

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th February 2020

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

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

Also, Present: Sian Bacon (Clerk) & 5 Parishioners.

01/20 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr Sweeney (Personal)

02/20 **Variation of Order of Business**

None

03/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Ford and Cllr Meanley both declared an interest in agenda Item 16.2 the Recreation Ground as they are both committee members. Cllr Brown declared an interest in items 14, 16.1 and 17 as church warden and a Cator Hall Management Committee Member.

04/20 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

05/20 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Cllr J Peck (NCC)

Cllr Peck reported that the Annual Budget meeting had been held and had recommended a 3.99% Council Tax rise with the County Council's share including the 2% Adult social care precept for the 4th year to be added to the Council Tax bill. It was observed that this was not an ideal way of dealing with the £200 million adult social care bill as it causes postcode lotteries given that 70% of properties are band A or B in some places so it does not bring in sufficient money to cover the responsibilities over those areas.

Cllr Peck had again requested repair of Kirklington Road's broken road surface but had not got anywhere so far as he had been told the road was currently structurally sound. It was now listed

as one of Cllr Pecks top 3 priorities. Mr Keeling from Via will now bring an engineer to look at the road and Cllr Peck will continue to press the case.

Cllr Ford queried whether there was any update on the A614 improvements. Cllr Peck reported that plans had been submitted to the Government and required signing off by the Secretary of State. This will take some time so no work is expected until 2021 at the earliest.

Cllr Ford asked for an update on the progress of the interactive signs for traffic calming on Kirklington Road the council had qualified for during the speed surveys done in the past year. Mr Keeling had put in the request but it is still not certain if the works will take place. Cllr Peck reported that he had managed to get some for Wellow and Rufford. There should be a fair chance of Eakring receiving one although it probably won't stop persistent offenders it should bring the average speeds down by 4mph.

Cllr Ford raised the issues of:

1. Potholes on Back Lane and Church Lane - Cllr Peck will check these and report them.
2. The Brail Lane Footpath past Grid is a mess. It has been cleaned up before but overhanging branches were now pushing people in to the road.
3. Several gullies are in need of attention including the junction of Kirklington Road and Church Lane and Main Street.
4. A streetlight is out on Back Lane but there is no number.
5. Parking issues on back Lane with the verges being destroyed and vehicles being stopped from getting through.

Cllr Peck and Cllr Ford will meet and go around the village to look at all these issues so Cllr Peck can report them and any others to the County Council.

06/20 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Pennicott, seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th December 2019 be accepted. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

07/20 To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session

None

08/20 Planning Applications

No	Application Number and Website Link	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
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1.	https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=Q41TQWLBF00	Housholder application for erection of summer house	Jasmine Cottage Kirklington Road Eakring NG22 0DA	No Objections
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09/20 **Finance**

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

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

Cheque requests for February 2020				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
576	Cator Hall Management Committee	Cator Hall Rent	Cator Hall Rent	11.25
577	NottsALC	Annual Subscription	Subscriptions	102.69
Skipton	Foys Solicitors	Cator Hall Purchase	Cator Hall Purchase	50,000.00
				50,113.94

B) It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White, that the Bank Reconciliation for February 2020 be accepted.

C) It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Meanley, seconded by Cllr Pennicott, that the Budget Monitoring for February 2020 be accepted.

10/20 **Chair's Announcements**

Cllr Ford reported that he would be unable to attend the May meeting so the Clerk and other Councillors will look for another date for the March Meeting.

11/20 **Parish Council Noticeboard**

Cllr Brown reported that with the recent bad storms the noticeboard was no completely off the wall and damaged with no possibility of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward details of the company used by her other council in Darley Dale and contact the insurance to see if a claim could be made. Cllr Brown agreed to look for further quotes to assess the cost of repair at the March meeting.

12/20 **Spring Litter Pick 2020**

It was decided to hold the annual spring litter pick on Saturday 7th March 2020 at 10am starting at the Cator Hall. Cllr Ford will advertise this in the Echo and purchase hi vis jackets and bags. The Clerk will organise a collection of the rubbish on Monday 9th March from the Cator Hall.

13/20 Parish Council Plan

Community Orchard

Cllr Ford reported that the lease was now ready for signing and that he had a meeting with Mr Parsons in March. A brief summary of the orchard was given clarifying that soft fruit and apple trees would be placed in the orchard with anyone able to pick the fruit when ripe. Bramley apple trees will be donated by the Bramley Apple Society. Wildflowers will also be planted. It was also clarified that there would be no BBQ's or sport games allowed with the area to be reserved for quiet reflection.

