

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th February 2023

Present

Councillor Cllr R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, J Pennicott, R Brown, T White, and S Foster.

Also, Present: Sian Bacon (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

1/23 Apologies of Absence

Cllr G Reay sent her apologies (Illness).

2/23 Variation of Order of Business

None

3/23 Declarations of Interest

None

4/23 Public Participation

A resident raised the closed footpath by Jelano. The Clerk had requested Cllr Carlton (NCC) investigate this and Cllr Carlton reported that he has heard nothing yet but is awaiting a response from the footpath department.

A resident queried whether something further could go in the Echo about the upcoming elections, Cllr Ford will do this. The issue of voters requiring photo ID to vote at polling stations will also be highlighted.

5/23 Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors

Cllr Carlton (NCC)

Cllr Carlton gave his apologies for not attending all the recent meetings.

He reported that the annual budget is to be set tomorrow for the County Council with a recommended raise of 2.84% for the main budget and the budget for adult social care to rise by 2%.

The annual Police precept was decided yesterday and this has also been increased for 2023/24.

It was reported that County Hall and other sites have now closed and this has saved £75,000 in electricity in a just a few weeks. A new more modern site at Hucknall is being considered which should save £2 million every year but with an upfront £15 million cost. £6 million is expected to be saved per year in heating and other costs with a more modern building as County Hall is an old building and requires a lot of heating.

On the road outside National Grid he should find out in March if the bid to resurface the road has been successful. The A614 improvements project is currently running a scoping exercise at Deerdale Lane to consider traffic lights and it was noted that planning applications in the area are stalling due to that junction. It is expected that by the end of this year spades should start going into the ground. There have also been some compulsory purchase difficulties which are in the process of being resolved. Via has assessed the current traffic movement around Eakring and they are conscious that Wellow Road will be very busy with the works. Wellow have also raised the same problems and the Rufford Lane closure has caused further difficulties and that road is closed for the foreseeable future with a TRO in place at Rufford Ford. Via is currently looking at alternative ways to avoid running all traffic through Eakring during the A614 works.

6/23 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

7/23 **Matters Arising**

The Clerk has sent the updated booking forms to the Cator Hall and Cllr Brown will adjust the website calendar to show morning, afternoon and evening slots for the Cator Hall bookings. All other matters are on the agenda.

8/23 **Review of Communications**

It was noted that the Council is using the Eakring Echo, Facebook, website and the noticeboard.

The Clerk suggested that the Council consider holding surgeries once a month and it was agreed that one would be held Tuesday 14th March 10am – 12pm at the Cator Hall with Cllr Foster and Cllr Pennicott. Tea and biscuits will be available.

9/23 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session.**

None

10/23 **Planning Applications**

Cllr Carlton will investigate the reported planning beach at Cherry View.

11/23 Finance

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

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

Payment requests for the Parish Council February 2023				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
Bacs	NottsALC	Subscription 23/24	Subscriptions	123.16
				123.16
Payment Requests for the Cator Hall February 2023				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
DD	Eon	Electricity	Electricity	18.00
DD	Talk Talk	Phone & internet	Communication	24.00
Bacs	R Brown	Loo & Kitchen Roll	Consumables	9.70
				51.70

- B) Income – the Clerk reported that there has been £170.64 in interest received.
- C) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for February 2023 be approved.
- D) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for February 2023 be approved.
- E) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for the Cator Hall for February 2023 be approved.
- F) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for the Cator Hall for February 2023 be approved.

12/23 Chair's Announcements

None

13/23 Cator Hall

1. Update on Bookings and Ongoing Works

It was reported by Cllr Brown that the hall has bookings now most weeks. The new electricity consumer unit is now fitted. Cllr Ford noted that new blinds are needed. It was agreed that the Council will look for insulated blinds. It was also noted that the side gate requires repair and quotes will be found. Cllr Ford reported that the Christmas tree was becoming too large and may need removing and replacing with a new one. Cllr Ford will discuss Christmas tree with the tree surgeon.

The WI cabinet will now go over the radiator in the Oakring Room.

2. Fire Door Replacement

The Clerk has found another supplier and will have a quote soon.

3. Kitchen installation Update

The Clerk will return to the company and request the installation be around the end of February / beginning of March to accommodate for bookings.

4. Hall Cleaning

No candidates have come forward yet. The Clerk will look for companies in the area and ask Wellow and Bilsthorpe Parish Council's who is doing their halls.

5. Action Plan

Action	Minute Ref	Responsible Person	Priority	Notes
Slabs		J Pennicott	Medium	
Plastering - Source Plasterers and give initial estimate - after doors		G Reay	Medium	
Hearing Loop initial research		Clerk	Low	
Fire Door replacement quotes		Clerk/R Ford	High	
Fire Policies and procedures		Clerk/ R Brown	High	
Fence repair		R Ford/ Clerk	High	
Outdoor Painting & repair of rendering		Clerk/ R Ford	Low	
Boiler maintenance			Low	
Painting and decorating of hall - after plastering and doors			Medium	
Keysafe			Medium	
Skirting boards repair in hall - after plastering & doors		J Pennicott	Medium	
Fire Signage			High	Purchased and awaiting installation

14/23 Parish Council Plan

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Pennicott reported that the area was tidy and there was no litter.

Welcome to Eakring Signs

The Clerk is currently applying for the recommended grant to pay for the signs. She will ask Via for the costs.

Community Orchard

It was reported that the Orchard hedge had been laid and the scything was ongoing.

Community Speedwatch

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the speedwatch email run by the police and was awaiting a response. It was noted that the watch would need volunteers so Councillor Ford will put this in the Echo.

Cllr Carlton reported that he had asked if the Kirklington Road interactive signs can be brought forward on the schedule of works for NCC.

15/23 **Events**

Spring Litter Pick

It was agreed to hold the litter pick on Saturday 11th March at 10am Cator Hall. Clerk will do poster. Cllr Pennicott will get 30 heavy duty bags.

Kings Coronation

It was agreed to organise 'bring a your own' tea party on the afternoon Sunday 7th May 2023. Cllr Ford will look to put together a village committee with a meeting on 28th February at 7.30pm.

16/23 **Village Noticeboard**

Cllr Brown reported that the Church had received their quinquennial report and it was noted that the village information board was looking tired and required some work. Cllr Pennicott will look at this.

17/23 **Roads & Footpaths**

It was reported that there are pot holes on back lane still requiring work and one outside Cllr Brown's house.

There are hedges overhanging over the road at the pub causing a danger and pushing people to walk in the road.

There is still an issue out of the village on Wellow Road with a large rock on a verge.

All of these issues have been reported to Cllr Carlton and the Clerk who will pass them on to NCC.

18/23 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Ford reported that there has been a meeting of the Playing Field committee and that to complete the Playing Field phase 2 works will cost £45,000. The Playing Field committee has raised £15,000 and requested that the Parish Council advance the final £30,000 from the Bilsthorpe Wind Farm money to finish the project.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Foster, to advance the £30,000 to finish the project.

The Clerk reported that EDF will be putting in the meter for the lighting shortly.

19/23 **Correspondence/Information**

The following correspondence was received:

1. It was reported by a resident that National Grid are using the MUGA and bringing their vans which is causing an issue with access to Triumph Road. Clerk will contact Grid as ask for consideration regarding parking.
2. NALC – information on how to handle the Council's period of heightened sensitivity during the election period.
3. NALC – Elections press release.
4. A letter from the Electoral Commission reminding of the requirement that all voters must show photo Id at the polling booth for the May 4th 2023 elections.

20/23 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00PM