

EATON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Eaton Bishop Parish Council held via Zoom Platform, due to Covid 19 Pandemic, on Wednesday 9th September 2020 from 7.30 pm

Present at the Zoom meeting:

Cllr Becky Wall BEM (in the Chair)
Cllr Rupert Chatwin
Cllr David Richards
Cllr James Ball
Cllr Alan Tydeman
Cllr George Thomas (co-opted)

In attendance:

Present were Parish Clerk Alison Wright, Ward Cllr David Hitchiner and five members of the public (one co-opted).

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm. The Chair (Cllr Becky Wall BEM) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.0 Open Session – public questions:

There was a query raised concerning planning application 201965 (for the glamping business etc. at the White House) in regard to footpath and access arrangements.

A representative of the Village Hall Committee asked the Parish Council for support with the provision of a replacement battery for the defibrillator outside the Village Hall. The Chair requested that the Village Hall provide three quotations for the replacement battery for consideration of the request.

2.0 Co-option of Councillor (vacancy left by Cllr Johnson). Vacancy left by Cllr Cross to be filled by parish election (2021)

The vacancy left by Cllr Johnson would be filled via co-option. The vacancy left by Cllr Cross would be filled via election, at public request. The Chair advised that currently elections may not be held, due to virus restrictions, until 2021. There would be a cost implication to the parish for the holding of an election for the councillor vacancy.

George Thomas was presented as a candidate and gave a resume of what he would bring to the position of councillor. George was co-opted unanimously as a new councillor. He would complete the relevant paperwork (Acceptance and Declaration of Registrable Interest Forms) for the role. The Parish Council welcomed George.

3.0 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

4.0 Declarations of Interest

Cllr David Richards declared an interest in relation to the commons. Cllr Richards also declared an interest in planning application number 201965 for the glamping business etc. at the White House. Cllr Wall declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 201965.

5.0 Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th July 2020 via Zoom

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 15th July 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6.0 To receive reports from:

Ward Councillor

The **Ward Cllr** updated the meeting about Herefordshire Council matters. He advised that rates of infection with Covid 19 were low in Herefordshire. Schools had returned and there were some changes being made to transport to try to keep people safe. Halo Leisure would be re-opening but with less revenue and the same costs this could be a survival issue.

Funding had been obtained to assist with cleaning up the Lugg area of integrated wetlands. There was ongoing concern regarding chicken sheds and the output from these. The Herefordshire Council

Annual General Meeting would be held on the 11th September 2020 online.

It was commented that the traffic alterations in the city had not been implemented “particularly cleverly.” Changes were being made by a “listening council.” The car parking issues at Belmont Abbey were re-emerging as cars were “creeping back”. No further details had been communicated concerning changes to the Trust and impact on parking requirement. The Ward Cllr would contact Bruce Evans about the situation.

The first Zoom session ended at 8.10 PM. The second Zoom session commenced at 8.15 PM.

7.0 Finance and Policies

7.1) To note bank balances

The bank balances were noted as: Business Account £22288.33* and Treasurer’s Account £2540.34, as at the meeting date.

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

1) The Cooks Charity Deposit of £2144.51

2) RPA Grant Funding for the Commons Projects - balance £4339.23

3) Defibrillator Fund balance £457.41.

To resolve to accept payments, as per listing

The following payments were approved:

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

Mrs A Wright (Clerk’s salary paid in accordance with contract)

HM Revenue & Customs (Tax) £64.40

Longfield Services (Lengthsman/bins) £220.00

Mr R Chatwin (Zoom fee reimbursement) £143.88

7.2) To consider any response to Government white paper consultation on proposed amendments to national planning policy and impact for Neighbourhood Planning.

It was agreed that a Working Party would meet to discuss responses to the consultation. It was agreed that the proposals in the White Paper could result in fundamental changes to the consideration of planning applications. Cllr Chatwin would set up a Zoom Meeting.

