

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – Kate Redfern and Rachel Oliver attended the Meeting on behalf of the Recreation Committee and presented a proposal for use of the Section 106 funding. The Meeting agreed that the proposal would be further discussed during the Parish Council Meeting.

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

130/12 Present – Cllrs. Williamson, Glaze, Ransted, Wood, Smith and Wilkes.

131/12 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Forrest, Cameron and Bainbridge. They were duly accepted by the Meeting.

132/12 Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Williamson and Ransted both declared an interest in item 9 of the Agenda (Minute reference 139/12), both being members of the Recreation Committee.

133/12 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – Following one minor amendment, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Smith, this was seconded by Cllr Glaze. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

134/12 District & County Councillor Reports –  
No attendance.

135/12 Progress Reports – Clerk:

Letters of thanks for monies donated were received from:

- The Bobby Club;
- Eckington Village Hall.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that requests by WDC to maintain watercourse at two properties within the village had now been carried out. WDC are still waiting for two further properties to carry out the works.

The Clerk confirmed that a recent change of tenancy at the allotment site, had resulted in a termination of the plot waiting list.

Village Hall – In the absence of Cllr Bainbridge, the Clerk gave the following report (prepared by Cllr Bainbridge):

- Approximately £500 was made at the recent jamboree, with a further £500 from Eckington Players being donated. A discussion took place as to whether a joint event could be held with the music festival next year;
- Quotes are currently being sought for a new stage;
- It is now anticipated that external insulation will be undertaken, due to this being the cheaper option.

Recreation Centre – The Meeting was informed that the Rec. Committee had requested that the future grass cutting invoices be sent to the Parish Council for payment (so that VAT can be reclaimed). The Meeting agreed to consider this. Cllr Williamson would report back to the Rec. Committee.

Footpaths – It was reported that maintenance issues had been raised regarding the path at Stoney Furlong, however on inspection no problems were found.

BHCG – Concerns were again raised regarding the proposed Windfarm to be situated at Strensham. It was agreed that the Clerk would check both Wychavon and Tewkesbury Borough Council for any planning applications received.

PMTP – Cllr Ransted attended the recent Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, where involvement of the PMTP in various local issues was highlighted.

136/12 – 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012:

W/12/01534/PP Seymour House, New Road – Proposed orangery to dwelling. No objection.

W/12/01369/PP New House, Boon Street – Single and double storey side/rear extension. No objection.

### **Planning Approvals**

W/12/01534/PP Seymour House, New Road – Proposed orangery to dwelling.

W/12/01369/PP New House, Boon Street – Single and double storey side/rear extension.

### **Planning Applications to be discussed:**

W/12/01723/LB White House, Church Street – Re-roofing of main pitches re-pointing of northern elevation brickwork. No objection.

W/12/01673/PN Anchor Inn, Cotheridge Lane – Building of two three bed semi detached houses on part of pub car park. Objection

W/12/01282/PP 6 Russell Drive – Extensions to existing dwelling. No objection.

W/12/01814/PP Morningside, Church Street – Demolition of conservatory, 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension, internal alterations. No objection.

The Meeting discussed the most recent letter received from WDC in response to the PC letter sent regarding planning issues, and the two proposed responses. It was agreed that a shorter letter would be sent, requesting a meeting with the Parish Council at WDC, in order to address the outstanding queries. Cllr Glaze would finalize the letter and send to the Clerk.

### 137/12 – Highway Matters –

- Nafford Road (flooding) – The Meeting was informed that the case is still currently under investigation. Cllr Wilkes agreed to request a meeting at the site with Highways.
- New Road/Jarvis Street - drainage – It was reported that a topographical survey had now been carried out which had revealed that the grass verge is preventing water flow. Work has been scheduled, although no date given.
- Grass verge cutting – The Clerk informed the Meeting that this matter is still being persistently pursued, although as yet, regular cutting is still not taking place. The Clerk will continue to contact Highways regarding this issue.
- Request for temporary signage at both entrances to the village – The Meeting was informed that Highways would not permit this, as only prescribed Highways signs are allowed. However signage could be erected on private land, as long as this did not present any safety issues.
- Nafford Road, overgrown hedges – It was confirmed that a letter had now been sent from Highways to the owners of the hedge requesting maintenance.

Matters to report:

- Hacketts Lane – ongoing water leak;
- Cotheridge Lane – pothole.

138/12 – Code of Conduct – A proposal was made by Cllr Glaze and seconded by Cllr Ransted to adopt the Worcestershire Code of Conduct. The Meeting was unanimous in its agreement and the Code was duly adopted.

It was agreed that the letter received from the Information Commissioner regarding the Localism Act and Register of Council Members Disclosable Interests, would be placed in the brown envelope for circulation amongst the Parish Council.

139/12 – Cala Homes & Section 106 Funding - The Meeting agreed that the proposal for use of Section 106 funds received from the Rec. Committee was well thought out and presented. It was also agreed that the Section 106 Committee would meet to examine and discuss the proposal in readiness to make a report to the Parish Council meeting in October.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Parish Council had until September 2021, in which to make use of the funding.

140/12 – New Homes Bonus Meeting – The Meeting was informed that the proposal submitted to WDC for use of some of the New Homes Bonus funding had been successful.

It was agreed that the New Homes Bonus Committee would arrange a meeting to discuss distribution of the funding to the various groups.

The Meeting also agreed to the proposal from WDC for the Parish Council to be presented with the cheque for the funding from the local MP, with the local press also present.

141/12 – Finance – Cllr Glaze proposed and was seconded by Cllr Wilkes that the following payments should be approved:

**Payments to be made:**

Clerk's salary	£318.46
Admin expenses & mileage	£16.27
Lengthsman salary	£148.00
L. Gerber (BT phone reimbursement)	£72.09
Clement Keys	£342.00

**Payments already made:**

L. Gerber (additional reimbursement – purchase of PC laptop)	£98.99
Clerk's salary	£318.46
Admin expenses & mileage	£22.80
Lengthsman salary	£148.00
Community First (subs)	£20.00
Cotswold Line Promotion Group	£10.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£441.36
Worcestershire CALC	£96.00
Wychavon DC	£74.16
Village Hall Hire	£21.00

142/12 – Correspondence for Information – The Meeting noted the file of correspondence available for inspection.

143/12 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda

Maintenance requests for village lengthsman:

- General weeding throughout the village and around the shop area;
- Removal of ivy on cemetery wall.

A request was also made for New Farm Grounds Maintenance to cut back overgrowth which is encroaching onto grass at the Churchyard. It was agreed that the Clerk would make the request.

The Meeting accepted the offer from Cllr Wilkes and Mr Jon Smith to cut back hedges along the path on Station Road. The Meeting also agreed to pay for any expense incurred in hiring a hedge trimmer for the work.

The Meeting discussed and agreed the request received from an allotment tenant for the removal of a tree which is situated at the site, however it was agreed that the cost involved in the removal should not be incurred by the Parish Council.

Transport:

- The Meeting was informed that the new local bus services which has been in operation during the summer months, had not been as successful as anticipated. It was still hoped, however, that the scheme would run again next year.
- The Meeting was informed of possible minor changes, which may take place involving the 382 bus service.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The meeting was closed at 10.05pm.