

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, T White, R Brown, J Pennicott and J Sweeney.

Also Present: Cllr J Peck (NCC) & 2 Parishioners.

87/19 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr E Shacklock (Work commitments)

88/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

There were no variations.

89/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Ford and Sweeney declared an interest in agenda Item 15 the Recreation Ground as they are both committee members. Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 14.1 as church warden and a Cator Hall Management Committee Member.

90/19 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation at this point instead it took place in the Cator Hall Meeting Item 12 so that the Cator Hall Management Committee could raise queries about the takeover of the Cator Hall by the Parish Council.

91/19 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Cllr Peck (NCC)

Cllr Peck reported that he had reported and was chasing the collapsing barrier on the footpath near at Rose cottage. He noted that he will be going down to have a look. Cllr Sweeney raised the issue that the tractors moving about over the harvest season could make it worse.

The County Council has launched the Visitor Economic Strategy for the next ten years to look at promoting tourism. In particular longer-term stays. More emphasis will be placed on the Robin Hood legend a large part of which features in our division. The focus is on tourism managed in a sustainable way with increases to the local economy being very important.

Cllr Peck reported that a copy of the road consultation was now available on the NCC website. The dates on the local events are Thursday 18th July between 4-8pm in Bilsthorpe at the Miners Welfare and Saturday 20th July between 10-2pm in the Bilsthorpe Village Hall.

It was noted that there are concerns about Deerdale Lane and Mickledale Lane if they are not done properly could make the situation worse. Cllr Ford noted that Eakring had had no information on any of the suggested plans or the consultation. Cllr Peck gave details to the Clerk to chase up information.

Cllr Brow raised the state of Kirklington Road and Cllr Peck reported that he had raised the issue a few times but had been informed that the road was structurally sound so no work will be done on it yet. Cllr Peck will also chase up the slabs opposite Greenfield Row.

Newark & Sherwood District Councillors and Police

The Clerk reported that she had heard back from the new District councillor and that he would be attending the meeting in September. A member of the police should be attending as well.

92/19 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th June 2019 be accepted with an amendment to note that Cllr Pennicott had sent his apologies they were then signed by the Chair as a true record . They will be placed on the website.

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Pennicott and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th June 2019 be accepted with an amendment to note that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council will hold the Committee Positions not the individual Councillors. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

93/19 To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session

There were Items for the Confidential Section.

94/19 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.

95/19 Finance

A) The Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Pennicott, seconded by Cllr Sweeney,
(1) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved

<u>Cheque requests for July 2019</u>				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
557	Cator Hall Management Committee	Cator Hall Rent June 19	Cator Hall Rent	22.50
				22.50

(2) It was also reported that the Election Account was now closed with the funds moved to Deposit Account and ring fenced.

96/19 Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements to be made.

97/19 Parish Council Plan

Community Orchard

Cllr Ford reported that Mr Parsons was drawing up an agreement with his solicitor. The council had received a rough draft so far with a rough timetable:

- The hedges will be planted this year and the stock fences removed.
- It had been agreed upon that there would be a mixture of deep and shallow root fruit trees.
- The old pear tree had been inspected and found to be dead so this will be removed.
- The big pear tree in the middle is ok so will remain as part of the orchard.
- There would be a mown path and area with a mix of wildflowers for the rest.
- There would be no memorial benches though the Council can place some owned by them on the site.
- The wild flowers will require cutting once a year and the grass removing.
- The grass and hedge cutting will be funded by the Parish council.

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Ford reported that the area around the Cross was looking nice with no vandalism or dog mess and had no litter lying round. Cllr Pennicott reported that the painting of the railings will be deferred to next year. Cllr Ford noted that the foundations of the cross will need looking at some point.

Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that Newark & Sherwood District Council had informed her that the dog bin on Tenters Lane required weekly emptying as it was becoming too full for the fortnightly emptying.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, proposed by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Brown to move to weekly emptying of that bin.

