

Minutes of the Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December 2019

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

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

Also, Present: Sian Bacon (Clerk) & 3 Parishioners.

171/19 **Apologies of Absence**

Cllrs Meanley (Personal) & E Shacklock (work). Cllr J Peck (NCC), Cllr T Smith (NSDC), Cllr L Brailsford (NSDC) (Meetings)

172/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

None

173/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Ford and Sweeney declared an interest in agenda Item 14.2 the Recreation Ground as they are both committee members. Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 12 and 14.1 as church warden and a Cator Hall Management Committee Member.

174/19 **Public Participation**

Parishioners commented that:-

1. The Cator Hall lease was very close to its deadline and the situation with the hall purchase needed resolution quickly.
2. The Christmas tree lighting event was very good and compliments were offered for a great night for everyone. Cllr Ford reported that 80 – 90 people had attended the tree lighting with 30-40 staying for the event afterward organise by the Playing Field Committee. £224 was raised on the tombola. Cllr Ford noted that it was lovely to see so many children, parents and grandparents and showed how many children there were in the village. The music and balloons were excellent from the children's performer and a piece will be put in the Echo by Cllr Ford. It was agreed to do the same again next year on the last Friday of November.

175/19 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

There were no reports given.

176/19 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th November 2019 be accepted. They were then signed by the Chair as a true record. They will be placed on the website.

177/19 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session**

None

178/19 **Planning Applications**

No	Application Number and Website Link	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	19/02084/FUL https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=Q1DRHULBMDQ00	Householder application for orangery to rear	The Orchard Church Lane Eakring NG22 0DH	No Objection
2.	19/02075/FUL https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=Q1D7W8LBMD300	Revised design to dwelling (Plot 3) to approved applications 08/00507/FUL & 11/00219/FUL	3 Newton Paddocks Eakring Nottinghamshire NG22 0BY	Objection on the grounds of overdevelopment and that the plan doesn't conform to the 2/3 bed houses specified in the parish plan

179/19 **Finance**

A) The Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr White,
(1) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved

Cheque requests for December 2019				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total £
571	Cator Hall Management Committee	Cator Hall Rent Nov 19	Cator Hall Rent	30.00
572	Richard Ford	Mulled Wine & Mince Pies	Community Initiatives	62.11
573	Sian Bacon	Clerk's Wages	Clerk's Salary	497.76
574	Sian Bacon	Petrol Expenses	Clerk's Salary	40.00
				629.87

- B) It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Pennicott, that the Bank Reconciliation for December 2019 be accepted.
- C) It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, after proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Brown, that the Budget Monitoring for December 2019 be accepted.

180/19 Chair's Announcements

Cllr Ford reported that the Christmas Tree lighting event has been a great success with many people attending and then staying on for the Playing Field Committee's family event afterwards. Cllr Ford will put a piece in the Echo about the event.

181/19 Parish Council Plan

Community Orchard

The Clerk reported that she had had correspondence from Mr Parsons and his Solicitor and that the contract for the orchard would be sent out to the Council for signing by the next meeting.

Mompesson's Cross

Cllr Ford reported that he still needed to purchase the bulbs for the WI to plant and that he would do this by the next meeting. The area has no signs of vandalism or litter and the dead trees will be removed soon. Cllr Pennicott will check the railings to see if they are in need of painting.

Welcome to Eakring Signs

Cllr Brown will submit photos to the local artists so they can come up with designs.

Climate Action – Reduction of Single Use Plastics and Carbon Footprint

Cllr Ford requested that all Cllrs read the initiative suggestions that had been sent out and to bring ideas to the Council in February so an initiative can be decided upon. It was agreed that small steps to reduce the Council's carbon footprint was the best way forward. Cllr Sweeney noted that the Council should be setting a precedent and an example to get the ball rolling with

Climate action and encourage others to do so. The Clerk will bring the power point presentation issued by Cllr Ford to the February meeting.

182/19 **Update on the Cator Hall Purchase**

A representative from the Cator Hall Committee reported that the committee had decided that they were unable to continue as the committee running the hall into the new year. It was noted by Cllr Ford that the Council and their solicitors were still waiting on the Diocese and had had very little response from them. It was queried whether the Council had a contingency plan for when the Committee resigned. Cllr Ford reported that nothing had been put in place yet as it was expected that the Council would have taken ownership of the hall prior to the end of March when the lease expired. It was agreed that the Councillors would meet with the Cator Hall Committee to take over the running of the hall in January. It was agreed that the committee would set a date and invite all the Councillors to attend. The Treasurer of the Committee also agreed to send the finances to the Clerk so she could begin to prepare for the takeover of the accounts.

183/19 **Parish Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in hand**

Flooding Issues with Drains and Gullies, Highways and Verges:

- Cllr Ford will organise a meeting with the Highways Officer from Via to look at the drains and gullies that need adding to the map. The blocked ones have all been reported.
- It was agreed that one of the Cllrs would take photos of Kirklington Roads edges for the Clerk to use in her report to NCC.
- Parking on the verges in the village was noted to be a problem with the verges becoming damaged. Cllr Ford agreed to place a notice in the Echo asking parishioners to not park on the verges where possible.
- The Clerk agreed to chase up the road sweep requested for Kirklington Road.
- Cllr Pennicott reported that one of the CCTV signs had gone missing so he will install another.

Online Banking: The Clerk reported that only Cllr Shacklock needed to sign the Signatory sheet and then she would be able to proceed with the transfer to online banking. Cllr Ford agreed to meet with Cllr Shacklock to arrange the signing and then send the sheet to the Clerk.

Bench Repair or Replace: Cllr Ford reported that he had looked at bin quotes and like for like benches were very expensive. He also reported that the were positioned very deep into the ground. It was agreed that the expense of like for like was not viable. Cllr Ford agreed to bring a proposal in February for repairs or replacement. Cllr Pennicott will look at the benches and the Clerk will look into the possibility of grant funding.

184/19 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

Cator Hall: All matters were discussed in the update on the Cator Hall purchase item (12)

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Sweeney reported that at the last committee meeting it had been agreed to arrange a meeting with Sovereign for design alterations and costings. It was agreed the first piece of equipment would be the MUGA as it was furthest from the gate and was funded specifically so it was important that it go in. All work will be starting in spring. The next Committee meeting will be on the 2nd January to which Sovereign will be invited to. The Clerk will chase the planning department for a response over planning permission.

185/19 **Correspondence/Information**

Correspondence was received from:

- 1) **NALC** – Update on the change of s137 per elector from £8.12 in 2019/20 to £8.32 for 2020/21.
- 2) **NSDC** – update on the precept setting procedure for the precept 2020/21

186/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm