

EATON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eaton Bishop Parish Council held at Eaton Bishop Village Hall on Friday 10th February 2017

Present:

Cllr. Ray Christopher (Chair)
Cllr. Leon Wolverson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. David Richards
Cllr. Rosie Robinson
Cllr. Astrid Mick

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Alison Wright plus the Ward Cllr Steve Williams, Lengthsman Paul Wright,
PCSO Lucy Morris and three members of the public

Open Session:-

No items of discussion were raised.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies received from Cllr. Caroline Hanks, Cllr. Matt Johnson and Tree Warden Alan Tydeman.

2.0 Declarations of Interest

There were declarations made by Cllr. David Richards (pecuniary), Cllr. Rosie Robinson (pecuniary) and Cllr Leon Wolverson (non-pecuniary), in respect of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, and the declarations form was duly completed.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th December 2016 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.

The PCSO Lucy Morris was present. Lucy updated the meeting regarding youth offences in Kingstone and Madley plus information about "poacher watch" intelligence that was helping to inform on poaching activities. There was a discussion around advice given regarding the Honeymoon Junction and the dangers of pulling out there. The Ward Cllr agreed to take up the issue with Cabinet Member Paul Rone and Road Engineer Ray Wallace. The issue of fly-tipping was discussed and PCSO stated that the police could be informed if the fly-tipping incident was considered to be "serious". Otherwise, fly-tipping would be reported to Balfour Beatty. The PCSO left the meeting at 8.06pm.

The **Ward Cllr** updated the meeting regarding the Locality Steward's actions report regarding pot hole filling. He also commented on the poultry house proposal for Stoney Street, where additional issues had been raised, and were awaiting replies, plus the gas plant proposal which was due for determination in several weeks time. A new Planning Officer, Rebecca Jermaine, had replaced Mr Nick Hall, who had left the Planning Department.

The **Tree Warden** had sent his apologies.

5.0 **Finance**

5.1) To note bank balances

The bank balances were noted as: Business Account £12712.51 and Treasurers Account £2549.81, as at the meeting date.

5.2) To resolve to accept payments, as per listing

The following payments were approved:

John Smith Charity	£140.00
Mrs A Wright (salary Feb £192.44, mileage £16.65)	£209.09
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£48.40
Cobbs Estate Services (Lengthsman)	£90.00
Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£90.00
T. Griffiths (Lengthsman reconciliation account)	£403.60
Total	£981.09

Resolved: that the payments were passed for payment: Unanimous

Receipts: Nil

5.3) **Village Hall Matters**

The Insurance Underwriter, Allianz, had placed a notice of "strict proof" on the claimant in the Village Hall claim.

5.4) **Renewal of lease for Cooks Charity land in Stoney Street, opposite Comet PH**

It was resolved that the Contract would be reworded to suit the purpose and then the tenancy agreement would be renewed.

6.0 **Planning Matters**

- To consider applications as detailed:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 170163 - 7 Bentley Drive, Eaton Bishop, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9QY

DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use of existing new annex for holiday let.

APPLICANT(S): Mrs Julie Evans

GRID REF: OS 344214, 238688

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

The Eaton Bishop Parish Council considered the application and is minded to OBJECT to the proposal for the following, non exhaustive, reasons:

- 1) Issues of parking and access for residents if the annexe becomes a holiday let. Other residents will need to pass through what can become a "bottle neck" due to parking at the end of the drive.
- 2) Ongoing problems with the existing sewerage system regarding blockages which it is feared may be exacerbated if the annexe becomes a holiday let.
- 3) It is advised that the deeds to the properties in the Drive are subject to a covenant which stipulates that none of the houses in the Drive may be used as a "business". Furthermore it is understood that the terms of the granting of the planning permission to build the annexe were that it would be for ancillary use to the main house only.

7.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Wolverson updated the meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. An examiner had been selected and had been formally appointed by the Planning Authority. The Clerk would check with the Planning Department that the examination had in fact commenced.

8.0 Village Matters

- **Honeymoon Common consideration of future plans** – Open Reach had been in contact regarding the ditch and drawing of services. Underground services of BT and Welsh Water would need to be checked before any work could be carried out on the trench.
- **Little Marsh Common – update re projects** – A working party had been held on the 21st January and ten people had attended to carry out prescribed works. The next working party would be held on 18th February from 10.00am to 1.00pm. The apple trees on the end of the common were to be pruned.
- **Mirror at Honeymoon Junction** – this would be taken up with Cabinet Member Paul Rone and Road Engineer Ray Wallace by the Ward Cllr.
- **Water Pumping Station at Eaton Bishop** – the general consensus of all bodies concerned, including the National Trust and the Parish Council, was that there was a wish for the redundant pumping station to be removed. This had been conveyed to Welsh Water by the Parish Council and by the Eaton Camp Historical Society.

9.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

9.1) To note any defects to be reported to Balfour Beatty.

A few selected pot holes had been filled in and others left. There was a period of discussion concerning this approach. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Cabinet Member Paul Rone regarding concerns over trees etc. in Ruckhall Lane. This would be sent by the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. The householder with wheelie bins out on the road would be written to by the Parish Council to ask if they would re-position them in a safer place.

Footpaths Mrs Eleanor Christopher had kindly agreed to become the new Footpath Officer and would replace Tony McVeigh. Her appointment to the role was carried.

An update was given regarding local footpaths with one advised as running through Littlemarsh Common but none actually on Honeymoon Common.

The role of the Footpath Officer would be defined and Paul Wright would be able to provide advice on the role as he was an appointed Footpath Officer with many years of experience.

9.2) To put forward work for the Lengthsman

One of the new lengthsman was in attendance and updated the meeting on parish tour and what had been discovered. The Lengthsman had opened up some grips and gullies and found some buried ones. There were two areas that would require the use of a mini- digger to clear them. One was above the pipe at Honeymoon Common, key for barrier to be supplied, and the other was on the road from Ruckhall Mill to New Barns Farm.

Further works would be carried out to get leaves and water off the road. Clehonger Parish would be asked if they would help to fund the clearance project where the parishes cross. The area of the road past Cllr Robinson's house required jetting of the drains as these were rammed with silt.

The proposal to install 2 x kissing gates was discussed. This would require carrying materials and sundries across land to the sites. It was estimated to require 2 men for approximately 2

days to construct and fit the requirements. Installation was scheduled for week commencing 13/02/17.

10.0 Information Sheet and Correspondence

10.1) To note Information and Correspondence sheet. The contents of the sheet were noted and included information on:

Hereford Community Champions Awards

A Waste Charges Consultation has gone live on our (HC) web site – this is asking for public opinion on the following:

- Tip permits for charitable organisations
- Large item collections (furniture, domestic appliances etc)
- Household bin swaps and replacements
- Charging residential, care and nursing homes for waste and recycling collections

The consultation can be found on the following webpage:-

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/environmental-protection/waste-management/waste-costs-consultation>

The consultation is due to last from Friday 20th January 2017 until March 3rd 2017.

We would be grateful if you would let your communities know about this. If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Also letter from HC to explain discharge of planning conditions

10.2) To consider request from Madsat Raft Team for river access at Lower Eaton

It was resolved to grant the requested permission for access and the Clerk would advise Matsat of this decision.

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

All the usual items would be on the Agenda. Any additional items would be advised.

12.0 Confirmation of the date of the next Meeting

The next meeting date was confirmed as Friday March 10th to be held from 7.30pm in The Eaton Bishop Village Hall. Cllr Christopher gave his apologies in advance for the March Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.11pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date

10.03.2017

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