

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th September 2020

Present Via Zoom

Councillor Cllr R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, R Brown, A White, J Sweeney, K Meanley, E Shacklock and J Pennicott

Also, Present: Sian Bacon (Clerk) & Cllr J Peck (NCC)

118/20 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr T Smith (NSDC)

119/20 **Variation of Order of Business**

None

120/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Sweeney and Cllr Ford declared an interest in agenda Item 15.1 the Playing Field as committee members.

121/20 **Public Participation**

None

122/20 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Cllr Peck (NCC)

Cllr Peck reported that he had re-reported the hedge on Kirklington Road and had a response that it will be checked and dealt with and he will continue to chase.

Adult social & Children have been priority over Covid. Schools are now also a priority however unfortunately a small number of schools have already closed after only a week due to Covid cases.

Cllr Peck also reported that NCC have been considering becoming a unitary authority once again and the Policy Committee will be considering another application to the Secretary of State to move down the road of unitary authority again on the 16th September. The reorganisation may cost a large amount of money so Cllr Peck would like to see the business case before deciding. This may affect the Parish Council's as they may be asked to pick up more services and they will be consulted as part of the process.

Tom Smith (NSDC)

The Clerk reported that Cllr Smith informed her that he had not heard back about the Land North of Cherry View planning application call in he had made but would notify the Clerk once he knew what was happening.

123/20 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Pennicott, seconded by Cllr Sweeney and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th August 2020 be accepted. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

124/20 To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session

None

125/20 Planning Applications

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

No	Application Number and Website Link	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	20/01406/FUL https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QE8NCOLBIL900	Change of Use of Garage and Store to Granny Annexe	The Windmill Wellow Road Eakring NG22 0DF	No objection

126/20 Finance

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

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

Miss Sian Bacon – Clerk’s Salary July-Sept 2020 - £519.20

- B) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for September 2020 be accepted.
- C) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget Monitoring for September 2020 be accepted.

127/20 **Update on the Coronavirus Situation**

It was reported that everything currently is the same as last month.

109/20 **Chair's Announcements**

None

128/20 **Parish Council Plan**

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Pennicott reported that the WI are happy to do the weeding but queried who was cutting the grass. Cllr Ford will keep an eye on it and do the mowing if necessary.

Community Orchard

Cllr Ford reported that the orchard is moving on very well and the trees are now ordered with planting in October. Volunteers will be needed to plant the trees.

Litter Pick

The litter pick is to take place on Saturday 19th September and the Clerk will request a rubbish collection on Monday 21st September from the Cator Hall. Cllr Ford will provide the pickers and hi vis.

129/20 **Update on the Cator Hall**

- 1) **To discuss the reopening of the Hall and the risk assessment.** – It was agreed that given the level of work required to reopen the hall and the current lack of a regular cleaner the hall will remain closed and the situation reviewed monthly. Due to the newly released Government advice this may be some time.
- 2) **To discuss cleaning services for the Hall** – It was agreed that the Clerk will look at tendering for a cleaner or cleaning service and put a tender document together for final approval at the next meeting.
- 3) **To discuss and approve the purchase of safety equipment for reopening** – It was agreed to review this when opening decisions are finalised.
- 4) **Kitchen improvements** - It was agreed to produce the provisional plan for the kitchen and then contact Refresh to look at project management. The window needing work was raised and it was agreed to secure the window and look at installing new fire doors this will be included in the project.

- 5) **New Flag for the hall** – The Clerk will look for a flag up to £170. Cllr Brown will resend the measurements
- 6) **Insulation for the hall** – The Clerk reported that at present all grants the council is eligible for are focused on Covid 19 responses.
- 7) **Book Swap** – it was agreed that the book swap table was now a hazard due to coronavirus as the virus lasts for three days on books so the books will be donated to charity.
- 8) **WI Cabinet** – the WI would like a lockable cabinet in the Hall and they will purchase this. It was agreed to allow them to place one in the office space.

130/20 Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: All issues have been reported to Cllr Peck (NCC) who will pass them to the County Council officers.

War Memorial Name Change: The Clerk has no further update on this at present and will bring any updates to the October meeting.

131/20 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Sweeney reported that they had got to the next round of the Sport's England funding and a meeting has been had to answer their questions. The committee is now waiting on Sport England to get back to them. Cllr Ford reported that floodlights were under discussion at Sport England's suggestion. A quote for the lights has been requested to establish if this is affordable and the position was suggested as being faced away from the village to avoid light pollution.

132/20 Correspondence/Information

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from:

- 1) **Eakring WI** – requesting use of the Cator Hall on 15th September 2020
- 2) **Nottinghamshire County Council** – information on the meeting of the Policy Committee meeting to be held on 16th September.
- 3) **Midlands Rural Housing** – requesting assistance and support for their housing needs survey in October – It was agreed to support this and provide any assistance required
- 4) **Newark & Sherwood District Council** – information on the Newark & Sherwood Parish Conference to be held on Wednesday 14th October 5-7pm.
- 5) **Nottingham Hospitals Charity** – Robin run charity information for a virtual fundraising run.
- 6) **Via (NCC)** – Winter Service 2020/21 – Offers of grit and grit bins for the Parish Council. – It was agreed to take the free bags offered and they will be delivered to Cllr Meanley.

133/20 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October 2020 beginning at 7.30pm with the location to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 20:38pm