

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th May 2023

Present

Councillor Cllr R Ford (in the Chair)

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

Also, Present: Sian Bacon (Clerk), Cllr Scott (NCC), Cllr L Tift (NSDC) and 5 members of the public.

60/23 **Apologies of Absence**

None

61/23 **Variation of Order of Business**

None

62/23 **Co-option of Councillors**

It was noted that the council currently requires 3 new councillors and this will be advertised to encourage residents to put themselves forward.

63/23 **Declarations of Interest**

None

64/23 **Public Participation**

Residents raised the issues of speeding, litter and noise in the village.

It was noted that there is currently a Speedwatch group being set up by the parish council through the police so this should help with catching people speeding although it was noted that it will only be held in certain places preapproved with the police.

It was also noted that there had been a litter pick held which had collected 12 bags of rubbish.

The Council's use of social media was raised by a resident and it was noted that a heavy reliance on social media to pass information wasn't ideal as not everyone is on social media. It was agreed to try and use the noticeboards and it was noted that the council does give a piece to the Echo monthly.

It was reported that some pot holes have been filled in and that the County Council have granted £250,000 for road improvements outside of Grid. This was well received as residents reported being dragged into the middle of the road due to the poor condition of the road.

It was noted by a resident that currently a lot of traffic is coming through the village. The resident did a survey of traffic on a Wednesday morning between 6am – 9am and counted 535 vehicles coming through. When the Ollerton roundabout/ A614 works begin there is a concern that more vehicles will be pushed through the village.

The general untidiness of the village was noted and it was discussed that residents have a responsibility to their own property and verges.

A resident reported suspected illegal advertising on the road outside Chestnut farm. Cllr Tift (NSDC) will look into this.

It was reported that an outdoor light was being left on at the Cator Hall it was agreed investigate which light it was and then put a sign on the switch requesting it be switched off.

The incinerator at Bilsthorpe was raised and it was noted that the group called RAGE were putting together a group of experts with the plan to issue a template planning response to residents so that objections to the incinerator can be factual and so more effective. The planning application has not yet gone in but Rage are preparing for when it does.

The traffic going to the playground was raised by residents of triumph road. It was noted that parked cars were becoming an issue with people unable to use the pavements and a concern that emergency vehicles would be unable to access the road if required. Cllr Carlton (NCC) agreed to meet with councillors to look at the problem to see if a solution could be found.

65/23 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Cllr Carlton (NCC)

Cllr Carlton gave the following update:

There has been no application for the incinerator as of yet and Cllr Carlton is very much not supporting the application when it does get submitted. There are planned, if the incinerator goes ahead, that there will be more lorries on the roads than even the planned upgrades to the road can cope with. The Incinerator waste will also be brought in rather than generated locally so the plans are not environmentally sound. The Deerdale junction work with the installation of traffic lights is now not being done as the increased number of lorries will overwhelm any works that are done and it strengthens the incinerator objection. It was noted that there is still work to do but until the application lands there is nothing to object to.

The A614 Ollerton will be paper going to cabinet later this year and it is now 1st March 2024 planned spades going into ground as updated on the Via website. The final sign off from the government is now required. The Mickledale Lane junction lights are now being done independently by NCC as they now want to see this work done as soon as possible.

£250,000 for work in front of Grid has now been allocated but it needs a timetable of works still. The A616 programme of works in summer are already timetabled and other roads on the repairs list are currently taking priority.

£800 has been made available to ROB for equipment and Cllr Carlton is encouraging residents to sign up to ROB for their recycling.

Cllr L Tift (NSDC)

Cllr Tift reported that the district council has not allocated the councillors to committees yet. And that a different committee is being set up to look at environmental and green issues. Cllr Tift noted that Cllr Claire Penny is the other district councillor to have been elected.

66/23 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Foster, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

67/23 Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda.

68/23 To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session.

None

69/23 Planning Applications

1. Bilsthorpe Incinerator Plans

It was noted that RAGE are continuing to bring attention to the incinerator and it was noted that plans still haven't been submitted.

Cllr L Tift noted that the incinerator at Rufford had been blocked in 2011.

RAGE have asked if the parish council give funds to hire experts for the campaign. The Clerk will have a look at the viability of giving funding. The Clerk also recommended that the County and District Councillors may potentially have pots of funding they could direct the group to.

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

No	Application Number and Website Link	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	23/00757/FUL https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RU2RP2LBIF100	Erection of a timber pre-fabricated single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling.	Highbury Highbury Green Eakring Nottinghamshire NG22 0BU	No Objection

70/23 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 May 2023				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
Bacs	R Ford	Coronation supplies	Community initiatives	20.79
Bacs	Sovereign	Playing Field Phase 2	Playing field	22,096.42
				22,117.21
Payment Requests for the Cator Hall May 2023				
	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
DD	Eon	Electricity	Electricity	172.73
DD	Talk Talk	Phone & internet	Communication	31.95
Bacs	AAT Alarms	Maintenece	Safety	189.72
Bacs	R Brown	Pat Testing	Safety	147.96
Bacs	Aggora	Kitchen	Capital works	9,720.00
				10,262.36

B) Income – the Clerk reported that the first half of the precept has been received.

C) It was **RESOLVED** that the period for the Exercise of Public Rights will run from the 5th June to the 14th July 2023.

D) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for May 2023 be approved.

E) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for May 2023 be approved.

F) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation for the Cator Hall for May 2023 be approved.

G) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Budget monitoring for the Cator Hall for May 2023 be approved.

71/23 **Chair's Announcements**

None

72/23 **Cator Hall**

1. **Update on Bookings**

Cllr Brown reported that it would be a good idea to set up a committee to manage the running of the Cator Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to set up a working party Gill Reay, Alex Parks, Cllr Robert Brown, Cllr Sharon Foster Cator Hall Working Party.

Cllr Brown reported that that there were currently not many bookings but a few enquiries have been received.

2. **Authorisation of funds for items requiring repair or replacement**

Cllr Brown and the working party will do an audit of things that require work in the hall

3. **Hall Cleaning**

The Clerk will pass the details to the new hall working party for them to discuss with a cleaner.

4. **Fire Drill and Policies**

Mr Ford has prepared the fire risk assessment though a few items require addition.

73/23 **Parish Council Plan**

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Brown reported that the area around the cross was tidy and there was currently no litter.

Community Orchard

The community orchard is fine and Mr Pedley is doing an excellent job managing the orchard.

Community Speedwatch

It was reported that the initiative now has 10 volunteers and the Clerk is liaising with the police to organise getting the scheme started and training done for the volunteers.

74/23 **Events**

Spring Litter Pick

Cllr Reported that the litter pick was effected and 12 bags of rubbish had been collected.

Kings Coronation

Cllr Brown reported that the Coronation was an enjoyable event and those who attended had a lovely time.

75/23 Roads & Footpaths

The footpath closure at the side of Jelano was raised and the Clerk will raise this again with Cllr S Carlton (NCC) to see if he has any more information.

It was noted that the hedge at the pub is very overgrown. This will be reported to the County Council.

76/23 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Holmes reported that phase 2 was due to be completed already but due to the poor weather it will be finished at the end of the week. The grass will be cut after work is completed.

77/23 Correspondence/Information

1. The Clerk has received a request for a memorial bench to be placed at the playing field – it was agreed that this will be discussed in the playing field committee meeting at the end of the month.

78/23 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20PM