**Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council**

**Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring**

**At 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th November 2023**

**Present**

Chair: Cllr R Brown

Councillors: J Eley, S Holmes, T White, S Foster, P Clifford and K Peet.

**Also, Present:** Sian Bacon (Clerk), Cllr L Tift (NSDC), and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr S Carlton (NCC) gave his apologies.

1. **Variation of Order of Business**

None

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

1. **Public Participation**

A resident raised the fact that the slabs on Main Street and Kirklington Road are still broken and in need of repair. The Clerk will raise this with Cllr Carlton.

1. **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

**Cllr Tift (NSDC)**

Cllr Tift gave the following update:

The Cherry View planning enforcement is being dealt with by the NSDC planning officers.

There is a hardship from flooding fund set up for residents whose houses have flooded and residents can apply to NSDC for this.

Aqua bags are available from the NSDC. Flood signs were also raised and Cllr Eley will look for a location.

The NSDC Community grant application criteria has changed and it is no longer allowed to be granted to Parish Councils.

The proposed infrastructure solar farm was raised and there are currently 2 on the meeting agenda for NSDC planning committee one at Bathley and one at Muskham. It was noted that the national infrastructure site is huge and touches into Eakring. It was also noted that wind farms can use land for agricultural but solar farms cannot and the land proposed is prime agricultural land. It was noted that the national infrastructure is decided by the government not the NSDC. It was also noted that if it did go ahead there would be potential community levies that could be accessed for the villages effected.

1. **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Foster, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chair. They will be placed on the website.

1. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session.**

None

1. **Planning Applications**
2. **Bilsthorpe Incinerator Plans**

It was noted that plans still haven’t been submitted.

1. **Comments to be submitted to the District Council on the following applications.**

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| No | Application Number and Website Link | Description and Details | Applicant | Comments |
|  | **23/01527/HOUSE**  <https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S03PFPLBK7100> | Single storey rear extension. External alterations including 1 skylight, window to form doorway, driveway, gate and walling, replace all windows and garage doors and move LPG tank underground. | School House Main Street Eakring NG22 0DD | No Objection |

**Solar farm plans**

Cllr Brown has contacted the diocese at Southwell as he thinks the proposed land is Church Land which is currently being hired out. He has requested clarification from the diocese. The plans show the huge infrastructure running out of the village and all the way to Newark.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council object to the plans as they are much too large and take up prime agricultural land that is needed.

1. **Finance**
2. The Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Holmes,

1. That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved



1. Income - £217.50 Cator Hall Hire.
2. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for November 2023 be approved.
3. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for November 2023 be approved.
4. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for the Cator Hall for November 2023 be approved.
5. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for the Cator Hall for November 2023 be approved.
6. **Budget 2024/25**

It was **RESOLVED** to set the Parish Council budget for 2024/25 as below:



It was **RESOLVED** that the council would request a precept of £5632 from NSDC.

It was **RESOLVED** that the below budget would be set for the Cator Hall



1. **Chair’s Announcements**

Cllr Brown noted that there were challenges to face in the coming year but the council is moving forward and not doing a bad job.

1. **Cator Hall**
2. **Update from the Committee**

The Clerk will request the Cator Hall Working Party put in an order for tea towels and cleaning materials after requests from the users of the hall.

The hall has been offered a microwave and it was agreed to accept the offer.

Cllr Clifford reported that the Nodding Donkeys were currently holding a pub event every other Friday. On Friday 24th November it was noted that the Parish Council light switch on would be held 6-8pm with mulled wine and mince pies. It was noted that the craft fair setting up for the next morning was stopping the pub night from running on that date and the wine club is running their event the week after the 24th November so the Nodding Donkeys can’t do then either. It was agreed that the Nodding Donkeys will use the hall on Friday 24th November from 7pm and will clean up after the event ready for the craft fair the next day.

Cllr Peet and Cllr Clifford proposed the Parish Council look at getting a premises licence and they had produced a draft of the costings for obtaining a licence. It was agreed this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Nodding Donkeys would also like to refurbish the Oakring room with sofas and new tables to make the area more inviting. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when the Council has had opportunity to look at the users of the hall and the best items to purchase for all users.

1. **Authorisation of funds for items requiring repair or replacement**

Cllr Peet reported that he had sourced a break glass bolt for the fence to allow exit on the gate in emergency. Cllr Peet very kindly donated the bolt.

The Clerk will look for fencing quotes for the Cator Hall fences and gate replacements.

Cllr Clifford has sourced a plastic ceiling coating for £200. Cllr Clifford will obtain quotes for the labour.

1. **Invoice and Accounting Meeting**

It was reported that the Council had met with the Cator Hall Working Party to discuss invoices and hall use.

It was agreed that the Wine Club should pay for 4 hours use.

The premises license will be discussed at the next meeting.

1. **Parish Council Plan**

**Mompesson’s Cross**

It was reported that the area is tidy at the moment.

**Community Orchard**

Mr Pedley is taking care of the orchard.

At this point it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

**Welcome to Eakring Signs**

Cllr Eley presented three quotes for the four signs and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote by Morris signs for £9500.

The Clerk will apply for the grants.

**Community Speedwatch**

The Clerk reported that she has ordered the equipment.

It was also agreed to set up a Whatsapp group for all the volunteers.

**Layby Bins**

It was agreed that the bins should be requested for the Stonish Hill layby, outside the Cator Hall and in the layby on the left going out of the village by Eakring Farm.

1. **Website**

It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting due to time constraints.

1. **Roads & Footpaths**

Cllr Foster reported that the new speed sign had be positioned on the outgoing side of the road and should have been positioned on the incoming side of the road to obtain accurate information. The Clerk will raise this with Cllr Carlton.

Parking issues in the village will be placed in the Echo to remind residents to park considerately and not block the pavements or damage the verges.

* + - 1. **Lengthsman Scheme**

It was agreed to look into the jobs required around the Parish that a lengthsman would be required for.

1. **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

**Playing Field Committee:** Cllr Brown reported that the meeting wasn’t held. The Clerk will try to organise a meeting. The Clerk reported that the 17th November was the date for the meter installation.

1. **Correspondence/Information**

There was no correspondence that had not already been circulated.

1. **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

**Confidential**

156/23 Clerk’s Appraisal

The outcome of the Clerk’s annual appraisal was noted and it was **RESOLVED** to grant a one point pay rise as per the Clerk’s contract.

The meeting closed at 10.05PM