

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th November 2022

Present

Councillor Cllr R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, J Pennicott, R Brown, T White, G Reay, and S Foster

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

133/22 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr S Carlton (NCC) sent his apologies.

134/22 **Variation of Order of Business**

None

135/22 **Declarations of Interest**

None

136/22 **Public Participation**

A Resident reported that he was having some trees removed in the conservation area. The application is with the District Council at present.

Lamp Post Poppies were raised and it was noted that they were going up tomorrow. Volunteers will meet at 10am on Thursday to put them on the posts.

A resident noted that they had been having contact difficulties with the Council and would like the Council to reach out to residents for more inclusion and to help foster community spirit. It was noted that the council has Facebook, the noticeboard, uses the Echo and the council website which things are advertised on. Email is also available and all the councillors are happy to discuss issues with residents. It was agreed to have a look if there are other ways of facilitating communications from and with the residents.

It was reported that some walking groups had noted traffic has been fast through the village. The council will investigate speed watch and the old lorry watch scheme and it was noted that some interactive speed signs should be going up on Main Street after a survey by the County Council. Any speeding should be reported to the police.

137/22 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Cllr Scott Carlton gave the following report via email:

- Additional drainage cleansing has been requested and has been programmed for the 16th – 18th Nov. This will cover Deerlane Lane Wellow Road, Bilsthorpe Road, Main Street, Newark Road and Eakring Lane. This work will also cover gully clearing.
- 1 gully on Newark Road is scheduled to be replaced on the 13th Nov. Opposite entrance to farm before left hand bend.
- We have a District Manager for VIA covering my division. Recently I brought him to Eakring to discuss Eakring Lane and the condition of. I await a further report to progress repairs to this road. Recent roadmaster treatment has helped taking out some of the worst problems but it is not a long term solution.
- Ollerton Roundabout and the new proposed roundabout at Bilsthorpe near Strawsons has recently gained planning permission. We are now awaiting start dates etc to be presented.
- I have met recently with Mark Spencer MP and NCC to discuss the Deerdale Junction and to provide a solution to exiting safely onto the A614. A further meeting is scheduled for early December to get an update and likely proposals and funding requirements.
- I have requested where needed that Deerdale Lane close the A614, including the junction on the A614 are assessed for road repairs.
- Through my portfolio position at NCC in Adult Social Care and Public Health, we shall be launching a fund of £700,000 to assist our residents in the county with the cost of living. A fund of £450,000 from this allocation of monies will be focused on food and energy security. Parish, Town, District and voluntary and charitable organisations will be able to apply for funds providing that they can have a demonstratable and positive impact on residents wellbeing. I.e. some parish councils may offer a warm room, luncheon club and/or food club that can be funded. This includes energy costs as well for premises that provide a public service at this time but may themselves being struggling with costs. The remaining monies will be going on further energy schemes to reduce usage as well as providing more capacity within our benefits team.
- I have recently submitted correspondence to NSDC regarding a retrospective planning application. 22/01316/FUL change of use from private to commercial equestrian menages. I have concerns over a few things including highway impact

Potholes on Church Lane between Main Street and Tenters lane will be reported by the Clerk.

138/22 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Pennicott, seconded by Cllr Brown, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th October 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.

139/22 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session.**

None

140/22 **Planning Applications**

The Clerk will chase up the breach of planning report made

141/22 **Finance**

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

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

(1) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved

Payment requests for the Parish Council November 2022				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
Chq	Bakewell BL Poppy appeal	Lamp post poppies	community initiatives	120.00
Chq	Poppy appeal	Wreath	community initiatives	20.00
Bacs	M Cheyne	Jubilee apron	community initiatives	14.00
Bacs	S Bacon	McAfee Virus protection	IT	99.99
				253.99
Payment Requests for the Cator Hall September & October 2022				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
DD	Eon	Electricity	Electricity	18.00
DD	Talk Talk	Phone & internet	Communication	24.00
Bacs	Aggora Lockhart	Kitchen Installation	Capital works	26,757.60
				26,799.60

It was **RESOLVED** that for the Aggora Kitchen payment the Clerk will seek a breakdown between materials and labour and then pay materials with labour to be paid after the work is complete.

B) The Pay Awards 2022/23 were noted.

C) It was **RESOLVED** that the Budget 2023/24 be approved as follows with a 12% increase for the 2023/24 financial year proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Brown with 5 Councillors voting for and Cllr White voting against:

Item	FY2023
Audit Fee	£360
Clerk's/Office expenses	£200
Clerk's salary	£3,396
NottsALC subscription	£120
Electricity to telephone box	£80
Information Commissioner's Office	£40
Insurance	£350
Car Park Maintenance	£150
Bank Charges	£72
Community Initiatives	£100
Eakring Echo Sponsorship	£20
Reserves – election expenses	£0
Reserves – IT	£0
Reserves – telephone box maintenance	£0
Dog Bin Emptying	£250
Grass Cutting	£0
Rent to Cator Hall	-
Total excluding discretionary grants	£5,138
CAB Donation	£50
Total	£5,188

- D) Income – the Clerk noted that she had received a cheque from the WI for hall use and will cash it shortly.
- E) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for November 2022 be approved.
- F) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for November 2022 be approved. – end of year projection for next month
- G) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for the Cator Hall for November 2022 be approved.
- H) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for the Cator Hall for November 2022 be approved.

142/22 Chair's Announcements

None

143/22 Cator Hall

1. Update on Bookings and Ongoing Works

It was noted that for each booking there should be a nominated person to assist with wheelchair users. The Clerk will put this in the booking form

Cllr Brown noted that the booking calendar is now up on the website and he will look to refine AM/PM.

Cllr Ford reported that events were planned for Burns night and Valentines night and other events are being planned by the new village events group.

2. Fire Door Replacement

Cllr Ford is to let the trader in for him to prepare a quote.

3. Kitchen installation Update

It was noted that the kitchen will be in by the 28th January.

4. Hall Cleaning

No candidates have come forward yet.

144/22 **Parish Council Plan**

Mompesson's Cross

Nothing to report.

Welcome to Eakring Signs

Cllr Ford reported that he has the design. The Clerk will contact VIA to request quotes for signs.

Community Orchard

It was reported that the Orchard signs are in and look good. The fallen signs on School Lane were noted and the Clerk will chase this up.

145/22 **Events**

Autumn Litter Pick

The litter pick will be held on Saturday 12th November at 10am. There will be free hot drinks at The Daffodil after the pick for participants.

Remembrance Sunday

This item was discussed in the public participation section of the meeting. Cllr Brown reported that there will be a 10:30 service at St Andrews.

Christmas Light Switch on Event

The Switch on date is Friday 25th November at 6pm. There has been no word from the entertainer so unfortunately there will be no entertainment but there will be music and the usual mulled wine and mince pies. Cllr Ford will get the Christmas supplies.

Kings Coronation

Cllr Ford reported that he had contacted the Jubilee group but only had one reply so far. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for next meeting.

146/22 **Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand**

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: nothing to add other than the gullies raised in the public participation section.

147/22 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

Playing Field Committee: The Lighting column electrical works have been completed. The Clerk is still struggling to find electricity supplier to put in a meter.

148/22 **Correspondence/Information**

The following correspondence was received:

1. Cllr Brown reported that he had received a call regarding a clothing bin. It was noted that there was nowhere currently to have one with access.

2. Cllr Ford had received an email from Mr Pearce regarding his planning application – it was agreed to invite Mr Pearce to come to the next meeting
3. Well medical – issues with some software on some versions of their defibrillators. Cllr Reay will check the unit number for the Clerk.

149/22 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50PM