

Tuesday 11th October 2016 Three residents attended the Open Public Forum. The following issues were raised:

- Dog waste in the Parish – Request received for more to be done to alleviate this ongoing problem. It was explained that this matter would be discussed on the Agenda.
- Two representatives from Eckington Under Fives supplied the following additional information (in support of the proposed NHB application):
 - (a) The Group are keen to relocate on to the School site – this would mean that current opening hours could be extended.
 - (b) Initially, there is a possibility that an unused classroom could be utilised, until completion of the proposed building.
 - (c) Estimated costs are £60,000. They would like to request £20,000 from NHB funding – it is hoped that the rest would be made up of a mixture of fundraising and grants.

It was explained that WDC have been contacted to request their views on NHB funds being used towards a school project. If a positive response was to be received from WDC, the PC would then need to look at the additional criteria, including benefit to the community. The PC agreed to keep Under Fives updated.

- A request for additional play equipment for younger children was received – It was explained that this matter should be brought to the attention of the Recreation Committee.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016

161/16 Present – Cllrs. Bogaard, Glaze, Palmer, Bainbridge, Wilkes, Wood and Ransted.

162/16 Apologies – Apologies received from Cllrs Davis, Brown and Cameron. These were unanimously accepted.

163/16 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Wilkes declared an Interest in Item 8 of the Agenda (Neighbourhood Plan).

164/16 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016

The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September were a true and accurate record. Therefore a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Bainbridge. All present were unanimous in their agreement and the Minutes were duly signed.

165/16 District & County Councillor Reports – Reports received as follows:

Cllr Davis:

- WDC reserves - £45.117million.

Cllr Hardman:

- Hammock Lane, Piecing Modification Orders – Cllr Hardman continues to pursue this ongoing matter.
- Support is ongoing regarding an improvement to the 382 bus service.
- New Road and Glenmoor – both in WCC plan for footway improvements.

166/16 Progress Reports –

Footpaths – Modification Orders (Hammock Lane and Piecing)

WCC continue to pursue. The following was reported:

Hammock Lane – Issue of flooding is not yet resolved. WCC currently in discussion with WDC regarding serving notice on the landowners in respect of blockage/drainage issues.

Piecing – The definitive route requires a broadwalk (due to access, this will be difficult to install). Required gates to be installed shortly.

Progress in these matters will be considered at the December Meeting, following which a decision will be taken regarding any further action by the Parish Council.

Cllr Wilkes agreed to speak with Cllr Hardman regarding this matter.

BHCG –The following was reported:

- Beckford Care Village planning application has been turned down.
- A proposed planning application at Great Comberton Golf Course (for 150 static caravans) – pending.

The Meeting discussed the £30 annual admin fee received from BHCG (in respect of secretarial services – sent to all Bredon Hill Parishes). Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the fee would be paid for this year.

CALC – Cllr Ransted agreed to prepare an update ready for the next meeting.

PACT – No report received. Cllr Bogaard agreed to request a report for the next meeting.

167/16 **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 2016:

Applications Discussed between Meetings:

W/16/02095/OU Land adjacent to Lechmere, Hammock Road – Partial demolition of the existing buildings and erection of a single dwelling house on land to the south of Lechmere off Hammock Road – No objection, comments sent.

Approvals:

W/16/01834/LB Piecing Cottage, Boon Street – Replacement of flat roof to incorporate glazed roof lantern. Enlargement of window to east elevation and internal alterations.

To Discuss:

W/16/02241/PP Court Gate Nursery, Station Road – Construction of new two storey extension – No objection.

W/16/02308/PN Blue Gecko Plants, Tewkesbury Road – Erection of polytunnels – No objection.

It was reported that planning application 15/01013 (Field SO9239, Eckington Road) Planning Appeal, has now been accepted by the Inspectorate. A Hearing will take place. It is a requirement that 21 days' notice must be given. It was agreed that Cllr Glaze would liaise with Cllr Davis regarding any action that WDC may take relating to this matter. The Clerk will contact Bredon Parish Council, also seeking their views on this matter and any proposed action from the PC.

