

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – There was no attendance at the Open Public Forum.

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

31/14 Present – Cllrs. Williamson, Wood, Bainbridge, Cameron, Ransted and Wilkes.

32/14 Apologies – The Meeting accepted the apologies received from Cllrs Glaze, Smith and Forrest.

33/14 Declarations of Interest – No Declarations were received.

34/14 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February were a true and accurate record and a proposal was made by Cllr Wilkes, this was seconded by Cllr Cameron. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

35/14 District & County Councillor Reports –

Cllr Davis gave a short report to the Meeting. Points raised were as follows:

- WDC have now approved their budget for the next financial year;
- After several months of maintenance works, Abbey Bridge in Evesham has now reopened;
- With reference to the proposed planning application from CALA Homes (to build on the site at the rear of Roman Meadow), Cllr Davis raised the possibility of whether any Section 106 funding could be spent on flood alleviation within the Parish. Initial thoughts from the Parish Council were that any measures undertaken would be extremely expensive and it was doubtful that the funding could be used for this purpose.

A short discussion regarding planning matters took place. Cllr Davies outlined his role on the Planning Committee at WDC. The Meeting agreed that in future, any objections to planning applications should be forwarded to Cllr Davis (as well as WDC Planning). It was also agreed that a letter would be written to WDC querying why the Parish Council's objections to a recent planning application had not been shown on their planning report. Cllr Bainbridge agreed to prepare a draft letter.

36/14 Progress Reports – The following was reported:

Clerk –

- The Meeting noted correspondence received from a resident of a neighbouring Parish regarding notification of approval by the British Parachute Association for a drop zone at Croft Farm, Defford;
- The Meeting discussed the pruning of plum trees on Hacketts Lane (raised by the Parish Lengthsman). It was agreed that any trees overhanging the highway should be cut back;
- The Clerk highlighted the forthcoming CALC training events for Councillors and Clerks;
- It was noted that the five yearly tree inspection at the Cemetery and Churchyard will be due in July 2014;
- From April 1<sup>st</sup> WDC will cease to send paper copies of planning applications.

Village Hall – Matters reported as follows:

- £500 raised at the recent coffee morning;
- Village Hall deeds have now been located and access has been granted;
- Village Hall Committee have agreed to apply directly to CALA for any funds in relation to Hall building works;

- The Clerk will be asked by the Committee to contact the architect in order to renew the Village Hall planning application;
- A replacement committee secretary will be sought.

Recreation Centre – It was reported that the offer made by the PC to purchase rabbit poof fencing for the allotment tenants has been declined.

Footpaths – It was reported that the Modification Order relating to Hammock Lane/The Piecing is now with the Secretary of State. The matter is still ongoing.

It was agreed that Cllr Wilkes would investigate how additions can be made to the Definitive Map and whether applications for other routes within the village should be considered.

CALC – Cllr Ransted attended a recent meeting where matters reported/discussed were Section 106 and CIL.

PACT – The Meeting discussed the changes to the local Policing Team. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries regarding contacts and e-mail the information to the Councillors.

PMTP – Cllr Ransted reported the following:

- A Pershore food bank is being set up and should be operational by Easter;
- Youth Bus – It was agreed Cllr Ransted would make enquiries about how this service could be utilised within the village;
- Pershore Train Station car park – discussions are still ongoing regarding this issue.

37/14 – 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014:

W/14/00019/PN Former Sutton Farm Yard, Nafford Rd – Erection of a dwelling house – to be decided by Planning Committee (Attended by Cllr D. Bainbridge)

W/1400104/CU Nafford Bank Farm, Nafford Road – Conversion of barns to form 1 dwelling unit, stables & office accommodation (amendment) – No objection, comments sent.

**Applications to be Discussed:**

W/14/00162/OU Land at rear of Harvest House, adjacent to Hawthorn House, Stony Furlong Lane – Construct new 5 bed house. New drive & landscaping – Objection.

**Approvals:**

W/13/02528/PP Vala, Pass Street – Addition of first floor to existing extension, new pitched roof to ground floor existing bay window, new single storey porch & ground floor WC and replacement double garage for original single garage.

W/14/00019/PN Former Sutton Farm Yard, Nafford Rd – Erection of a dwelling house.

W/13/02454/PP Thimble Mill, School Lane – Addition of dormer windows to loft space and single storey side extension.

38/14 – Highway Matters – Cllr Wilkes informed the Meeting that Highways have now agreed to a site visit (in order to discuss the ongoing Highways issues within the village). It is anticipated the visit will take place before the end of March.

The Meeting discussed the issue of overrunning of carriageway on Nafford Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would make a further request to Highways for the necessary maintenance works.

39/14 – Section 106 Funding – The Meeting was informed that following receipt of four tender applications, Bellinger Design have made their contractor recommendation to the Recreation

Committee. The Meeting therefore unanimously agreed that the contractor selected should be appointed. It is anticipated works will commence before the end of April.

40/14 – New Homes Bonus Meeting – It was reported that orders have now been placed for both the Cricket Club equipment and the two Defibrillators.

41/14 – Cemetery – The Meeting was informed that following a site visit between the War Graves Commission and two Parish Councillors, it had been decided a smaller sign would now be erected on the stone pillar at the entrance to the Cemetery. The signs will be cleaned annually by the War Graves Commission.

Cllr Wilkes confirmed that wood had now been added to cover the small section of spikes at the rear of the Cemetery (where both incidents involving deer had taken place).

42/14 – Village Hall – A proposal was made by Cllr Wilkes, and seconded by Cllr Ransted that the Parish Council would fund the renewal of the planning application fee.

The Parish Council discussed and unanimously agreed that any request made to Cala Homes regarding a donation towards the Village Hall building works, should be made by the Village Hall Committee. The Meeting agreed that the Parish Council would have no involvement in this matter.

The Meeting agreed that, if the building proposals go ahead, it would be vitally important to the community that a request is made to CALA Homes regarding the Section 106 funding.

43/14 – Finance – Cllr Cameron proposed and was seconded by Cllr Bainbridge that the following payments should be approved:

Clerk's salary	£376.81
Admin expenses & mileage	£30.30
Lengthsman salary	£148.00
Village hall hire	£12.00
L. Gerber (reimbursement BT phone line)	£84.38
Direct 365 Online Ltd	£2376.00
WDC (cemetery rates)	£67.57
Martin Berrill (cricket equipment)	£580.95

44/14 – Correspondence for Information – Noted.

45/14 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda – No items.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Parish Council Meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 01<sup>th</sup> April 2014, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm.