

Tuesday 11th July 2017 - Three residents attended the Open Public Forum.

Issues raised:

- Highways – maintenance required at New Road/Pass Street – Clerk to request.
- 382 Bus Service enquiry – Residents were informed that the matter would be discussed during the Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017

112/17 Present – Cllrs. Glaze, Wilkes, Cameron, Bainbridge, Wood and Ransted.

113/17 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Brown. These were unanimously accepted by the Meeting.

114/17 Declarations of Interest – No declarations were received.

115/17 District & County Councillor Reports

Cllr Ron Davis was in attendance.

The following was raised:

- Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/16/3157521 (Land off Tewkesbury Road) – The Meeting queried whether WDC would challenge the approval of the Appeal. Cllr Davis confirmed that there were no plans to do so at this stage.

116/17 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2017

Following one minor amendment, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June were a true and accurate record. Therefore a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Ransted and seconded by Cllr Bainbridge. All present were unanimous in their agreement and the Minutes were duly signed.

117/17 Progress Reports –

Clerk –

- Pershore Town Plan (consultation process) – The Meeting discussed and agreed that the PC would be interested in attending an initial meeting involving neighbouring parishes to discuss input into the Plan.
- Church & Cemetery tree inspection – The Meeting noted the discovery of theft from holly trees within the Churchyard.
- Police Report – It was reported that the recent car thefts at Eckington and Overbury have resulted in both cars being recovered and arrests being made.

All residents are reminded to review security measures to ensure their properties are secure.

Village Hall – The Meeting was informed that:

- £1418 has been raised so far (through various fund raising events).
- Maintenance – new curtains have now been fitted, weedkiller to be applied to the garden, boiler pressure problems are now resolved.
- Extension plans – It is anticipated that work will commence on or after 24th July.

Footpaths – It was reported that some minor maintenance work has recently been completed.

118/17 Planning – The Meeting considered the following planning matters:

Applications to Consider:

W/17/01006/FUL Hill Barn, Nafford Bank Farm, Nafford Road – Re-positioning of access gate to field to allow better visibility – Comments sent.

W/17/01204/HP Wynryde, Hacketts Lane – Two storey extensions to the front and rear and single storey side extension – Comments sent.

Approvals:

Appeal Decision:

Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/16/3157521 Land off Tewkesbury Road – Change of use of land from waste ground to mixed use for stable & keeping horses & caravan site for single gypsy family with associated development.

The Meeting discussed the following:

- Whether a judicial review should be considered.
- The request from Bredon to share costs relating to fees for legal advice.

It was agreed that (due to Cllr Bainbridge's legal background), he should look at the Appeal, and give his opinion as to whether there are any prospects of success in relation to requesting a judicial review. Cllr Glaze agreed to inform Bredon PC of the decision made at this stage.

119/17 Finance – Cllr Ransted proposed and was seconded by Cllr Cameron that the following payments should be approved:

Payments already made:

WDC (reimbursement – overpayment of NHB funding)	£1000.00
Village Hall (NHB funding)	£30375.00

Payments made:

Clerk's salary	£414.37
L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage	£29.30
L. Gerber – (ink cartridge)	£27.45
P. Higgins Lengthsman salary	£150.60
Eckington Village Hall (hire)	£44.00
ANT (subs)	£10.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance – Rec. cut	£355.20
New Farm Grounds Maintenance - PC	£374.40

120/17 Co-option – No applications were received.

121/17 Neighbourhood Plan – It was reported that discussions with the relevant landowners are ongoing.

Work continues on the draft plan, with a view to completing as soon as possible.

122/17 Highway Matters – Issues to report:

- Overgrown hedge - Stoney Furlong Lane.
- Unfinished maintenance work – New Road/Pass Street.
- Overhanging bough – Nafford Road.

Overgrown pathway (Glenmoor) – Rooftop issue.

Damage reported to brickwork at Eckington Bridge.

123/17 New Homes Bonus – The Meeting noted that an application for toddler play equipment at the Rec. Ground should be made shortly.

124/17 382 Bus Service - It was reported that the PC have been working with the Vale Transport Group and First in attempt to provide a more useable service. Current proposals include:

- Alternative routes.
- Two hourly service.
- A midday service.
- A Saturday service.

The proposals have an anticipated start date of 24th September.

Discussions regarding the above are ongoing.

125/17 Flooding Issues - The following was reported:

- Cllrs Glaze and Ransted attended a recent site meeting at Eckington bridge with Matt Maginnis (Flood risk and Highways Drainage Manager).
- The following four stages of the flood alleviation scheme were outlined:
 - (i) Feasibility assessment;
 - (ii) Cost/benefit analysis;
 - (iii) Acquire funding;
 - (iv) Preparation/implementation.

Although the lack of funding/resources was discussed, as was the reducing frequency of flooding, it was agreed that Mr Maginnis would continue to pursue the matter with Highways.
Cllr Glaze agreed to continue to liaise with Highways regarding this matter.

126/17 Parish Council Signage Policy – The Meeting discussed recent issues which have arisen in the village relating to advertisements being attached to village property. It was agreed that this is not appropriate and therefore the need for a signage policy was queried.
The Clerk agreed to consult with CALC regarding writing a policy.

127/17 Rural Communities Programme – It was reported that Cllr Brown has arranged a meeting with WDC to discuss the criteria/way forward in relation to becoming a dementia friendly village.

128/17 Correspondence for Information – Correspondence circulated.

129/17 Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –
Reports:

- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Ransted reported that initial enquiries regarding re-introducing the Scheme have been made. It is anticipated that a public event will be held in the Autumn.
- Speedwatch – An additional resident has expressed an interest in the assisting with the Scheme.

130/17 Date of next meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 12th September.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.