

Tuesday 11th October 2011 – There were no residents present at the public open forum

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th October 2011

132/11 Present – Cllrs. Williamson, Smith, Glaze, Bainbridge, Forrest, Ransted, Wilkes and Cameron.

133/11 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Wood. The Meeting agreed to accept the apologies.

134/11 Declarations of Interest – No Declarations were received.

135/11 Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2011 – The following addition was made to the Minutes: ‘Discussion took place regarding work at the Wharf and disappointment was registered regarding the lack of parking spaces now provided in the area’ (ref 120/11). Following the amendment, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Smith, this was seconded by Cllr Wilkes. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

136/11 District & County Councillor Reports – Not present. District Cllr. Davis sent his apologies.

137/11 Progress Reports – Clerk:

The Clerk informed the meeting that planning application 02450 (possible breach of condition) was now being investigated by Wychavon District Council.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a response to correspondence sent regarding recent road safety issues had been received from Prince Henry’s High School. The letter confirmed that the School would be reminding the students of the importance of this issue.

The Clerk informed the Meeting of the response requested regarding the ‘Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document’. The Clerk agreed to e-mail the website for those councillors wishing to examine the document.

Village Hall – The Meeting was informed that quotes received from the architect were still under discussion.

BHCG – Next meeting due in November.

138/11 – Planning - The following planning matters have been brought before the Clerk and/or Wychavon District Council since the last Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2011:

W/11/01822/CU St Catherines Farm, Woollas Hill – Change of use of existing outbuildings from storage facilities to ancillary accommodation/holiday let and studio/gym/games room area – No objection, comments sent.

W/11/02008/PP Court Gate Corner, Manor Road – Construct first floor bedroom over existing utility room – no objections.

W/11/01941The Anchor Inn, Cotheridge Lane – Construct 3 terraced dwellings – objection.

Planning Approvals

W/11/01556/PN Field No 1431, Tewkesbury Road – New agricultural building for use as livestock housing.

W/11/01782/PP Brook House, Manor Road – Removal of existing leylandi hedge fronting Manor Road & replace with Cotswold dry stone wall.

139/11 – School Lane – The Meeting discussed the request received from the School regarding a reduction of the current 30mph speed limit to 20mph. The Meeting was in agreement that the Parish Council should make a request to Highways for this to be implemented, although the PC was not entirely sure of the criteria needed regarding this matter. It was also therefore agreed that the PC would request a meeting with a Worcestershire Highways Engineer to discuss this issue.

140/11 – Cala Homes - The Meeting discussed the initial results received regarding the Section 106 village questionnaire and agreed that a 30% return on the questionnaires was fairly positive. Cllr Bainbridge agreed to e-mail the final data to the rest of the Parish Council, once all responses had been fully analysed. It was also agreed that a working party, to further progress this matter, should be set up.

141/11 – Vehicle Activated Speed Sign – A discussion took place regarding the purchase of the VAS sign for sole use within the village. A proposal was made in this regard by Cllr Glaze, which was seconded by Cllr Bainbridge.

The Meeting discussed the practicalities of owning the sign (storage, battery charging, insurance and responsibility for moving and installing). The Clerk agreed to look into this matter further and approach the Lengthsman regarding incorporating some of this into his current work schedule.

The use of ‘30mph’ speed stickers attached to wheelie bins along New Road and the main road was again discussed. It was agreed that the matter should be raised in the Parish Magazine, informing residents of the proposal and seeking comments on it. The matter would be further discussed at the next Meeting.

142/11 – New Homes Bonus Meeting – Initial data received from Wychavon District Council in relation to this matter was discussed. It was agreed that the matter should be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting, by which time figures should be confirmed from Wychavon DC.

143/11 – Community Bus Service Scheme – Cllr Glaze attended the meeting (set up to discuss how the new service was working). The following matters were raised and discussed:

- 382 – lost services;
- Integrated school bus;
- Overcrowding – due to smaller busses being used;
- Lack of midday bus.

The Meeting was informed that a further meeting has been arranged for November. Cllr Glaze will attend and report back to the Meeting.

It was also agreed that a further letter would be sent to Worcestershire Highways regarding the 382 bus service, once a response to the letter sent in September had been received.

The Meeting discussed the correspondence received from Pershore Volunteer Centre regarding the Community Transport Scheme, however it was agreed that further information would be needed in order to reply. The Clerk agreed to request more information.

144/11 War Memorial –The quote received regarding cleaning was discussed. The Meeting agreed that this was too expensive. However additional quotes for the work would be sought early next year.

145/11 Cemetery & Graveyard Inspection – The Meeting inspected the maintenance report regarding the cemetery and graveyard. Approval was given for quotes to be sought, in order for the works to be carried out.

The Meeting discussed and agreed that the Lengthsman should be paid an additional 2 hours work in order to carry out extra maintenance work required at the cemetery.

146/11 – Correspondence for Information – The Meeting noted the file of correspondence available for inspection.

147/11 – Finance – Cllr Bainbridge proposed and was seconded by Cllr Cameron that the following payments should be approved:

Clerk's salary	£309.34
Admin expenses & mileage	£39.71
Lengthsman salary	£141.90
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£327.00
N. Wilkes (reimbursement grass & turf – war memorial)	£16.65
Worcs CALC - training	£30.00
Clement Keys (external auditors)	£162.00
Wychavon DC (bin emptying & cleaning)	£82.19
Westcotec Ltd (VAS)	£3150.00
PAYE	£46.80
N. Wilkes (reimbursement – plants war memorial)	£32.00

Payments already made:

Community First (VAS sign insurance cover)	£49.47
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148/11 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda

The Meeting discussed the recent modifications made at the Wharf. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter raising concerns in relation to the lack of parking spaces now available in the area and the issue of drainage. The Clerk would also question why the Parish Council had not been consulted prior to the works taking place.

Parking issue raised - parking on yellow lines on Station Road. The Clerk would contact the local police in relation to this matter. Issue of parking on grass verge on Russell Drive also raised.

The Meeting was informed that all local Minutes in the Clerk's possession and those stored at County Hall have now been inspected by Worcs CC in order to collate information regarding 'public rights of way'.

The Meeting discussed the need to bring issues, which may require funding, to the attention of the next Meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 08th November 2011.
The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.