8.0 Village Matters

8.1) Honeymoon Common and Little Marsh Common – updates and consideration of stewardship agreement (to be drafted)

Thank you was recorded to Cllrs Richards and Ball who had organised the mowing of Honeymoon Common which was looking “super”. The Commons Management Plan required further discussion and Caroline Hanks was agreeable to writing up the Plan. Further details would be carried forward to the October Meeting.

8.2) Village Hall matters – the defibrillator at the Village Hall required a new battery and quotations for this would be obtained.

There was a conversation about the ownership of the strip of land outside the front of the Village Hall. The Village Hall Management Committee would check this.

8.3) Consideration and proposal of Traffic Regulation Order for speed reduction to 30 MPH for the Village

It was resolved that the Ward Cllr would confirm this as an official request for a reduction on the speed limit within the village back to the Honeymoon Common. The exact extent for the 30 mph zone would be identified on a map of the village for clarity.

8.4) Consideration of progressing a traffic mirror for the junction of Honeymoon Common

Things had moved ahead on the ability to install a mirror to assist with visibility at junctions etc. This would be taken forward to the next meeting. Any installation would require a risk assessment and regular checks to be carried out.

9.0 Smart Water – to update re signage installation

A map would be provided to position the signs at the village entry points.

10.0 Planning

To consider response to Planning Applications, as notified, and then determined by Herefordshire Council

There were planning applications for discussion:

10.1) APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 202247 - Land adjacent 4 Green Court, Eaton Bishop, Herefordshire

DESCRIPTION: Proposed Outline application with all matters reserved, save for access, for the erection of a new dwelling

Following acknowledgement by the Parish Council that concerns raised previously had been addressed the application 202247 was supported by the Parish Council. This support being conditional subject to clarification about the missing footpath details and that the identified conditions were met.

10.2) APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Re-consultation - 201410 - Land at Ruckhall, Ruckhall, Eaton Bishop, Herefordshire, HR2 9QX

DESCRIPTION: Monopitch fodder and implement store.

The Parish Council resolved that there were no objections to planning application 201410.

10.3) APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 201965 - White House, Church Barn, Eaton Bishop, Hereford, HR2 9QD

DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use for a glamping business (plus ancillary family guest accommodation), in order to provide for one shepherds hut approximately 24ft x 8 ft, plus associated structures of a secure bike store and all small all-weather outdoor dining area.

The application 201965 was discussed and it was resolved that an extension to the deadline for comments should be sought until after the October Parish Council Meeting. It was resolved that answers to questions regarding access to the site over a track in the ownership of another plus matters relating to sewerage and waste disposal should be sought via the Planning Officer. The Policy for delegated powers to the Clerk to comment on planning applications on behalf of the Parish Council between meetings would be taken to the October Parish Council Meeting.

11.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

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

New salt bin to be supplied where existing had been crushed on the pitch leading up to the defibrillator kiosk.

- 11.2)** To put forward work for the Lengthsman:
Stiles to be fitted (Brooky Cottage) when other previous clearance works confirmed.

Issues of overgrowth of vegetation on National Trust land near Tuck Mill were noted. Clerk would speak with resident.

12.0 Information Sheet and Correspondence

- 12.1)** To note Information and Correspondence sheet including
Herefordshire Council Various, as circulated and including:

- Car Park Charges Consultation
- Drainage Grant Scheme
- WISH update
- Local public health guidance for community centres
- Call for Sites 2020
- Parish summit slides and papers
- Annual Canvass 2020 – Update
- Stop Loan Sharks Online Training Seminars - book through Eventbrite
- Letter to Parish Councils from John Harrington (re road building)

HALC

HALC Information Corner including 3 e mails of attachments
The Great Collaboration Zero Carbon Herefordshire

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

All the usual items would be on the Agenda.

14.0 Confirmation of the date of the next Meeting

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 14th October 2020, from 7.30pm, via Zoom Platform unless otherwise advised. Cllr Chatwin and the Clerk would liaise regarding Zoom booking.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed:

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Chairman Date

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