

# ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
At Eckington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors David Bainbridge (Vice Chairman), Geoff Ransted, Nils Wilkes, Mary Hughes, Chris Yarnold, Chris Auty.

**Also present:** District Cllr R. Davis

**Apologies:** Councillors George Glaze (Chairman), C. Cameron & County Cllr A. Hardman

**Public Participation:** 1 member of the public attended.

Matters discussed –

1. Speeding concerns along Tewkesbury Road – a letter had been received by the PC from Tewkesbury Road Management Committee raising concern about the speed of vehicles and suggesting some speed reduction measures that could be considered. The matter was also discussed further as part of the agenda.

**Declarations of Interest:** None

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
38	<b>The Minutes of the Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b> were agreed and signed as a true record. The following amendments were made – Present at the meeting were Cllrs Wood & Cameron / (27) should read Historic England. The amended Minutes were proposed by Cllr Wilkes, seconded Cllr Yarnold, all agreed.	
39	<b>District &amp; County Councillor Reports</b> District Cllr Davis reported on the following matters – 1. New Homes Bonus – still £24K to draw down & new protocols in place. 2. Concern noted re the status of the Village Design Statement (VDS). A meeting is to be held with Planners at WDC. Re the recent matter regarding a fence, Cllr Davis will speak with the owner about treating it to lessen the impact. It was noted that Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are a material consideration when individual applications are considered. The PC wish to clarify whether the VDS can be incorporated into the NP to make it a stronger document rather than a document that can be referred to but has less impact on decision making.	RD will speak with the owner re the fence matter.  RD will chase up David Hammond at WDC re an official response to the Neighbourhood Plan / Village Design Statement query raised by the PC.
40	<b>Progress Reports</b> Clerk – Police report as circulated. War memorial lettering will be looked at by the stone mason in the near future. Village Hall – report as circulated by Cllr Bainbridge. Recreation Centre – no report.	

	<p>Footpaths – Trees – no report. Bredon Hill Conservation Group – report as circulated by Cllr Ransted. Church &amp; Bridge Trust - report as circulated by Cllr Wilkes. Wychavon CALC - report as circulated by Cllr Ransted. Partnership - report as circulated by Cllr Ransted. Churchyard &amp; cemetery - report as circulated by Cllr Wilkes. Allotments - report as circulated by Cllr Wilkes. A letter had also been received by the Clerk re bramble encroachment on to the plots.</p>	<p>Clerk to contact owner of the bramble hedge re cutting back.</p>
41	<p><b>Planning Matters</b> <b>Applications considered prior to the meeting:</b> <b>18/00967/COU</b> – The Old Telephone Exchange, Pershore Rd, Eckington WR10 3AP No objection to this application subject to the imposition of a condition limiting the new use to a particular person, or group of identifiable persons to replace Cond. 2 of planning approval W/94/00607/COU, providing the reason for imposing such a condition remains relevant.</p> <p><b>Applications for consideration:</b> <b>18/00727/FUL</b> – North House, Church Street, Eckington Wr10 3AN Detailed planning application for 3 no 4 bed detached dwellings (with garages), 1 no 3 bed bungalow and 4 no car parking spaces for Crown Court residences (alterations to planning permission ref W/15/02149/PN) – additional information /amendment(s) have been received – amended red line to include access onto Church Street as well as Jarvis Street – noted. Site meeting required.</p> <p><b>18/01262/CAN</b> - Eckington C of E Primary School School Lane Eckington Pershore WR10 3AU Removal of purple plum tree. Reason - Shedding branches and very large. Tree works in a conservation area. All agreed that although no formal comment is required, the PC would ask for a replacement tree / shrub to be planted and also suggest other remaining shrubs are pruned back to clear the area and allow more light.</p> <p><b>18/00771/OUT</b> - Land East of Bredon Road Off Tewkesbury Road Bredons Hardwick Development of approximately 500 residential dwellings (C3 Use Class) including means of access (two vehicular access points from the B4080 and a pedestrian/cycle access from Derwent</p>	<p>Planning Committee to hold a site meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July to see if there are any further comments required.</p> <p>Clerk to submit comment to WDC as agreed.</p>

