

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October 2018

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, R Brown, L Haslam, T White, J Sweeney, M Curry and J Pennicott

Also Present: 3 Parishioners, Cllr J Peck (NCC) and Cllr L Tift (District Councillor)

108/18 **Apologies of Absence**

None

109/18 **Variation of Order of Business**

There was no variation to the Order of Business

110/18 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr's R Brown and L Haslam declared an interest in agenda items 12 and 16.1 (the Cator Hall) and Cllr M Curry declared an interest in item 16.2 (the playing field)

111/18 **Public Participation**

None

112/18 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Cllr Tift (NSDC) reported that there had been a meeting on Tuesday and that John Robinson had been appointed Chief Executive. There was a motion by Labour against fracking coming under permitted development which was agreed unanimously and that it should come to County, District and Parish councils as consultees instead. It was also reported that money was being spent on Newark again as opposed to other areas.

Cllr Tift was pleased to see the Community Orchard on the agenda and recommended that the council look at similar projects in Pleasley and Mansfield Woodhouse. She also agreed to send her contacts to the Clerk to assist with the project.

Cllr Peck (NCC) stated that he had reported Kirklington Road again and was happy to report any issues with streetlights and potholes.

It was reported that the Government had given a grant of £18 million for the A614. This would include improvements to Ollerton roundabout. Cllr Peck noted that there were no designs

or timescales set yet and the council would be notified when these were. It was noted that the pub planning permission at Ollerton had earmarked land for the roundabout improvements and that £8 million was the amount currently earmarked for Ollerton roundabout. It was raised that previous improvements had caused other issues such as increased traffic in Eakring with people trying to avoid the A614. It was agreed that the grant was welcome but that the right improvements properly thought out were required. Cllr Peck promised more information as it became available.

113/18 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Pennicott, seconded by Cllr Haslam and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th September 2018

114/18 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session**

It was determined that no items were of a confidential nature.

115/18 **Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to be considered

116/18 **Finance**

The Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Haslam, seconded by Cllr Curry,

- (1) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved.

Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total
000531	CHMC	Cator Hall Insurance	Cator Hall Insurance	758.88
000532	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit Fee	Audit Fee	360.00
000533	Cllr Pennicott	Bench Painting Equipment	Misc Provisions	20.89
000534	Deposit Acc	Election Reserves 2018/19	Elections	100.00
				1,239.77

117/18 **Chairman's Announcements** (if any)

There were no announcements

118/18 **Parish Council Plan**

Cllr Ford reported that the dog bin at the playing fields was installed and the collection round had been set up. The clerk noted that they were still waiting on the posts being erected by NCC to install the other two and the timeline for this was late October or early November.

Cllr Ford noted that there had been a large amount of dog mess appearing in the village again but that aside from providing bins and sending notifications out about it in the Eakring Echo there was very little the council could do unless the persons responsible were seen doing it. Cllrs Pennicott and Curry both reported issues with dog mess outside their houses on the verges and on the allotments. It was suggested that perhaps the council could provide free bags through dispensers on the dog bins. Cllr Curry noted that this had previously been tried through the Cator Hall with bags being handed out but had not noticeably helped.

Cllr Ford stated that the Eakring signs were still wanted and perhaps a Village in Bloom competition could be looked at in the future. He also noted that the litter in the village seemed to be at low levels.

119/18 Cator Hall Purchase Update

The Clerk reported that she had taken both proof of funds and her id to the solicitors and that the searches on the property suggested by the solicitor had been authorised. It was noted that the diocese had not yet given a price but that the council will have the funds when they do and can transfer them to the solicitors when they are ready. It was reiterated that the Clerk would deal with the solicitor while taking instruction from the council. The Clerk will continue to keep in regular contact with the solicitor and give updates as she gets them.

120/18 Community Orchard

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Mr Parsons to discuss the matter of the Community Orchard project and that as the District Council had not made it a condition of the planning permission the Community Orchard was for the council to negotiate with Mr Parsons. Mr Parsons had stated that it was a possibility he may provide the land for the project but that it was to be a community project and to be maintained by the community not Mr Parsons staff. Cllr Sweeney stated that in past conversations with Mr Parsons he had seemed very knowledgeable and keen on the project. Cllr Curry suggested that instead of having the grass mown it might be possible use sheep from one of the local farmers. Cllr Ford stated that he thought it would be a very nice thing for the village.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, proposed by Cllr Haslam, seconded by Cllr Curry, that the Clerk should move forward with the project and begin proper discussions with Mr Parsons about land.

121/18 End of Audit 2017/18

The Clerk reported that the council had come to the end of their Audit for last year and that everything was fine with no issues raised. It was queried whether the cost of the Audit would go down and the Clerk reported that since the council has an income of over £25,000 with the Community Benefits the price would remain at the higher point. The Clerk also noted that

should anyone with for a copy of the audit documents than she would happily email them however that if hard copies were required it would be for a charge of 50 pence.

122/18 Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand

Bilsthorpe Incinerator Planning Appeal Update: The Clerk reported that there was no current update on the appeal at present however Cllr Curry noted that with the issues at the Sinfin location and the latest national news about the NHS contracts being removed due to excess demand the appeal could come soon.

Wind Farm Update: The Clerk reported that she had no news on the Wind farm at present. Cllrs Sweeney and Pennicott both noted that they had seen cranes doing work on the blades. Cllr Sweeney reported that he thought the noise level was down.

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: The Clerk agreed to chase the replacing of the slabs on Main Street, the clearing of gravel on the footpath by Rose Cottage and to check that the path (nos. 4 to 25) at the top of the allotments was a bridleway as horses are being ridden down them.

Parking was reported as still being an issue particularly on Tenters and Church Lanes. The Clerk reported that the fly tipping reported in the last meeting had been removed and that cycle signs were to be placed on the allotments.

Cllr Haslam reported that leaves were causing issues with the drains. Cllr Sweeney has photos showing the issues with flooding on the Triumph Close Junction and the Clerk agreed to report the issues to get the drains cleared again.

123/18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Cator Hall: Cllr Brown reported that the Cator Hall Committee was having a gardening day Saturday week and that it had been advertised in the Echo. It was also agreed to seal the kitchen window as per the recommendation of the boiler man.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Sweeney reported that he had met with Ground Works and had got revised quotes for the muzzer to be put in place however he reported that he was struggling to get responses and it was agreed that the Chair and the Clerk would send information along about alternative companies. Cllr Curry agreed to assist where Cllr Sweeney required.

124/18 Mompessons Cross Update

Cllr Ford reported that the bench at the Cross was repainted and looked very smart. The Council extended their thanks to Cllr Pennicott for doing such an excellent job. Cllr Pennicott noted that while he was up at the Cross he had seen that the railings would be ready for a repaint next year. Cllr Ford reported that someone had been seen up at the Cross tidying it up and that he wished to thank the person when their identity was ascertained.

125/18 **Date for Christmas Lights and Mulled Wine**

It was decided that the event should take place on **Saturday 1st December** at **6pm** and this date would be put in the Eakring Echo.

126/18 **Speeding Signs**

Cllr Curry raised the issue of speeding thorough the village and suggested that interactive speeding signs would help. It was noted that there were various regulations to be considered such as sight lines and the Clerk agreed to speak to highways to discover more information and look at actioning and cost.

127/18 **Adoption of Policies**

The Clerk reported that another batch of policies would be ready for council adoption shortly and requested some assistance with the business continuity policy from Cllr's Ford, Brown and Sweeney. All agreed to assist.

128/18 **Correspondence/Information**

Correspondence was received from:

1. East Midlands Community Led Housing – issuing an invitation to their community housing roadshow
2. Aviva insurance – with information about the Aviva Community Fund.
3. Centerparks – informing the council about their firework events throughout November and December.

129/18 **Date of Next Meeting and Confirmation of Meeting Dates for the Year**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

Confidential information

No Items were moved in to the confidential session

The meeting closed at 8.51pm