

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th March 2019

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, T White, R Brown, J Pennicott and J Sweeney.

Also Present: 1 Parishioner, Mr J Jenkinson (Foresight Group) and Cllr L Tift (District Councillor).

21/19 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllrs L Haslam (Illness) & M Curry (Personal Reasons)

22/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

There were no variations.

23/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Brown declared an interest in items 12 (Cator Hall Purchase) & 16.1 (the Cator Hall).

24/19 **Bilsthorpe Solar Farm Presentation**

Mr J Jenkinson the Environment and Sustainability Manager at the Foresight Group who manage the Solar Farm at Bilsthorpe came to discuss the extension of the planning permission at the solar farm from the current, short life of 25 years to a longer life permission of 40 years. Battery storage may also be looked at on the sight in the future. This would consist of a shipping container sized storage unit. Cllr Tift noted that this had happened at Rufford Colliery and that once it had been planted around it was no longer visible. It was noted that at Bilsthorpe the farm was well hidden away. Mr Jenkinson reported that there had been no vandalism or crime at Bilsthorpe but that enhancing security may be looked at in the future. Beekeepers have been encouraged on to some sites as well due to the enhanced security. The Councillors were pleased with the report and had no issues with the solar farm being there particularly as it was well hidden away. It was also noted that renewable energy was becoming the most affordable type of energy used.

25/19 **Public Participation**

Parishioners reported issues with:

- Dog mess and rubbish in the long grass up the allotments and Church Road – the Clerk will report this and a notice will be put in the Echo to remind people to pick up after themselves and the dogs.
- Fly tipping on Sandy Lane twice – these had already been removed by the time of the meeting.
- Dogs wandering loose – this will be reported to the dog warden.
- Potholes from National Grid to Braille lane – these will be reported.
- The hedge past the pub needs cutting – this will be reported.
- Kirklington Road and Main Street require the gutters and pavements cleaning – this will be reported.
- The anti-slip pads are coming up at the Saville Arms – this will be reported.

It was suggested that the council look into putting up CCTV and signs to prevent further fly tipping in the laybys. Cllr Tift suggested putting up homemade dog bag dispensers to help with the issues of dog mess. The Clerk will report the issues raised and report back to the council next meeting.

26/19 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Newark and Sherwood District Councillor – Linda Tift

Cllr Tift reported that there had been the NSDC Budget meeting the day before and that the presented budget had been accepted with a few amendments to help smaller areas such as Eakring. Health workers, the Community Initiative Fund & the Community Action Plan were also discussed at the meeting and a copy of the Community Action Plan will be available to the council in April. Cllr Tift noted that there is lots in the Community Action Plan for the outlying districts that often currently get missed.

27/19 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Pennicott and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2019 are amended to reflect that the litter pick is on Saturday 13th April 2019 not Sunday 13th March and then signed by the Chair as a true record.

28/19 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session**

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

29/19 **Planning Applications**

Land Adjacent to Fish Pond Farm

After viewing the updated the plans the Council **RESOLVED** to write to the planning department with their preferences for the development in light of the updates:

- The Council was pleased to see that attention had been paid to the comments of the council in regard to the size of the properties and some changes had been made making the development 3 x 3 beds, 1 x 4 bed and the original house rebuilt as a 5 bed,
- It was noted that the parking situation had improved however there was still some concern that there was not sufficient off-road parking to avoid dangerous parking on the road by visitors,
- The council would like to see the 4-bed reduced as there are already multiple 4 bed homes for sale in the village which are currently not selling,
- The council don't mind the 5 bed as it is a restoration of the original home on the site,
- Care taken over the privacy issues for Fish Pond Farm,
- Any visual amenity issues to be resolved for the village and surrounding properties,
- It was also requested that the planners take note that the well onsite may have been used for storing asbestos and this would need to be properly managed as part of the development.

30/19 **Finance**

- A) The budget monitoring was noted by the council.
- B) The Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White,

- (1) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved apart from the payment to Marc Hazard which will be dealt with by the Playing Field Committee:

<u>Cheque requests for March 2019</u>				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
543	Citizens Advice	Charity Donation	Grants	25.00
544	NSDC	Dog Bin Emptying	Enviromental	52.44
545	S Bacon	Clerk's Salary	Clerk's Salary	447.02
546	S Bacon	Petrol Expenses	Clerk's Salary	20.00
547	Marc Hazard	Mowing	Enviromental	240.00
				784.46

31/19 **Chairman's Announcements** (if any)

There were no announcements

32/19 **Parish Council Plan**

Community Orchard

It was **RESOLVED** that the council would look to have:

- mixed fruit trees both heritage and new species in a random plan around the space.
- Any hedging would preferably be traditional types such as hawthorn or blackthorn.
- Wild flowers, of bee and butterfly friendly types, would be looked at for planting
- And it was decided to request paths be mown twice a month by Mr Hazard who does the playing field mowing.
- It was also agreed that no music would be played and the orchard would be for quiet relaxation with no memorial benches.

33/19 Cator Hall Purchase Update

Cllr Brown reported that the signed copies of the Cator Hall lease are in a safety deposit box in the bank. Cllr Ford agreed to access them for the solicitor. Cllr Ford also reported that the trustees were required to get another survey done by the original surveyor and have him submit a report on the best deal for the Trustee's. Cllr Brown has managed to get the original surveyor back and will report further when the survey is completed.

34/19 Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand

Bilthorpe Incinerator Environmental License Update: There were no updates.

Wind Farm Update: There were no updates

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges: The clerk reported that all issues raised at the last meeting had been reported to the County and District Councils. Cllr Ford noted that there is a drain flooding on Main Street and that he would email the Clerk to organise it being unblocked.

35/19 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Cator Hall: Cllr Brown updated that the management committee were looking for a chair cleaning quote and that the current ongoing things in the hall were kickboxing and wine tasting.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Sweeney reported that Sovereign had sent over plans for the recreation ground. Peak Playgrounds had not got back to Cllr Sweeney so he will look for another quote to add to the ones from Sovereign and Groundworks. The first thing to be done is the MUGA at a cost of £55k. The current cost of the project has been quoted as £137k from Sovereign so further fundraising will be required. Match funding along with other options will be looked at. The committee will be having a meeting as soon as possible.

36/19 Mompesson's Cross Update

Cllr Pennicott reported that everything is fine at Mompesson's Cross at present though he noted that the rails needed painting soon.

37/19 **Approval of the Fixed Asset Register 2019**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White to approve the Fixed Asset Register 2019 as presented by the Clerk.

38/19 **Approval of the Internal Auditor**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White to approve the Internal Auditor as Mr M Beaumont.

39/19 **Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean**

The litter pick was confirmed as **Saturday 13th April 2019**. The Clerk will register the spring clean with Keep Britain Tidy. Cllr Brown will look into purchasing litter pickers and providing cake for after in the Cator Hall.

40/19 **Approval of an Alternative Date for the May AGM, Parish Meeting and Ordinary Meeting**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Pennicott to approve Wednesday 15th May as the date of the May meetings to fit with the election timetable.

41/19 **Approval of NALC's Recommended Pay Scale 2019/20**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White to approve the NALC Recommended Pay Scale 2019/20 for the Clerk to begin on the 1st April 2019.

42/19 **Election information**

The Clerk updated the council on her election training and reported that communication from the council would be required to go through herself until the elections to abide by the regulations around election campaigning. It was noted that all candidate forms must be in by 4pm on 3rd April and that the Clerk would know by the 4th April 2019 how many candidates are standing and whether there will be enough for an election or if co-option's will be required.

43/19 **Correspondence/Information**

Correspondence was received from:

1. Newark & Sherwood District Council - information on the adoption of the amended core strategy development plan document.
2. Calor – Information on the Calor Rural Community Fund – the Clerk will forward this to Cllr Sweeney.
3. Age UK – requesting donations from parish councils.

44/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

Confidential information

No Items were moved in to the confidential session

The meeting closed at 9.15pm