168/16 **Finance** – Cllr Wilkes proposed and was seconded by Cllr Ransted that the following payments should be approved:

Payments to be made:

Clerk's salary	£414.37
L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage	£25.22
P. Higgins (Lengthsman salary)	£155.20
Grant Thornton (External audit)	£240.00
Foxley Tagg (NP)	£1190.12
New Farm Grounds Maintenance – Rec. cut	£340.80
New Farm Grounds Maintenance - PC	£374.40
Eckington Village Hall (hire)	£12.00
BHCG (annual admin fee)	£30.00

169/16 **Neighbourhood Plan** –

Cllr Glaze reported the following:

- The NP is proving more costly and complex than originally envisaged, this is mainly due to:
 - (a) more housing required under the recently adopted SWDP;
 - (b) potential to give additional support to Eckington School;
 - (c) improvement of village infrastructure.

This has resulted in a need for legal advice and more consultant assistance.

- The Meeting considered the spreadsheet prepared by Cllr Glaze. Based on the information available £13,000 is required in order to ensure a timely delivery of the draft plan. The Steering Group are requesting £10,000 from Parish Council funds.

It was noted that, through prudent budgeting over the past few years, the PC are currently in a position to release the funds required. It was, however, agreed that this is a large sum of money and requires careful consideration. The Meeting was reminded of the support given by the Parish to the NP, both at the outset, and which was further endorsed at both public consultations. The considerable benefits to the Parish (once the NP has been adopted), were also noted.

The Meeting agreed that the decision should be put to vote. This resulted in four in favour of providing the £10,000 funding, with one abstention. It was, however, agreed that the PC would not be able to offer any further funds.

It was agreed that a formal letter should be sent to the Steering Group, setting out the terms of the offer.

170/16 Highway Matters –

The Meeting discussed and agreed the offer to provide village planters (made by the WI). It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the WI regarding expected costs.

171/16 New Homes Bonus –

The following was reported:

- Cricket Club – Work to install nets to start imminently.
- Eckington Under Fives – Request for £20,000 to build the foundations of a new build at the First School. The PC agreed that, in the first instance, a response from WDC would be required, before the application can be considered further.

172/16 Raising the On-line Profile of the Parish Council

It was reported that work has been ongoing. The Code of Conduct and Standing Orders have now been added to the website. It was agreed that a decision on adding Councillor photographs to the website, would be taken at the next meeting, following which it was hoped the site can go live.

173/16 Flooding Issues

Cllr Glaze agreed to make further enquiries regarding this issue (in readiness for the November meeting).

174/16 Speeding Issues

The Meeting noted recent disappointing results recorded by the VAS machine.

It was also noted that further volunteers are required to participate in the Speedwatch team. It was therefore agreed that a further request would be placed in the Parish Magazine.

175/16 Dog Waste Issues

The Meeting considered further complaints received regarding dog waste in the village. The Meeting discussed whether an additional dog waste bin should be purchased, to be installed on Nafford Road (as it was agreed there may be a need in this particular area of the village). The Clerk agreed to speak with WDC regarding the location and to request a breakdown of costs. It was also agreed that a further article regarding this issue be placed in the Parish Magazine.

176/16 Parish Litter Bins

The Meeting considered current litter bin sites. Cllr Bogaard agreed to prepare a map identifying all litter bins within the Parish (in readiness for discussion at the next meeting).

177/16 Grasscutting

The Meeting discussed additional grasscutting (not included in the contract). It was noted that one additional cut had already been undertaken, however a further cut would also be required. It was

therefore agreed that the PC would make a request to the contractors (when a further cut is required). This proposal was made by Cllr Bogaard and seconded by Cllr Bainbridge.

178/16 Allotments

The Meeting discussed the complaint received from an allotment holder, regarding the untidiness of an adjoining plot. The Meeting referred to Item 7c of the Allotment Holder Policy, which states that “The plot shall be kept in a clean, decent and good condition and be properly cultivated“. However as it was believed that the current state of the plot is due to an attempt to rid the plot of weeds, the matter will be re-considered early next year.

179/16 Correspondence for Information –

No correspondence.

180/16 Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

No reports given.

No items raised.

181/16 Date of next meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 08th November.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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