

EATON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 13th May 2015

Present: Mr R Christopher (Chairman), Mr L Wolverson (Vice Chairman), Mr J Johnson,
15/27 Mrs C Hanks, and Ms A Mick
Apologies for absence; Mr D Richards & Mr A Lively
In Attendance; Mr T Griffiths (Lengthsman)
Declarations of interest: Nil

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year 2015 -2016:

15/28 With Mr L Wolverson (Vice Chairman), in the Chair Mr R Christopher was proposed as Chairman by Mr L Wolverson and seconded by Ms A Mick, there were no other nominations and the proposal was agreed unanimously.
Mr R Christopher duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance. (Original with file copy of Minutes)
Mr RL Christopher resumed the Chair and proposed Mr L Wolverson as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Mrs C Hanks, again there were no other nominations and the proposal was agreed.
Mr PJ Rowland was re-appointed as Clerk, the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer unanimously, following a proposal by Ms A Mick which was seconded by Mr RL Christopher

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th April 2015, which had been circulated,
15/29 were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters arising

15/30 a. Neighbourhood Plan.
i. The Steering Group were continuing with preparatory work but no definitive decisions could be made until Herefordshire Council's Core Development Strategy was finalised. The Steering Group had prepared an informative flyer which was being circulated throughout the Parish to keep everyone informed of the situation.
ii. The Herefordshire Branch of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) were hosting a meeting on 26th June on the subject and members of our Steering Group will attend.
b. Littlemarsh Common.
Work is continuing under the guidance of Mrs. Hanks. Commoners have been consulted on the matter of grazing with a view to maintaining the area but no Commoners have expressed their wish to put animals on to facilitate this so Mrs. Hanks will make separate arrangements.

Planning:

15/31 a. The Application for Prior Approval to use an agricultural building at Upper Wormhill Farm to form two dwellings and 1 holiday let has been granted approval with conditions.

Finance: a. The Unaudited Accounts for 2014 – 2015 were presented and agreed and also approved by
15/32 the Internal Auditor ready for forwarding to the External Auditors.
b. The Parish Council discussed and approved the Annual Governance Statement at Section 2 of the Annual return.
c. Payment of the Insurance for the Parish Council was approved and cheque signed for £373.43
d. Payment was approved for the cost incurred by producing the NDP leaflet to inform the Parish of progress to the tune of £30.60 and a cheque signed.

Items Discussed for action and/or information, and correspondence not already discussed:

15/33 a. The Parish turnout for the General and Herefordshire Council Elections far exceeded the national average with a physical attendance of 210 (68%) plus 58 postal voters giving an overall voting figure of 84%.
b. The Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths was in attendance and gave a summary of his work and plans. The Chairman is supervising his work with a view to getting the best results possible for the money available under the scheme.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman and all Parish Councillors paid tribute to Mr David Taylor who lost his seat on the Herefordshire Council in the election. David has been a staunch supporter of the Parish throughout his long tenure. Always attending Parish Council meetings and ready to take up issues with the Herefordshire Council on behalf of the Parish he will be sorely missed and the Parish Council thank him for all his hard work and wish him all the best and happiness in the future.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 10th June 2015 @ 7.30pm