

## Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, T White, M Curry, J Pennicott.

**Also Present:** 1 Parishioner and Cllr L Tift (District Councillor).

### 45/19 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllrs L Haslam (Illness), R Brown & J Sweeney (Personal Reasons), Cllr J Peck (NCC)

### 46/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

There were no variations.

### 47/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Ford and Curry declared an interest in agenda Item 15.2 the Recreation Ground as they are both committee members.

### 48/19 **Public Participation**

It was reported that:

- The gully on Kirklington Road was still in need of clearing.
- That the gutters had been cleaned, the roads and pavements had been swept.
- Cllr Tift noted that Viola were good at getting out to do these things.
- It was noted that Via the Highways agency was being repurchased by Nottinghamshire County Council.

### 49/19 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

#### **Newark and Sherwood District Councillor – Linda Tift**

Cllr Tift reported that she had attended the last meeting of the current council's term and that at the policy and finance meeting it had been decided to bring Newark and Sherwood Homes back to the council as a cost saving exercise to reduce the duplication of officers that is in place under the current set up of being run by a management company. As an on-going process Building Control was also under review for the same process as enforcement is lacking at the moment with a more proactive approach being required. At present planning permission is

being granted and unauthorised alterations to plans following the permission being given were not being dealt with and stopped. Cllr Curry noted that two incidents like this had happened in Eakring and they had not been looked at in time to stop alterations. Officers need to react quicker.

It was further noted that some changes had caused a loss to wildlife and that the village needed hedges around homes rather than fencing to prevent the loss of wildlife corridors. Bats and hedgehogs had already been affected around some sites.

The extension of the Solar Farm's planning permission to 40 years from 25 was discussed the council agreed to follow Bilsthorpe's approach.

Cllr Tift reported that Cromwell Loch and Hazelford were being looked at as sources of hydroelectric power.

50/19 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Pennicott, seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be accepted signed by the Chair as a true record.

51/19 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session**

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

52/19 **Planning Applications**

**Comments to be submitted to the District Council on the following applications.**

No	Application Number and Website Link	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	19/00105/LBC <a href="https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PLO8YQLBHMA00&amp;activeTab=summary">https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PLO8YQLBHMA00&amp;activeTab=summary</a>	Single Storey Entrance Porch Extension and Single Storey Rear Extension to Form Canopy with Internal Alterations to Windmill to form new staircase and partitions for bedrooms	The Windmill Wellow Road Eakring Nottinghamshire NG22 0DF	No Objection
2.	19/00104/FUL <a href="https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PLO8YJLBM900&amp;activeTab=summary">https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PLO8YJLBM900&amp;activeTab=summary</a>	Householder application for Single Storey Entrance Porch Extension and Single Storey Rear Extension to Form Canopy with Internal Alterations to Windmill to form new staircase and partitions for bedrooms	The Windmill Wellow Road Eakring Nottinghamshire NG22 0DF	No Objection

3.	<p>19/00572/FULM  <a href="https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=POPQOZLBIKK00">https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=POPQOZLBIKK00</a></p>	<p>Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 14/01283/FULM to extend the length of the solar farm operation to 40 years</p>	<p>Solar Panels  Bilsthorpe Business Park  Eakring Road  Bilsthorpe  Nottinghamshire</p>	<p>To be discussed with Bilsthorpe Parish Council and to support their position.</p>
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It was noted that the planning application for the Land Adjacent to Fish Pond Farm had received approval. The council noted that parking was still an issue on the site and any parking on the road would be very dangerous.

53/19 **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 Ford, seconded by Cllr Curry,

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

Cheque requests for April 2019				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
548	Cator Hall Management Committee	Cator Hall Rent March 19	Cator Hall Rent	11.25
				11.25

**(2)** That Mr Marc Hazard be paid £240 by the council for the mowing on the playing field. The Playing Field committee will reimburse the council.

54/19 **Chairman’s Announcements** (if any)

Cllr Ford noted that the council was having to do a lot of printing for meetings which is resulting in a large amount of paper wastage. It was agreed that the councillors would bring their own copies of papers to meetings. Cllr White’s papers will continue to be printed by the Clerk and two copies only will be brought to meetings in the future. The minutes and agendas are posted on the website should anyone wish to download them.

55/19 **Parish Council Plan**

**Community Orchard**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr Parson’ following the last meeting and that his preference would be an actual design and to deal with a lead person face to face to make

things run more smoothly with the project. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek a scaled plan from Mr Parson's .

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, proposed by Cllr Curry, seconded by Cllr Pennicott, to give authority to any single councillor to make decisions about the Community Orchard in discussion with Mr Parsons.

### **Dog Bins**

Cllr Ford reported that the finger post had been put in at Braille Farm but an hour later this had been removed. Cllr Curry queried whether Nottinghamshire County Council owned the patch that had held the post. Cllr Ford confirmed that the County Council did own it. Instead the Councillors agreed to site the bin at the end of Tenter's Lane, by the horse gate on the right-hand side. Cllr Ford will discuss this with the land owner of the adjacent land. The lane is a byway open to all traffic and so the van should be able to empty it without any difficulty.

### **56/19 Cator Hall Purchase Update**

The Cator Hall trustees are still waiting on the surveyor to move forward.

The signed lease for the Cator Hall, required by the solicitor, and other documents are in the bank and signatories can remove them. However, they are not at Ollerton. It was suggested by Cllr Ford and it was agreed. that someone will remove the documents, scan them and then return them to the bank. The diocese has now handed their copy of the lease to the solicitor.

### **57/19 Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand**

**Bilsthorpe Incinerator Environmental License Update:** The Clerk reported that there had been no change since the last meeting with the Bilsthorpe Incinerator however the Sinfin Incinerator was still having difficulties which could impact upon the situation at Bilsthorpe in the future. Cllr Curry recommended the clerk look in to arguments around nano particles in preparation for the licence situation changing.

**Wind Farm Update:** The Clerk reported that the finance department for the wind farm had changed hands and that she would be billing the new department soon for the community grant.

### **Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges:**

- It was reported that the hedge outside the pub was in need of attention. The Clerk will speak to the brewery.
- The slabs on Greenfield Row have still not been fixed. The Clerk will chase this.
- The speed survey has been completed but no results have been given to the council as yet. The Clerk will chase this.
- The litter pick will begin at 10.30 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Cllr Ford will purchase litter pickers for use.

- The Clerk will get some quotes for CCTV signs for the laybys to help prevent fly tipping around the village.

#### 58/19 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

**Cator Hall:** It was reported that the Committee have not heard anything from the surveyor regarding the hall, and the hall committee have had the chairs and carpet cleaned. Cllr Brown had also attended a Village Hall Improvement Grant Fund Launch in Oxton. The fund was unsuitable however due to Parish Councils not being eligible to apply.

**Recreation Ground:** It was reported that there was to be a meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee at the Saville Arms on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This will be reported on at the council meeting in May.

#### 59/19 **Mompesson's Cross Update**

Cllr Ford reported that everything is fine at Mompesson's Cross at present with no vandalism. It was agreed to move the Mompesson Cross under the Parish Plan. Cllr Pennicott agreed to paint the railings at the site.

#### 60/19 **Parish Council News Emailing List**

It had been suggested that the Council put together an email list to keep residents, who signed up, apprised of events happening within the village and information from the Parish Council. Cllr Ford noted that it would be an ad hoc bulletin of council matters that the village should be aware of. The Clerk will run it in consultation with the councillors. It was also agreed that Cllr Ford would use the Eakring digest to put out relevant information. Cllr Pennicott noted that the promotion of the Parish Council and the issues they deal with was a good thing to get the community engaged. It was agreed that Cllr Ford and the Clerk will put notices in the Echo and on the digest to tell anyone that is interested in joining the list to email the Clerk at [eakringparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:eakringparishcouncil@gmail.com).

#### 61/19 **Correspondence/Information**

Correspondence was received from:

1. Via (Nottingham County Council) – guidance on the maintenance of public paths on arable land. – Cllr Ford noted that the farmers in the area were very good and the paths were kept as per the letter's examples.
2. Bulcote Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – notifying of their statutory consultation period between the 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> May.

3. UK Cycling Events – notifying the Council of a cycle even taking place through the village on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – it was agreed to place a notification in the Eakring Echo to warn residents.

62/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

As it was Cllr Curry's last meeting, Cllr Ford issued the Council's thanks to Cllr Curry for her 20 years of service on behalf of the village and noted that she will be missed.

**Confidential information**

No Items were moved in to the confidential session

The meeting closed at 8.48pm