

EATON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eaton Bishop Parish Council held at Eaton Bishop Village Hall on Thursday 11th April 2019

Present:

Cllr Leon Wolverson (Chair)
Cllr Becky Wall
Cllr David Howerski
Cllr Alan Tydeman
Cllr David Richards

In attendance:

Present were Parish Clerk Alison Wright, Ward Cllr Steve Williams, Lengthsman Paul Wright and two members of the public.

Open Session:

No issues were raised.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies received from Cllr Matt Johnson and Cllr Beth Cross.

2.0 Declarations of Interest

There was one declaration made. This was Cllr Richards in regard to stock grazing proposals on Honeymoon Common.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting held on 13th March 2019

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 13th March 2019, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4.0 To receive reports from:

Ward Councillor, PCSO West Mercia Police, Locality Steward, Tree Warden, Footpath Officer.

The **Ward Cllr** again advised that the Herefordshire Council and councillors were in “purdah” leading up to the elections.

The **PCSO West Mercia Police** Bulletins sent. PCSO Pete Knight had sent his apologies for the Parish Afternoon Tea Event.

The **Locality Steward** was not present. Bulletins had been circulated.

The **Tree Warden** advised that the Meeting of Wardens at Dorestone Village Hall on 23/03/19 had turned out to be a beneficial day. An “Ash Die Back” toolkit had been circulated for information. Cllr Richards advised about a linear arboretum that was planned for Ross on Wye. The co-ordinator was looking to raise £50 per tree as sponsorship. The Parish Council would agenda the proposal upon receipt of a written request for sponsorship. Ash die back disease had been diagnosed on the Commons.

The **Footpath Officer** – Cllr Howerski, handed round a copy of his latest report highlighting the up to date issues and areas where action had been taken. The Footpath Officer advised that a lot of the

outstanding footpath issues had been rectified on a working day with the Lengthsman. Issue number 13 had been visited regarding fencing and the pond. Eight posts were needed and labour could be supplied. Path EB21 (issue 28) handrails on the riverside walk were in need of attention and the post on the left hand side was rotten. It was agreed that the materials to effect the repair (handrail and uprights) would be ordered.

5.0 Finance and Policies

5.1) To note bank balances

The bank balances were noted as: Business Account £17818.31* and Treasurer's Account £4152.58, as at the meeting date.

*Contained within the Business Account total are the following amounts:

1) The Cooks Charity Deposit of £1984.51

2) RPA Grant Funding for the Commons Projects - balance £4419.73

3) Defibrillator Fund balance £357.41. This included amounts received at the meeting.

5.2) To resolve to accept payments, as per listing.

The following payments were approved:

Mrs A Wright (Apr £307.65, mileage £24.30, parking £1.00, home office £50.00, stamps £6.96)	£389.91
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax)	
£76.80	
Longfield Services (bins and disposal)	
£55.00	
Longfield Services (P3 Footpath Works)	
£130.00	
Cllr Wall (Sundries for hamper)	
£50.77	
Defib Fund (reimburse tea expenses)	
£34.00	
BHIB Ltd Insurance (PC Insurance)	
£337.07	

Total

£1073.55

Resolved: that the payments were passed for payment: Unanimous.

5.3) Parish Paths Partnership - National Lottery Community Fund - update

Cllr Howerski, the Footpath Officer, advised that the NLCF advisor, Anthony Bush, did not think that the application would fit within the funding objectives. The Footpath Officer had obtained details of two parish clerks with experience of setting up a paths partnership and he would be pursuing the idea with the help of another person. The item would be on the May Agenda for further information and for Eaton Bishop PC to understand more about the process as lead on the project. The EBPC would also wish to be involved with applications for funding.

6.0 Update on defibrillator

Donations were coming in and the fund balance stood at £357.41. New adult defibrillator pads had been received with the pedi-pads to follow. The defibrillator training was scheduled for the 16th April and after this a list of contact volunteers would be drawn up.

7.0 To discuss Parish Meeting – Afternoon Tea Event

The afternoon tea event had been well received with a great turn out. This had been an opportunity for everyone to catch up with one another and it was noted that the reports available had been useful.

8.0 Planning Matters

One application had been received for discussion:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 190863 - Camp Villa, Eaton Bishop, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9QG

DESCRIPTION: Proposed demolition of 2 timber outbuildings and replacement with 1 bedroomed ancillary annex building.

The proposals in planning application 190863 were discussed and the Parish Council resolved to comment as follows:

The location of this application in within the Schedule Monument area of Eaton Camp, this is surrounded by a Buffer Zone. The Parish Council believe that it is not able comment on this application in the absence of reports from the Archaeology Department and from Historic England. The Parish Council wishes to draw the Planning Departments attention to the Eaton Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan page 42 (Policy EB5) entitled Protecting Built Heritage and Archaeology and Requiring High Quality Design.

9.0 Traffic visibility mirrors - revisited

9.1) To discuss any update re policy of mirror usage to assist visibility at junctions etc.
No further information to date.

10.0 Village Matters

Honeymoor Common and Little Marsh Common – updates

There was a tree to be cut up. The sheep would soon be on, just evaluating the grass, flowers etc. Honeymoor had been seeded. Ducks had been observed in the ditch. A new claim was to be signed for the Rural Payments Agency funding.

Village Hall matters – new defibrillator pads had been supplied.

Cooks Charity Field – update – Weeds had been sprayed off. Chicken muck was still to be removed. There was a discussion regarding revamping the field and running costs (fencing etc). An enquiry received for letting would not be pursued. The future of the field would be under consideration with ideas such as hay meadow, allotments etc. all being put forward for evaluation. There may be opportunity for Rural Payments Agency funding to help with the costs. RPA Advisor would look into this.

11.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

11.1) To note any defects to be reported to Balfour Beatty:
Vallets Farm, Ruckhall - pothole

11.2) To put forward work for the Lengthsman:
Routine service day

12.0 Information Sheet and Correspondence

12.1) To note Information and Correspondence sheet including:

Elections Bulletins and notice of persons standing for office
Great British Spring Clean
Newsletter Enquiry

HALC

Updates received including Election Briefing

13.0 Matters to be raised on the Agenda for the next meeting

All the usual items would be on the Agenda. Also notice boards.

14.0 Confirmation of the date of the next Meeting

The next meetings, Annual Parish and Annual Statutory would be held concurrently on
Monday 13th May 2019 from 7.30pm in the Eaton Bishop Village Hall.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item

15.0 To discuss NJC 2019 Pay Award and Increment for the Clerk from 1/04/19

The National Joint Council pay award under NJC conditions of service and scale point increment were both agreed and confirmed from 1/04/19.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date

13th May 2019

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