It was agreed to replace the dog bins with Welcome to Eakring signs as a standing agenda item from September.

Cllr Brow noted that some of the fancy signs had been given to the surrounding villages for free. Cllr Ford reported that the Eakring Echo request for sign designs had not been successful but that he would approach the weekly craft club instead. Cllr Brown agreed to send photos of the Cross, church and nodding donkey to be used as a basis for the sign designs. The Clerk agreed to contact Bilsthorpe Parish council to find out where their signs came from and how much they had cost.

98/19 Update on the Cator Hall Meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2019

The Meeting minutes were presented earlier in the meeting and Cllr Ford gave a brief run through.

The Cator Hall Management reported that they would like the funds they have raised to be used for the kitchen and the decorating the Councillors agreed to ringfence the money and use it for the things requested. Cllr Ford asked for a list of issues that need attention and for it to be divided into things that are essential and thing that can wait but the Committee would like doing. The Parish Council can then look at the money available and start work once the sale is complete.

It was noted that the insurance was due. The Clerk will assist with this and then look at insurance when the Parish council takes over.

The Council expressed their gratitude for all of the hard work the Cator Hall Management Committee had done over the time and noted that they had set thriving foundations for which the Council are very grateful.

99/19 Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand

Wind Farm Update: it was agreed that Cllr Sweeney would approach Mrs Curry to obtain the Windfarm documents that had been sent to the Clerk to be stored in the safe deposit box at the bank. The Clerk will email the Wind farm company to pass on the paperwork the council has and gather further information regarding their intentions about the Community Support Grant.

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: The Clerk has reported all the issues raised and will update on progress at the September meeting.

100/19 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Cator Hall: It was reported by Cllr Brown that the pat testing would be taking place the following day. He clarified that the cost for this was mostly covered by other groups. It was noted that the Council needed to request the solicitor look into the fixtures and fittings during the negotiations with the Diocese. The Clerk requested an asset list be supplied if possible. Cllr Brown also noted that the bookings for June were good with a total of 30 hours booked.

101/19 **Playing Field Update**

It was reported by Cllr Sweeney that the fun day to raise funds for the Playing Fields was to take place on the 14th July. The Committee had met two weeks ago and were putting together plans for funding and looking at options. The Treasurer of the committee is discussing costs with Sovereign. More flyers will be printed for the fun day and to help raise awareness around the village about the project.

102/19 **Update on the Meeting with Bilsthorpe Parish Council**

Cllr Ford reported that he and Cllr Brown had attended the meeting with Bilsthorpe Parish Council. They had discussed the Windfarm and it was reported that Bilsthorpe had no documents regarding this so it had been agreed to send over what Eakring had available.

The A614 improvements had been raised and it was noted that although Eakring would be directly affected by the plans no consultation or information had been given. Bilsthorpe's clerk will send the plans to the Clerk and the notes from the meeting.

Another meeting is planned for the 1st Monday in February between 9.30-10.30 in the Cator hall this time. It was noted that the Council may set up meeting with other Council's relating to shared issues such as Wellow.

The issue of NSDC not giving Bilsthorpe Community Infrastructure Levy or section 106 funds from large housing developments in the Parish was also noted.

103/19 **Risk Assessment 2019/20**

The Clerk reported that she had prepared the Risk Assessment for 2019/20. Cllr Ford will go through the assessment during the summer break so that it may be approved at the September meeting.

104/19 **Online Banking**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Sweeney to transfer the bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank as per the suggestions laid out in the Clerk's Banking Report, subject to answering any questions raised during the process, to allow for the provision of online banking.

The Clerk will look into the process of moving the accounts and what information is required by the bank a report back to the Councillors.

105/19 **Co-option of Councillor Update**

There remains one Councillor Vacancy. The Clerk and Cllr Ford will advertise the position to seek candidates for the September meeting.

106/19 **Correspondence/Information**

There was no correspondence received.

107/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm