

Tuesday 14th March 2017 Four residents attended the Open Public Forum.

All four residents raised the issue of the bus service from Eckington. Concern was raised that the proposed community bus would jeopardise the 382 bus service further. Some residents also felt that they would not wish to phone for a bus service.

The Meeting informed the residents that representatives from the Parish Council have attended numerous meetings with First and the Community Bus provider and are making every effort to attempt to preserve and enhance the current service offered, and this may include the use of a community bus.

It was also queried why some bus users had received a survey regarding the current, and proposed service, but others had not. The Parish Council explained that the idea of the survey was to gain a straw poll; it was not intended for every resident of Eckington. The survey had been given to residents who had approached the PC with concerns regarding the bus service. Once further information has been gained from the Traffic Commissioner, it is the intention of the PC to call a village meeting.

The Meeting noted the letter written from one of the residents to Harriet Baldwin (relating to this matter).

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017

35/17 Present – Cllrs. Brown, Bainbridge, Wilkes, and Ransted.

36/17 Apologies – Cllrs Palmer, Bogaard, Cameron, Glaze, Wood and District Cllr Davis. The Apologies were unanimously accepted.

37/17 Declarations of Interest – No Declarations were received.

38/17 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2017

The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th February were a true and accurate record. Therefore a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Ransted. All present were unanimous in their agreement and the Minutes were duly signed.

39/17 District & County Councillor Reports –

Cllr Davis sent a report to confirm that the rate of increase of 2% Council Tax was approved at the full Council meeting.

40/17 Progress Reports – The following was reported:

Clerk's Report –

1. Rubbish clearance at Glenmoor – Rooftop Housing have confirmed that this will be carried out within 30 days of the request made.
2. Sign maintenance – WDC have now inspected signage within the village and confirmed that at least four nameplates will be replaced in due course.
3. Wychavon Sport (Parish Games) – It was reported that information for the 2017 games has now been sent to the Parish organiser.
4. 07/03 – Police attended the village following reports of door to door salesman in the area. They spoke to a male, who then left shortly afterwards.
5. Cotswold Line Transport Meeting (Pershore Town Hall 16/03) – A representative from the Parish Council will attend.
6. Additional VAS (speed sign) has battery now purchased.

Village Hall –

- Builders have agreed to prepare and submit quotes (relating to the proposed building works). Once quotes have been received, an extraordinary meeting of the Village Hall will be called

to decide on matters such as obtaining any further funding required, with a view to awarding a contract as soon as possible.

- A request has been made to the PC (relating to NHB funding) for stage curtains. A further request may be made for additional building works funding.
- Further fundraising events continue to be organised.

Footpaths – The Meeting was informed that a survey of the river walk has been undertaken, some maintenance has already been carried out with requests having been made for further maintenance works.

41/17 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 14th February 2017:

W/16/03023/PP Two Shillings, Church Street – Proposed extension and internal alterations – No objections.

W/17/00175/HP Orchardlea, Jarvis Street – Front extension; garden building – Comments sent.

Applications Considered:

W/17/00138/LB Coach House, Woollas Hill – Relocation of oil tank from clock house/potting shed to area closer to driveway. Add metal chimney to roof of clock house/potting shed for wood burning stove – No objection.

42/17 Finance – Cllr Brown 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	£31.78
L. Gerber (reimbursement of BT bill)	£77.49
P. Higgins (Lengthsman salary)	£150.60
Eckington Village Hall (hire)	£24.00
WDC (x2 bin emptying fees)	£160.26

It was also reported that:

- The latest bank reconciliation has now been completed.
- The Pensions Regulator – registration has been completed and Cllr Glaze will complete the remaining necessary paperwork.

42/17 Neighbourhood Plan –

It was reported that plan writing continues to be ongoing. Some land issues remain unresolved, however it is anticipated that the draft will be with the Planning Consultant by the end of March.

43/17 Highway Matters –

Issue to report – blocked gully (north side of New Road). Clerk will report the matter to WCC. Water leak on Drakesbridge Road – the issue has now been resolved.

44/17 New Homes Bonus –

The Meeting noted the request for funding and possible further request made by the Village Hall. It was agreed that these matters would be considered by the NHB Committee.

45/17 Eckington Bus Service

(See Public Open Forum)

The Meeting noted the letter sent to the PC regarding an incident involving inappropriate driving by a 382 bus driver. It was agreed that the letter should be forwarded to the County Councillor and Police, for their consideration.

46/17 Flooding Issues

Nothing to report.

47/17 Asset of Community Value

The Meeting agreed that discussion of this matter should be postponed until the April Meeting.

48/17 SWDP Consultations

The Meeting were in agreement that they did not wish to comment on the consultations.

49/17 Annual Parish Meeting

The Meeting agreed that this should take place on 11th April (to precede the April Parish Council Meeting). Time and venue to be confirmed by the Clerk.

50/17 Correspondence for Information –

No correspondence.

51/17 Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

No items raised.

52/17 Date of next meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11th April.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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