

Tuesday 10th May 2011 – One resident attended the Parish Council Meeting, to request her name be added to the village allotments waiting list.

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2011

58/11 Present – Arthur Ore & Cllrs Glaze, Forrest, Ransted, Williamson, Bainbridge, Wood, Smith and Wilkes.

59/11 Election of Chair and to receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

A proposal was made by Cllr Smith that Cllr Williamson take the Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Glaze. Cllr Williamson agreed that she would stand, therefore there being no objections or further proposals, Cllr Williamson accepted the nomination and duly signed the Declaration of Office.

60/11 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Cameron. The Meeting agreed to accept the apologies.

61/11 Election of Vice Chair and to receive the Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

A proposal was made by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Bainbridge that Cllr Smith become Vice Chairman. Cllr Smith accepted the proposal and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

62/11 Declarations of Interest – None received.

63/11 Standing Orders – The Meeting agreed to examine the Standing Orders at the next Parish Council Meeting.

64/11 To Appoint Members to the Following:

Cllr Wilkes proposed and was seconded by Cllr Wood that the following Cllrs be appointed:

Staffing Committee – Cllrs Forrest, Glaze & Smith

Planning Committee – Cllrs Bainbridge, Wood, Williamson & Ransted

Finance & Budget Committee – Cllrs Cameron, Williamson & Glaze

65/11 Annual Subscriptions

The following were approved:

CPRE - £29.00

CLPG – 2011 invoice not yet received

ANT – 2011 invoice not yet received

Community First - £20.00

BHCG – 2011 invoice not yet received

LCR – 2011 invoice not yet received.

66/11 Annual Risk Assessment

The Meeting considered and agreed the updated Risk Assessment.

67/11 To Appoint Individual Councillors to the Following Roles

Following a brief description of each role, the following appointments were proposed by Cllr Glaze and seconded by Cllr Wilkes:

Footpath Officer – Cllr Wilkes

Tree Warden – Cllr Wood

Eckington Memorial Hall – Cllr Bainbridge
Bredon Hill conservation Group – Cllr Ransted
Eckington Recreation Centre – Cllr Williamson
Church & Bridge Trust – Cllrs Wilkes & Forrest
CALC – Cllr Cameron

68/11 Parish Games

The Meeting discussed the role of administrating the Parish Games within the village. Due to the fact that none of Councillors felt able to take up the position, it was agreed that it would be advertised in the Parish Magazine and at the village shop, to see whether a local resident would take on the responsibility. Cllr Williamson also agreed to approach the Recreation Committee with the same request.

69/11 Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 –

The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Glaze, this was seconded by Cllr Wilkes. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

70/11 Progress Reports – Clerk

The Meeting was informed that the required drainage works have now been carried out at Lower Clattsmore in accordance with the Land Drainage Act (1991)

The Clerk informed the Meeting that access would now be available to the CALC Website, and duly informed the Councillors of the relevant passwords.

The Clerk informed the Meeting of the ‘Code of Conduct Standards Regime’ training and CPRE AGM.

Village Hall – Nothing to report. The next meeting will be in June.

Rec Centre – It was reported that the patio had now been laid, external electrics will be fitted shortly.

Footpaths – The Meeting noted the amount of missing gates within the village in need of attendance.

Cllr Wilkes informed the Meeting that he is soon to be involved in another guided village walk.

The Meeting was informed that the Permissive Routes dispute has progressed slightly, although is still ongoing.

BHCG – The next Meeting scheduled will be held at Elmley Castle.

PACT - It was noted that the speeding issue had again been reported at the recent meeting.

71/11 District & County Councillor Reports –

District Cllr Davis gave a short report:

- It was confirmed that Wychavon DC will formally adopt the updated Code of Conduct;
- All community grant applications will need to be received by 17th June, in order for them to be considered.

County Councillor Hardman:

- Cllr Hardman updated the Parish Council with regard to the second bus consultation being held by Worcestershire County Council. Following a short discussion, Cllr Hardman advised the Parish Council to send a further letter to WCC advising them of the particular services which the PC would view as paramount to keeping a viable bus service in the village.
- Cllr Hardman informed the Meeting that areas within the community, such as Eckington Bridge Car Park, may possibly come under the responsibility of Cotswold Wardens in the

future. The ownership of this area was then discussed, as it was unclear at present to whom the land belongs.

72/11 – Cala Homes - Section 106 – For the benefit of the new Councillors, Cllr Wilkes explained the purpose of this funding and the ideas discussed by the PC so far.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would follow up the request to Wychavon DC regarding the proposed meeting to discuss the various options in relation to use of the Section 106 funding. The Meeting agreed that, once a meeting had been arranged, Cllrs Wilkes, Glaze and Bainbridge would attend. The Clerk would inform them of the date and time, once this had been finalised.

It was confirmed that the car parking issues which were raised at the last meeting had now been reported to PACT.

73/11 – Vehicle Activated Speed Sign – The Clerk informed the meeting of the possible dates in relation to a meeting with Highways to discuss the positioning of the proposed speed sign. It was then agreed that Cllrs Wilkes, Glaze and Bainbridge would attend and report back to the next Meeting.

74/11 – Churchyard – The Clerk informed the Meeting of the quote received in respect of adding topsoil and re-seeding at the Churchyard. The Meeting was in agreement that the Clerk would firstly ascertain what guarantees there would be that the re-seeding would be effective, following a satisfactory response, the quote should be accepted.

75/11 – Bus Service – The Meeting discussed the draft letter prepared by Cllr Glaze. It was agreed that, following amendments, the letter would be sent (this being in response to the second consultation period).

76/11 – Parish Plan/Village Design Statement – The Meeting discussed the letter received from WCC and its request for information regarding the importance and use of the Parish Plan/Village Design Statement. The Meeting's agreed response was that it had been a valuable tool to attempt to influence housing design with developers and had enabled the PC to comment with authority on planning issues within the village. The Clerk would respond accordingly.

77/11 – Correspondence for Information – The Meeting noted the file of correspondence available for inspection.

78/11 – Finance – Cllr Glaze proposed and was seconded by Cllr Smith that the following payments should be approved:

Clerk's salary	£301.56
Admin expenses & mileage	£23.07
Lengthsman salary	£141.30
PC Insurance renewal	£402.18
Community First (subs)	£20.00
CPRE	£29.00
Blue Gecko Plants (village planters)	£80.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£327.00
Eckington Rec. Centre	£1250.00
Clerk's annual room allowance	£200.00
Village hall hire	£12.50

79/11 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda

Highways issues:

- New Road – request verge to be kerbed;
- Jarvis Street/Jarvis Drive – road needs attention – collapsed;
- Query grass cutting in village – should be done 6 times per year.

The Clerk would request that Highways attend to these matters.

80/11 – Planning - The following planning matters have been brought before the Clerk and/or Wychavon District Council since the last Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011:

Planning Approvals

W/11/00039/PP Little Orchard, Tewkesbury Road – First floor extension.

Planning Application to be discussed:

W/11/00766/PP Sunrise, Manor Road – Replacement garage – no objection.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th June 2011.

The meeting was closed at 9.50pm