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Pennicott reported that the bench at the Cross may soon need a touch up and he would do that but the railings were fine.

Welcome to Eakring Signs

Cllr Brown will submit photos to the local artists so they can come up with designs. However given that the damaged benches were more of a priority any funding would go to repairing or replacing those first.

Climate Action – Reduction of Single Use Plastics and Carbon Footprint

The Councillors looked at the presentation from Muskham Parish Council about various scheme's the Council could look at to lessen their Carbon foot print and use of single use plastics. It was also noted that a big part would be encouraging others to follow suit:

The Parish Council's Community Orchard with the tree planting is a good step towards the council's goals.

It was suggested that the following idea could be looked at and promoted in the village:

1. The Rob Box Scheme – this is a recycling initiative which creates work for the disabled. Glass, textiles and cardboard are all collected curb side on alternate Tuesdays. Cllr Meanley will promote this on the local social media pages and Cllr Ford will place it in the Eakring Echo.
2. Greener Bilsthorpe – a lady in Bilsthorpe is taking collections in boxes on her property of bread wrappers, milk bottle tops, crisp packets and other items which are then recycled. Initially the Councillors will advertise this and look to set up their own Greener Eakring collections once a location for the boxes is found.
3. Initiatives promoting more energy efficient homes – Cllr Brown will look into this with the help of a knowledgeable resident.

4. Green initiatives webpage – the Council will look to incorporate a page into it's website with green initiatives to be promoted.
5. The council will look to have more conversations with developers around making new build homes greener and more energy efficient.
6. Cllr Ford will advertise for further ideas in the Eakring Echo.

14/20 **Update on the Cator Hall Purchase**

The Clerk reported that the contract had now been received and was ready for signing. Cllr Brown and Cllr White agreed to go to the Skipton bank and get a cheque for the purchase price of £50,000 to be taken to Foys Solicitors with the contract.

Cllr Ford reported that a meeting had been held with the Cator Hall Committee and the committee had agreed to step down at the end of March when the Parish Council will take control of the running of the Hall.

It was **RESOLVED**, after discussions, that the Cator Hall would be run by the Parish Council with no outside committee. The Clerk will maintain the books, Cllr Brown will continue with the bookings and Cllr Pennicott will take over building maintenance.

The Clerk will put together a constitution and bring to the April Council meeting and discussions over rates and other aspects of the Hall's management will be had at the time of the Parish Council's purchase completion.

15/20 **Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand**

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: Cllr Ford arranged to go on a walk around with Cllr Peck (NCC) to list and report all drain, potholes and road issues around the village.

Online Banking: The Clerk reported that she had submitted everything and was now just waiting on responses from Unity Trust.

Bench Repair or Replace: It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Ford and the Clerk would select bench designs and look to gain match funding for the benches. This will be presented at the next meeting.

16/20 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

Cator Hall: All matters were discussed in the update on the Cator Hall purchase item (14)

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Ford reported that the Playing Field Committee had settled on Sovereign as the best supplier for the playing field work and Cllr Sweeney and other members of the Committee had met to discuss the changes which had now been applied. The perimeter fence had been applied to the costings and a total price of £170,000 pounds had been agreed for the entire project. The next closest quote was £250,000 so the Committee would be formally

accepting the Sovereign quote at the next meeting, and signing the contract, with phase 1, the MUGA, to begin works as soon as possible. Cllr Ford reported £70,000 had so far been raised so the phase 1 costs are entirely covered. Sovereign have agreed to the project being paid for and built in stages with no additional costs. The committee were looking at match funding for further projects and sponsorship.

17/20 **Cator Hall Committee Meeting Update and Running of the Hall after Purchase**

All matters were discussed in the update on the Cator Hall purchase item (agenda item 14)

18/20 **Correspondence/Information**

Correspondence was received from:

- 1) **Nottsalc** – information on the Local Council Award Scheme and a request for panel members.
- 2) **Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship** – information on the travel scholarship for 21 – 35 year olds from Nottingham.
- 3) **NSDC** – information on the Open Space Strategy and site visits taking place around the village.
- 4) **NSDC** – information on setting up a community flood warden scheme.
- 5) **Nottsalc** – Information about a training event run by Geldards Solicitors about preventative injunctions against squatters and fly tippers on Wednesday 4th March 2020.

19/20 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm