm

Councillors Present:

M. Hughes (Chairman) G. Goodlad, T Knight (Vice Chairman), G Ransted, C Yarnold, J Bees, M Wood

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

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| 217 | <p><u>To receive Apologies</u> All councillors were present</p> | |
| 218 | <p><u>Declarations of Personal, Sensitive or Pecuniary Interests/Requests for Dispensations</u> None received</p> | |
| 219 | <p><u>To Agree the Minutes of the Meeting of the 15th and 21st September</u> Cllr Hughes proposed that, with an adjustment to both the order and numbering of the ordinary minutes and confidential minutes, the contents of minute 200.4 be placed in the confidential section of the minutes of 15th September and be amended to reflect the comments made but not to include names. Seconded Cllr Goodlad. Otherwise the minutes were agreed .</p> | |
| 220 | <p><u>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</u> Hydroelectricity Project – Cllr Bees to progress Website Accessibility Compliance – work ongoing, now 60% compliant Highway enhancements requested (minute 199) discussed under 220 Eckington Bridge Carpark (minute 199) discussed under 220</p> | |
| 221 | <p><u>Public Participation</u> 1. Members of the public are requested to write to the clerk in advance of the meeting with any queries or comments on any of the agenda items. 2. To Receive District/County Councillors reports and request information Councillor Hardman stated Covid cases in Wychavon district are not particularly high, care home visiting considered good for mental health. Has looked at passing place suggestion in Nafford Rd and does not consider verge wide enough. County officer has indicated that bridge carpark could be passed to parish with legal details to be agreed but council were reminded of the high cost of maintenance. Councillors asked: - if double yellow lines could be continued to the traffic lights and around the memorial triangle. - if chicanes could be introduced in the High Street</p> | |

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| | <p>3. To view proposals for land development – Jarvis Street A representative from Lockley Homes was present to answer questions on draft plans for land at Jarvis Street. A representative of the school was present and advised that they did not want to compromise access to the land. Cllr Goodlad to arrange meeting between PC, developer and the school.</p> | |
| 222 | <p><u>Finance & Governance</u></p> <p>1. To authorise payments – payments were authorised 2. To agree the bank balance to end of September and check budget expenditure. The bank balance was agreed 3. Lengthsman Contract – to agree wording in the draft – the draft contract was agreed with amendment to include “any other duties as required” 4. Email accounts - Options for email accounts were prepared by David Bainbridge and are to be considered by a working group of Clerk/Chairman/Cllr Goodland/Cllr Yarnold 5. To receive a report on improving data protection compliance – the clerk had circulated NALC guidance which would be added to the website. Cllr Hughes reported that no other report received from the ICO 6. To agree bank account arrangements – The Nationwide and Cambridge Building Society were agreed with current signatories, clerk, Cllr Knight, Cllr Ransted 7. Investment advice – NO quote received 8. HR advisor quotes and appointment – From the 3 quotes received Cllr Knight proposed Peninsula, seconded Cllr Goodlad, all in favour 9. Legal advice quotes and appointment – Quote of £2000 from Thomson and Bancks accepted 10. To receive External Auditor’s report – the report showing no matters of concern was circulated and added to the website 11. Grasscutting contract 2021-24 – Cllr Knight proposed that this is considered alongside the Recreation Centre contract, seconded Cllr Hughes, B/F</p> | |
| 223 | <p><u>To consider any Planning Consultations/Decision notices</u></p> <p>1. 20/02081/HP: Oatsley, Upper End, Eckington, Pershore, WR10 3DQ – garage with multi purpose room over – No objection 2. 20/02144/HP : Drakes Bridge House – rooflights – No objection 3. South Worcs Development Plan review and note the need to watch the call for sites for traveller community 4. PC response to changes in Planning Law</p> <p>Cllr Knight proposed that the PC submit comments in line with the SWDP but emphasise that NDPs be given more status.</p> | |
| 224 | <p><u>1. To receive reports from Parish Councillors/Clerk</u> <u>One report received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Centre – Cllr Knight - noted | |

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| 225 | <p>Projects:</p> <p>1. To receive reports from Community Land Working Group and Brodie Planning Cllr Goodlad advised that the plan would be circulated in time for the next PC meeting</p> <p>2. Discuss New Homes Bonus Scheme (£24633 balance) B/F</p> <p>3. Street Furniture – it is suggested that new salt bins are required by the Post Box in Upper end or outside Tupper. One in the The Close and one by the village hall and churchyard. A new dog waste bin is required in Stoney Furlong/Hacketts Lane Clerk to investigate whether WCC/WDC will fund.</p> <p>4. Allotment fencing (Cllr Knight) New allotment fencing was requested by the allotment tenants</p> | |
| 226 | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> 17th November 2020 (presentation by Rooftop Housing)</p> | |
| | <p>An adjournment will be called excluding the public to the following two items as publicity may be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted</p> | |
| 227 | <p><u>Legal & Confidential Matters</u></p> <p>1. Pershore Road – Confirmation of completion – Cllr Hughes confirmed that matter completed</p> <p>2. New Wayleave Pike House – The previous offer by the PC still stood</p> <p>3. To enter into a Deed of Variation – Jarvis Street – It was agreed that this should be referred for legal advice</p> <p>3. Receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting of 8th September. Minutes received and agreed</p> <p>4. Appeal by the Clerk (Members other than the Staffing Committee to deliberate)</p> <p>Cllr Goodlad chaired this item and it was noted that only 2 members were present who were not on the Staffing Committee. Cllr Goodlad proposed that professional advice and guidance be sought upon the appeal from the recently appointed HR advisors, which was agreed.</p> | |
| | <p>The meeting closed at 9.39 pm</p> | |
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