

EATON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10th February 2016

Attendance: Parish Council - Mr R Christopher (Chairman), Mr L Wolverson (Vice Chairman),

16/07 Mrs C Hanks and Ms Mick,

Also in attendance – Prospective Parish Councillors - Ms. R Robinson and Mr. M. Johnson plus Mr.T.Griffiths, Parish Lengthsman

Apologies for absence – Cllr. S Williams, Mr D Richards and Mr A Tydeman, Parish Tree Warden
In attendance for the Public Question Time Trial - Five members of the public.

Declarations of interest –NDP Item - Interest was declared by Mr L Wolverson.

Public Discussion.

16/08 a. Mrs E. Whittington-Fleckner raised her concern regarding work being done in the Ruckhall Dip as this had the potential of causing damage to her property. Mr. Griffiths explained that he was conscious of the problem and would proceed accordingly.

b. Potholes in the Parish were discussed and the Chairman undertook to speak to the Locality Steward.

c. Neither the Safer Neighbourhood Team nor Ward Councillor were present so did not report.

The Public Question Time of 10 minutes having extended to half an hour the formal Parish Council Meeting then started.

Minutes: The Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th Dec ember 2015 had been

16/09 circulated and displayed and, after Mr. Tydeman had been added to the attendees and the total of NDP site applications had been amended from 16 to 21, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Co-option of new Parish Councillors

16/10 The following proposals were made and unanimously supported -

a. Ms. R Robinson - Proposer - Ms Mic. Seconded- Mr L Wolverson

b. Mr. M. Johnson – Proposer - Mr R Christopher Seconded- Mrs C Hanks

Matters arising

16/11 a. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mr. Wolverson, Chair of the NDP Steering Group updated the PC and would arrange for a list and map of the sites to be displayed around the Parish. An Extraordinary Parish Council, open to the public, was arranged for Friday 19th February to update everyone and discuss the future.

b. **Littlemarsh Common.** Mrs Hanks thanked the working party for their efforts on 16th of January and also the Western Power team for work they had completed in the lane.

The Chairman would write to the Commoners regarding grazing on the Common in April/May.

c. **Honeymoon Common.** The Chairman expressed the thanks of the parish for work done on the verges on Honeymoon Common.

d. **Parish Council Changes.** The Chairman announced that he proposed to resign his post at year end March 2019 and, with that in mind, the Clerk would resign following the end of the 2015/2016 year and efforts were in hand for him to be replaced at the latest by March 2017 to provide a 'handover' period.

It was agreed that HALC should be approached with a view to assisting in the recruiting a CiLCA (Society of Local Council Clerks) qualified Clerk to replace the current Clerk.

Planning. a. a. Appeal – Metal Barns at Lane Head HR2 9QE P150008 – The Appeal made against the
16/12 Parish and Herefordshire Council not to approve conversion to two dwellings has been refused.

Finance a. The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed for payment:-

16/13 i. Village Hall Hire for 2015/2016 – £220.00. This would be discussed at the March meeting.
ii. HALC Membership - £380.00
iii. Longfield Services – Littlemarsh - £970.00
iv. NDP booklet printing charge - £128.07

b. Lengthsman – invoices and claims required clarification and the Lengthsman would provide a complete breakdown of his work and invoices since the system changed in spring 2015.

c.. D Addis – Playing Field and Ruckhall - currently- £900.00 is paid for cutting in Ruckhall and the Playing Field and has been quoted again for 2016. The PC considers this needs revision and was agreed that a counter proposal would be put to Mr Addis by the Clerk with a view to reducing that cost.

d. Mr Andrew Swift had paid £480.00 rent for Cook's Charity field for the 2016 season.

e. The Annual Precept request for £8,500 for the year 2016/17 had been accepted.

Other Business:

- 16/14 a. 'Education' of Parish Councillors'. In view of major changeover of Parish Councillors and procedures it was agreed that, as HALC has offered to address the PC, at a rebated rate, a session should be arranged in the spring to get everyone up to date.
- b. MadSat rafters have requested their customary mooring permission on the bank at Lower Eaton. and, as they have kept their activity under control over the past year, it was agreed to give them permission to continue – subject to the usual restriction of vehicle numbers.

Date of next meeting :- Wednesday 9th March 2016 @ 7.30pm

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