

EGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON 21st MARCH 2016 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr Miles Nesbitt Vice-Chair of the Parish Council
13 members of the public/representatives of local organisations

In Attendance: Mr P Woolrich, Clerk to the Parish Council
3 Parish Councillors

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Lisa Brown, Cllr Nikki Lawton and Cllrs Muller and Ford.

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF 16th March 2015

They were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Vice -Chair reported on the main activities of the Parish Council and thanked the members for their full support during what has so far turned out to be an extremely busy year. He also emphasise that there is a need for further volunteers to join the Council. It is understood that work on proposals for a railhead and distribution complex on land at Etwall and Egginton Commons are still ongoing and may be presented later in the year. A new Parish Noticeboard has been commissioned. New security gates have been installed at the CJPF and three flood warden appointed. A major initiative to persuade Highways to repair all potholes on the village approaches and the pavement in Church Road was successful. The Parish Council has also made good progress with the Community Gateway Scheme to improve the approaches to the village. To date the Council has cleared and planted up the triangle of land by Egginton Brook Bridge, installed solar lighting in the bus shelter and planted around 50 trees with funding from a Safer Neighbourhood Grant and financial assistance from Toyota. The next stage will involve work to replace the village signs and wild flower planting around the bridge and substantial facial improvements to the bridge itself. This work will follow next year and will be paid by matched funded Community Partnership grant totaling £25,000. The Council has responded to Part 1 of the Local Plan and consultations on many planning applications continue to be undertaken and public awareness of major developments is raised.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS

4.1 The Memorial Hall

Sir Henry for the Trustees, indicated that during the year a Community defibrillator has been fitted outside the front door for village use and two training sessions had already been held. The heating system has been the source of some aggravation and a solution is being sought. A second door to the storeroom has helped its functionality whilst internal and external decoration continues on a cyclical basis. Bookings are slowly increasing although a substantial source of income comes from the County Council in the form of rent for school use whilst a new lease is to be negotiated. The finances are sound and thanks were given to the Trustees, booking secretary and caretakers for all their commitment.

4.2 Governors of the Primary School

Tricia Morgan's report indicated several challenges with the two teachers on maternity leave together with a new school clerk. All staff continue to receive regular training and there are currently 63 pupils on the roll. With the help of the school Council the school is completing the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award and the children have been involved in various fund raising activities including Macmillan Coffee morning, a welly walk, Red Nose day, Children in Need, Autism Awareness and JRDF (Diabetes). The school continues to provide a range of extra-curricular activities including Dodge Ball, sewing, bikeability, an organ workshop and Derbyshire Young Voices Choir. There have also been visits to the school from the Museum Service, the Owl man, Water Rescue Dogs, Fire Safety, the Ambulance Service and a local farmer and his sheep. Visits were also made to Lea Green Activity Centre, Crich, Theatre Royal, Nottingham, Arboretum school in Derby, Cresswell Grags and Toyota. Thanks to the PTA for the new blinds. The school has excellent relations with the wider community, with close links with the village church. The Harvest Festival and Christmas Concert were the highlight of the school year and well attended.

4.3 PTA

Ros Farrow, Secretary of the PTA gave an outline of another busy and successful year. The role of the PTA was to raise funds to provide financial support for the school to help with the purchase of equipment, resources and to subsidise trips and outings. The PTA also aims to support the school with social events and activities for the children. These events ranged from the annual Christmas Fayre, Christmas raffle, soup and pancakes and support for the Summer Fayre. A grant from Persimmon Homes was used to replace broken and faded blinds in the classrooms. The PTA have also organised a clothes bin outside the Memorial Hall which will jointly support the Salvation Army and the PTA. The PTA will continue to support the school to provide the "added extras" as school budgets are very tight and it makes a big difference to the school and benefits local children. Everything achieved by the PTA requires contribution from a committed team of helpers and organisers.

4.4 The WI

Janet Pearce reported that the membership was 33, had held several meetings and had numerous outings. The report expanded on the meetings, events, outings and visits that had occurred, together with fund raising events. The monthly meetings have covered many subjects and organisations including the Derby and Notts. Police, We are what we Eat etc. Trips to the Refugee Centre in Derby and Garden Party at Buckingham Palace were some of the highlights of the year. Donations of clothes and raffle proceeds were also made. There is to be a trip to Russia in 2016.ichfield Garrick Theatre were made to see The Mousetrap and Cats with lunches at the Old Vicarage in Branston. Looking forward to an interesting 2016 and visitors and non-members are always welcome.

4.5 The Horticultural Society.

Pat Riley indicated that the Society continues to administer the allotments and presently only half of an allotment is vacant. It takes a lot of hard work to keep allotments productive but most are a testament to their users and are very productive. Long standing users are very friendly and offer help and advice to newcomers. The association will continue to maintain the raised bed at Egginton Brook Bridge as part of the Gateway Project. They organize the Harvest Festival whilst the barbeque and plant sale raises funds. A problematic issue remains of the boundary fence on Blacksmiths Lane.

4.6 The Parochial Church Council

Egginton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, within the ecclesiastical parish, the ministry and mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for the financial management of the parish, and for the maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Egginton, and its churchyard. Pat Riley outlined the activities relating to St

Wilfrid's which during the year had had a successful one for fundraising whilst offered hospitality to many of the village groups and organisations. Specific collections (Annual Outward Giving) have gone to Kids Aid Tanzania, Leprosy Mission, Rainbow Children's Society, the Padley Centre, CMS and Unicef to name but a few. The church continues to be an integral part of village life.

4.7 The Parent and Toddler Group

There was no report from the group.

4.8 Jubilee Club

Mrs Shirley Rogers, the Secretary, indicated that the club was for the over 60's and meets in the church. It was a registered charity and received grants from the local funding bodies. This is their 39th anniversary and they presently have 23 members, with some 15 visitors from Etwall. Monthly coach outings a year are organised. This year trips included visits to the Darley Dale, Chatsworth, Liverpool, Skegness and Marsh Farm and other places.

4.9 Egginton Historical Association

The History Association had another successful year. The Association arranged for a lecture on "The Glory Days of Egginton Junction" to be given by Mr I Gibson, one time Station Master and later Area Manager, on 11 November 2015. This was a highly successful event with a total of 82 visitors attending. A display of photographs relating to Egginton Junction from the late 19th Century to the present day was assembled prior to the event. We were invited to participate in the annual South Derbyshire Heritage Open Day, held in mid-September. The fete and Egginton Junction displays were on view and our show was advertised at the Magic Attic in Swadlincote and this produced some visitors for us from outside the county ! The process of cataloguing all the data we have collected over the past few years has been continuing at a pace dependent only on the availability of helpers. We continue to hold open house on the third Wednesday of each month between 2 pm and 4 pm and welcome all visitors. Younger people more conversant with new computer systems and web-programming would be especially welcome.

4.10 Neighbourhood Watch

Roger Hyland outlined the establishment of the Watch and appointed volunteers and co-ordinators from the village streets. A new booklet had been printed and circulated together with an information leaflet with all the relevant contact details. Information was also distributed via the Eggine to keep everyone informed as quickly as possible both of events and current scams.

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

As there was no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.