

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th September 2019

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, T White, R Brown, J Pennicott, K Meanley and J Sweeney

Also, Present: Cllr J Peck (NCC), Cllr T Smith (NSDC), Sgt Hall (Neighbourhood Policing Team) & 5 Parishioners.

108/19 **Councillor Co-option**

The Clerk reported that two people had put themselves forward to be co-opted to the remaining Councillor vacancy after the elections. After meeting with both it was **RESOLVED** after a unanimous vote that Mrs K Meanley was to be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Sweeney opted out of voting and the discussions due to a relative standing for co-option. Mrs Meanley joined the Councillors at the table and signed the declaration of acceptance.

109/19 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr E Shacklock (Holiday)

110/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

It was **RESOLVED** to move a finance item involving the Playing Fields to Confidential due to sensitive commercial business interests.

111/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Ford and Sweeney declared an interest in agenda Item 15.2 the Recreation Ground as they are both committee members. Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 13 and 15.1 as church warden and a Cator Hall Management Committee Member. Cllr Sweeney also declared an interest in agenda item 1, the Co-option of a new Councillor and did not vote as one of the candidates is his family member.

112/19 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation at this point.

Sergeant T Hall (Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team)

Sergeant Hall reported to the Council that during the Police's community engagement plan review it had been noted that community policing had fallen by the wayside due to cuts and a more tactical approach being taken by the police and it was decided that more community policing should be moved back to. This meant that the Police were looking to engage more with communities, and to set priorities for the community locally. This had formed into a multi-step plan and had led to a consultation in the summer time to discuss this with stakeholders to establish priorities in the area for the police.

A week of action on speeding is to be planned with local speed groups leading to a planned operation. Cllr Ford noted that the Council had had speed surveys done and Sergeant Hall confirmed that these surveys were then fed through to the Police.

Sergeant Hall reported that there had been 22 incidents in Eakring over the last 6 months. Including a garage break-in on the 19th February, a rubbish fire, a car on fire at Syke Lane, car racing incidents and Road Traffic Collisions.

Speeding it was noted was causing the majority of problems in the village and this would be focused on more by the community policing team over the coming weeks. It was noted that the closure on Main Street for works would cause issues on Church Lane. The clerk passed the closure information to Sergeant Hall.

Sergeant Hall encouraged anyone to contact him if needed and gave his information to the Council to be placed in the Eakring Echo.

Cllr Peck (NCC)

Cllr Peck reported that there were highways and speeding issues in the area and the County Council had been able to get road signage in place so it was good to hear that it was being enforced in the area.

It was reported that the County Council were currently reviewing their Carbon foot print and single use plastics reduction with a report issued about the first 6 months into actions the County Council had taken to improve these issues. It was agreed that the Parish Council would put this on the agenda to review and encourage people to reduce their carbon footprint and use of plastics.

The improvements to the A614 were raised and Cllr Peck was pleased that both Eakring and Wellow were now included in discussions and consultations. It was noted that there are still concerns about Deerdale Lane and Mickledale Lane if they are not done properly could make the situation worse and Cllr Peck was making his view about these issues known.

It was reported that the County Council are looking to reduce the cutting of grass verges to encourage wild life and wild flowers. Cllr Peck had put forward an amendment to the plan that this should be properly managed and this had been accepted by all parties. Cllr Ford noted that cuttings would need to be removed to encourage wild flowers. In Lincolnshire these are put into biomass.

Cllr Ford requested that someone from highways take a walk around the village to look at the blocked drains and check the map for accuracy. The Clerk will email Cllr Peck to arrange for this. It was also requested that Cllr Peck look into the missing slabs opposite Green Field Row.

Cllr Brown raised the state of Kirklington Road and Cllr Peck reported that he had raised the issue a few times but had been informed that the road was structurally sound so no work will be done on it yet. He did note that he got 3 priorities for his area and that he would look to see if Kirklington Road could be put with them.

It was noted that dumping had been occurring around the village and that these had been reported and removed but that it is becoming a more frequent problem.

Cllr Smith (NSDC)

Cllr Tom Smith (NSDC) reported that both he and Louis Brailsford were representatives for the area and that Cllr Smith had now been assigned to the planning committee.

Cllr Ford thanked Cllr Smith for his attendance and noted that the council were looking forward to working with both the new District Councillors.

114/19 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 3rd July 2019 be accepted. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

115/19 To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session

It was **RESOLVED** to move a finance item involving the Playing Fields to Confidential due to sensitive commercial business interests.

116/19 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.

117/19 Finance

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

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

Cheque requests for September 2019				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
558	Cator Hall Management Committee	Cator Hall Rent July 19	Cator Hall Rent	11.25
559	Miss S Bacon	Clerk's Petrol Expenses	Clerk's Expenses	30.00
560	Miss S Bacon	Clerk's Wages	Clerk's Salary	497.76
				539.01

B) It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White, that the Bank Reconciliation for September 2019 be accepted.

C) It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Pennicott, that the Budget Monitoring for September 2019 be accepted.

Cllr Ford requested that the Skipton account be shown with the Cator Hall purchase amount be shown as an accrual and the Clerk agreed to put this in place for the next meeting.

It was also agreed that there would need to be a budget meeting held to look at setting the precept and budget for the financial year 2020/21.

118/19 Chair's Announcements

Cllr Ford reported that the benches outside the Church and the phone box were in need of either repairing or replacing. Cllr Pennicott will have a look and forward the Clerk measurements should they need replacing so that she may get costs of plastic and wood benches. It was noted that one is a memorial bench so the family will require consultation before any action is taken.

119/19 Parish Council Plan

Community Orchard

Cllr Ford reported that the Community Orchard was on a temporary pause until the hedges and stock fences are dealt with. He reported that he now had a draft copy of the lease and would be circulating it at the next meeting for the Councillors to approve it. The current lease is a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum.

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Ford reported that he had walked up to the Cross and had seen that some of the big trees were dead and needed removing and a couple of others were currently dying. The Clerk will look into planning permission requirements for this. Cllr Ford noted that it looked like weed killer had been sprayed on the left-hand side and requested that this be checked by one of the Parishes farmers.

Cllr Pennicott reported that the area around the Cross needed weeding and the WI may do so if requested. Cllr Ford suggested that the Parish Council could buy a few bulbs and have them planted during the weeding.

Welcome to Eakring Signs

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Clerk at Bilsthorpe to query where the signs had come from and their costs and was waiting for an answer. Bilsthorpe's Clerk had recommended viewing the Clerk Magazine for reputable suppliers. The Councillors will speak to local artists to see about getting designs so the Clerk may get accurate quotes.

120/19 Update on the Cator Hall Purchase

The Clerk reported that she had heard back from the solicitor and that they were still waiting on the Diocese solicitors to return to the with agreement for the overage provisions. It seemed to the solicitor that this was taking a long time in occurring and that work was stalled while this was ongoing. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact them again to see if things are moving.

121/19 Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand

Wind Farm Update: The Clerk reported that the Wind Farm had requested some pictures of the Playing Field when it had work done for their promotional material. They had also paid the Community Support Benefit of £7500.

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: The Clerk reported that she had reported all the issues raised at the previous meeting. It was requested that she request a road sweep for Kirklington Road again.

Cllr Pennicott reminded the Clerk to bring the CCTV signs to the next meeting.

Online Banking: The Clerk reported that she had begun to do the application for the online banking accounts with Unity Trust but required personal details from the Councillors to put them on as trustees. It was agreed that she would email the information request to all the Councillors and get the signatures for the paperwork at the next meeting.

Cllr Ford raised the issue of the Safety Deposit Box that is kept at Lloyds and it was agreed that the Clerk would look into the storage options the solicitors at Foys had to offer and report back to the Council.

122/19 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Cator Hall: It was reported by Cllr Brown that the Cator Hall Management Committee AGM had taken place and that a set of accounts would be sent shortly. He reported that there was £13,500 roughly in the accounts. He reported that the committee had been waiting a long time for the Council to purchase the hall and noted that fact that the committee had had enough and were ready to hand over the management responsibilities. It was agreed that they would all continue to work until the lease ends in March but then the Council will bring everything in house if the purchase is still not completed.

123/19 Playing Field Update

It was reported by Cllr Sweeney that the fun day to raise funds for the Playing Fields had been well attended and raised £900. There was a meeting scheduled for the following Wednesday at 7.30pm. Cllr Meanley is in the process of organising a family event at the Cator Hall with the money raised going to the Playing Field. It was noted by Cllr Sweeney that more progress needed to be made and that a contractor would be speaking to the committee soon.

124/19 Winter Services from Via

The Clerk reported that Via were once again giving away grit to Parish councils for the winter and it was agreed to ask for the free 5 bags which can be delivered to Cllr Ford's house and then distributed around the village from there.

125/19 Risk Assessment 2019/20

Cllr Ford reported that he had gone through the risk assessment sent out by the Clerk and had some mitigation for some of the risks on there. He will forward these to the Clerk and she will update the risk assessment and bring it back for approval at the October meeting.

126/19 Correspondence/Information

Correspondence was received from:

- 1) **Via (NCC Highways)** – A road closure will be in place on Main Street on Monday 23rd September to Wednesday 25th September.
- 2) **East Midlands Airport** – notification of a stakeholder consultation into controlled airspace.
- 3) **Campaign to Protect Rural England** – Conference on affordable homes on Tuesday 12th November.
- 4) **NottsALC** – Consultation on extending 5G mobile provision in rural areas.

127/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2019 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

128/19 **Confidential**

The Playing Field finances were briefly discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm