

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th January 2024

Present

Chair: Cllr R Brown

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

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

1/24 Apologies of Absence

Cllrs S Foster and L Tift (NSDC) gave their apologies.

2/24 Variation of Order of Business

None

3/24 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Clifford, Peet and Eley declared personal interests in the Cator Hall as members of the Nodding Donkey's group.

Cllrs Holmes declared a pecuniary interest in the Daffodil Tearooms.

Cllr Brown declared a personal interest in the Church.

4/24 Public Participation

A resident raised the lengthsman scheme and it was noted that work was still ongoing into this.

The pavement has been cleaned by a resident on Main street as it was very messy and covered in leaves.

5/24 Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors

Cllr Carlton noted that the NSDC are responsible for street cleansing.

The bank slabs are partly a private responsibility which has caused issues but the resident has agreed to repair. The public parts will be looked at and is on the County Council's jobs list. The earth movement on the bank is also being looked at.

There are still road closures due to the storms. 2000 homes were flooded from storm Babet and 200 from storm Henk. The clearing of the Wellow road drains have been pushed again.

The A616 resurfacing started a few days ago and funding for Kirklington Road has been secured. The Deerdale junction to Stonish Hill been requested for a full resurface and Cllr Carlton will push for this as one of his priorities.

The County Council budget is under strain with the continuing issues of roads and social care. 30,000 people are dependent on adult social care and unless funding from the government comes in the road repairs are going to take time. Some Hs2 money has come in but not in large enough quantities to make a large impact. The county has received £4.1 million but the road damages are estimated at £250 million.

National Grid works are still pending with £250K secured for the repairs but no date set as of yet.

6/24 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Eley, seconded by Cllr Holmes, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chair. They will be placed on the website.

7/24 **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that the work into looking at getting a Lengthsman is still ongoing.

8/24 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session.**

None

9/24 **Planning Applications**

1. Bilthorpe Incinerator Plans

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

2. Solar Farm

Solar Farm consultation is taking place in the Cator Hall on Tuesday 30th January 2024 from 11am to 7pm. This will be advertised on Facebook and the website.

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

No	Application Number and Website Link	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	23/02118/HOUSE https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online	Double garage to front of property.		No Objection

	- applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S4W8JOLBLA00		Jesmond Dene 10 Wellow Road Eakring NG22 0DF	
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10/24 **Finance**

A) 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

Payment requests for the Parish Council Dec 2023/ Jan 24				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
Bacs	S Bacon	Clerks wages Oct-Dec	Clerk's salary	824.00
Bacs	HMRC - PAYE	PAYE	PAYE	39.20
Bacs	S Bacon	Petrol	Clerk's expenses	20.00
Bacs	R Brown	Xmas Supplies	Community initiatives	27.44
Bacs	S Foster	Xmas Supplies	Community initiatives	84.46
Bacs	S Foster	Remembrance Solidier	Community initiatives	260.00
UT	Unity Trust	Service Charge	Bank	18.00
				1,273.10
Payment Requests for the Cator Hall Dec 2023/ Jan 24				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
DD	Eon	Electricity	Electricity	279.10
DD	Talk Talk	Phone & internet	Communication	36.49
SO	J.F. Cleaning	Window Cleaning	Cleaning	15.00
UT	Unity Trust	Service Charge	Misc	18.00
BACs	Al's Perfect Plumbs LTD	Heating repair	repairs	393.00
				741.59

B) Income - £Cator Hall Hire.

C) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for January 2024 be approved.

D) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for be approved.

E) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for the Cator Hall for be approved.

F) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for the Cator Hall for be approved.

148/23 **Chair's Announcements**

Cllr Brown gave thanks to those who came to do the litter pick.

149/23 Cator Hall

1. Update from the Committee User Group Meeting

The users met and had a productive meeting on how everyone uses the hall and this should make for smoother use.

2. Premises licence for Cator Hall

It was reported that Tens Licenses are used by both the Wine Club and Nodding Donkeys but there are not enough licences available to run all of the events wanted by both groups over the year.

Cllrs Peet and Clifford have consulted with a solicitor and wish the Council to get a premises licence for the Cator Hall to allow the wine club and Nodding Donkey's to continue their events. It was noted that there would be some cost to this and there would need to be a personal licence holder put forward as well. Cllrs Clifford and Peet expressed that the Parish Council should sort this out quickly

The Clerk noted that the Parish Council should not hold meetings in a licenced building should another alternative be available and she is in the process of clarifying the law as the Council have in the past held meetings in the Church when there have been issues with the hall. it is currently unclear as to whether this would be considered an alternative.

3. Authorisation of funds for items requiring repair or replacement

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase Boiler Oil at a cost of £336.97 from Boilerjuice for delivery around the 24th January.

Bio Oil for the village will be looked at by Cllr Peet.

Fence quotes

Cllr Eley has found 3 quotes for the gate but these require fixings.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate responsibility to Cllr Eley to order the gate and fixings up to a cost of £360.

150/23 Parish Council Plan

Mompesson's Cross

It was reported that the area is fine.

Community Orchard

Mr Pedley is taking care of the orchard.

Welcome to Eakring Signs

The Clerk will chase the grant for the signs.

Community Speedwatch

The Clerk has still not received the equipment despite making payment and is liaising with the company to get them to send the order.

151/23 Website

Cllr Brown has the domain name at the moment.

It was agreed to get 3 quotes for new websites and to set up a group consisting of Cllrs Brown, Holmes and Eley to look at the potential for updating the current website.

152/23 Litter Pick Update

It was reported the litter pick had gone well and that Eakring Farms had kindly collected the rubbish.

153/23 Christmas Lighting Event Update

Cllr Brown reported that the event had gone well and been well attended. The next job is to gain permission to remove the tree as it has become too large and is catching on the overhead wires. Cllr Brown will look into getting permission for the Christmas tree to be removed.

154/23 Roads & Footpaths

This was covered in Public Participation and in Cllr Carlton's (NCC) report.

155/23 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Brown reported that the Playing Field Committee want to put path round the field at an approximate cost of £8000 to complete the works.

156/23 Correspondence/Information

1. Noise Complaint – a resident's noise complaint was raised and it was requested that all resident's take care when out late or coming from the Cator Hall to keep the noise to a minimum to avoid disturbances to residents.
2. Signs – it was noted that some signs have been removed off of resident's property.

157/23 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10PM