	<p>Drive) and associated infrastructure and landscaping including provision of formal and informal open space and drainage attenuation basins. Nothing further to report – response submitted 20<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Notifications:</b> None</p>																							
42	<p><b>Financial Matters</b>  Payments to be made – proposed by Cllr Ransted, seconded Cllr Auty, all agreed:</p> <table> <tr> <td>£341.47</td> <td>Clerks salary (net) July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£341.47</td> <td>Clerks salary (net) August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£174.02</td> <td>Clerks expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£156.20</td> <td>P. Higgins - Lengthsman salary (net)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£307.20</td> <td>HMRC Q1 PAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£383.88</td> <td>New Farms Grounds Maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£355.20</td> <td>New Farm Grounds Maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£299.94</td> <td>Seton (Rec. grit bin)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£27.38</td> <td>N. Wilkes (memorial garden)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£38.00</td> <td>Eckington Memorial Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£5.00</td> <td>Information Commissioners Office</td> </tr> </table> <p>Monies received: £130.00 allotment fees</p> <p>Account balances:  £8098.00 Treasurers account  £25901.00 Business account</p> <p>2017-18 audit documents submitted to External Auditor as required.</p>	£341.47	Clerks salary (net) July	£341.47	Clerks salary (net) August	£174.02	Clerks expenses	£156.20	P. Higgins - Lengthsman salary (net)	£307.20	HMRC Q1 PAYE	£383.88	New Farms Grounds Maintenance	£355.20	New Farm Grounds Maintenance	£299.94	Seton (Rec. grit bin)	£27.38	N. Wilkes (memorial garden)	£38.00	Eckington Memorial Hall	£5.00	Information Commissioners Office	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed
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43	<p><b>Staffing Matters</b>  Lengthsman vacancy – 2 requests for application forms sent out. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> July – Staffing Committee to meet to consider applications early August.</p>	Cllr Bainbridge to re-advertise on Facebook.																						
44	<p><b>Governance Matters</b>  Financial Regs – deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>Transparency Code – no update / actions.</p> <p>GDPR – further to the draft documents being circulated by the Clerk, it was proposed by Cllr Wilkes, seconded by Cllr Hughes, that all documents be approved for use. All agreed. It was also agreed that GDPR should remain a standing item on the agenda.</p>	<p>Fin. Regs - Cllrs Glaze &amp; Cameron to report.</p> <p>Clerk to make docs public as required.</p>																						

45	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>  No updates. The Chairman and Clerk had met with two Land Agents regarding the land acquisition report and had circulated quotes and a recommendation to the PC. It was proposed by Cllr Auty, seconded by Cllr Ransted, that the PC accept the recommendation made and ask Andrew Grant Commercial to prepare a report as specified. All agreed.</p>	Clerk to inform the Land Agents of the decision made and progress the report.
46	<p><b>Highways Matters</b>  The PC noted local concern about the tar on the highway breaking up in the recent hot weather and treading tar and gravel in to homes. This has already been reported to Highways although there appears very little that can be done as it is affecting most tarmac roads across the county.</p> <p>It was also noted that as there is currently no Lengthsman in post, all highways / Lengthsman matters should be reported to the Clerk to action via Worcs CC.</p>	
47	<p><b>New Homes Bonus</b>  No further applications. It was noted that the letter from the Tewkesbury Rd Management Committee (see public session) suggested that some of the speed reduction measures could be paid for via NHB funds – the PC would need to check if this met the current criteria.</p>	
48	<p><b>Parish Matters</b>  Speeding concerns – recent survey data was noted (as circulated) but there are still concerns regarding Tewkesbury Road speeds. The letter received by the Clerk from the Tewkesbury Road Management Committee (TRMC) was read out to the meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak with Highways re having a further speed survey conducted along that stretch of highway and to check for previous survey data. Suggestions made by the TRMC for speed reduction were noted and the PC confirmed that speed reduction through the parish is still a main PC consideration. Discussion took place about the suggestions made and it was further agreed that the Clerk should speak to Highways about these asap. Cllr Hughes also circulated the criteria for the setting of local speed limits (Dept of Transport 01/2013).</p> <p>It was agreed that speed reduction be placed on the next agenda for further discussion and highways updates.</p>	<p>Clerk to speak with Highways re a Tewkesbury Rd speed survey, previous data (if any) &amp; speed reduction suggestions made.</p> <p>Next agenda item.</p>

	<p>Bus services – Cllr Ransted updated the meeting following a recent meeting attended. The continued risk to services was noted, with rural transport now considered a national concern. Rural Communities Programme – Cllr Hughes updated the meeting re training attended. There are now x3 Dementia Champions in the village. Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July - notice placed in parish magazine. There is also a ‘Memory Café’ in Pershore.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch &amp; Community Speed Watch – report as circulated from Cllr Ransted.</p> <p>Community Engagement – report as circulated from Cllrs Auty &amp; Yarnold. Proposals were discussed including social media, website usage and methods to engage the various demographics within the parish. It was agreed that all proposals should be further investigated, and the matter placed on the next agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Parish Games – local events underway.</p>	Next agenda item.
49	<p><b>Flooding Matters</b> Cllrs Glaze &amp; Wilkes are meeting with County Cllr Hardman and M. McGuinness (Worcs CC) on 20<sup>th</sup> July to discuss queries raised re design proposals. Report to next meeting.</p>	Cllrs Glaze & Wilkes to report to next meeting.
50	<p><b>Correspondence for Circulation</b> ‘Clerks &amp; Councils Direct’ was circulated.</p>	
51	<p><b>Councillor Reports &amp; Items for Future Agendas</b> Cllr Bainbridge reported very encouraging web stats on the parish website.</p>	
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.</b></p> <p><b>Note – there is no meeting during August – next meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></p>	