**Eakring Parish Council Meeting of Thursday 29th February 2024 at the Cator Hall**

**MINUTES**

Present;

Councillors T White (Vice Chair), K Peet (incoming Chair), Peter Clifford, S Holmes, S Foster

13 members of the public

Locum Clerk Susan Stack

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| **EXT**  **001/23** | **Election of Chair**  Cllr K Peet was duly elected |
| **EXT 002/23** | **Apologies for Absence** To receive apologies for absence (if any)  None |
| **EXT 003/23** | **Variation of Order of Business** To consider any variation to the order of business  **None** |
| **EXT 004/23** | **Declaration of Member’s Interests (if any)**  None |
| **EXT 005/23** | **Public Participation**  Solar Farm – will the Council join other parish councils in objecting. We are awaiting for the leaving Clerk to provide information on residents. It will be on the next agenda with a view to holding a public meeting shortly afterwards.  Parishioners were concerned at recent resignations. The Clerk has given notice and gone on holiday and will leave on 12th March.  Opening and Closing of the hall – fire checks etc will be taken over by the remaining Councillors as there have been problems. Resident to provide a copy of the booking diary for Councillors to take over. Cllr Peet agreed to have his number on the door. |
| **EXT 006/23** | **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors** (if in attendance)  None |
| **EXT 007/23** | **Minutes -** To approve as a correct record, the following minutes of the Parish Council   * 1. Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024   Not available – reported that the Chairman of the last meeting has sent to the Clerk. |
| **EXT 008/23** | **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**  N/A |
| **EXT 009/23** | **Planning Applications** *To be moved to next council meeting 13th March 2024* |
| **EXT 010/23** | **Finance (previously circulated)** *None Available* |
| **EXT 011/23** | **Chair’s Announcements** (if any)  Note Councilors’ Robert Brown and John Eley have resigned. NSDC have been informed and a vacancy was formally declared and signed |
| **EXT 012/23** | **Cator Hall**  A meeting took place yesterday that will be very helpful with the Cator Hall going forwards |
| **EXT 013/23** | **Date of next meeting.**  The next meeting will be held in the Cator Hall on Wednesday 13th March 2024 beginning at 7.30pm. |
| **EXT 014/23** | **Exclusion of Press and Public. Confidential items**  To move the following resolution- in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is in the public interest that public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting and they are instructed to withdraw. |
| **EXT**  **015/23** | **Confidential Items**  The Clerk’s resignation was accepted with a leave date on 12th March  2024  Locum Clerk to request return of Council owned equipment along with key information required by this date. Contact 07835 970280 to meet at Cator Hall. Request minutes from 7th February meeting to be sent ASAP.  Clerk to contact C Moses to advise him of the situation and ask him to carry out an exit interview and other HR matters arising.  Susan Stack was appointed Locum Clerk at a cost of £20 per hour and mileage at 45p.  Cllrs S Holmes and S Foster to contact Unity Trust bank to request change of contact address, list of signatories registered and that last year’s statements to be sent. |

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