

EGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 15th January, 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr. Miles Nesbitt, Cllr. Nikki Lawton; Cllr. Sir Henry Every Bt; Cllr. Tanina Rushton; Cllr. Pete Rushton.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. Martyn Ford DCC; Cllr. Andrew Kirke SDDC; Susan Nesbitt (Clerk); 11 Members of the Public.

PART 1: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION

24/01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Faye Russell, Cllr. David Muller (SDDC)

24/02 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was none.

24/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

24/04 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) A Resident raised his concerns regarding the North side of the CJPF. There is a strip behind the garden walls that gets very overgrown.

Clerk – this has been reported to the relevant department at SDDC more than once – **will report again.**

Resolved: any action required is noted in **bold** above.

b) Cllr. Andrew Kirke SDDC

*As the County offices are no longer financially viable SDDC are looking for smaller, more efficient premises.

* Cllr. AK explained the processes involved in the call out for sites (SHELAA). Egginton and Etwall common has been put forward as a preferred site for the EMIP but there are glaring mistakes in the subsequent SHELAA report – these are currently being addressed.

*Planning at SDDC is being overhauled.

b) Cllr. Martin Ford

***Will highlight the flooding issue at the Carriers Road/Etwall Road crossroads to the Cabinet Minister.** DCC contract out the gulley cleaning to SDDC.

*Allocation of £4 million from Government for pothole repair – currently £27 million has been spent.

*County offices are to be sold – this will save £178 million in repairs.

Resolved: any action required is noted in **bold** above.

CLLRS. MARTYN FORD AND ANDREW KIRKE LEFT THE MEETING

24/05 TO CONFIRM THE NON-EXEMPT MINUTES FROM 25.09.2023

Resolved: the minutes were approved

24/06 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

24/07 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY, ON PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

There were none.

PART 1: NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

24/08 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*Clerk SN was thanked for her hard work and enthusiasm over the last 3½ years – she is to step down at the end of March 2024. Kate Darcy will be taking up her position as Clerk from 1st March - there will be a hand over period. Parish Council Meeting dates will be on a Wednesday from now on.

Proposal - The PC software needs to be updated to Microsoft 365 at a cost of approximately £80.00 per year. Jonny Earwaker should be officially appointed as our IT Consultant. **THE FULL COUNCIL GAVE THEIR AGREEMENT.**

*Carriers Rd. crossroads – flooding. Reported once again to DCC in December 2023 – highways confirmed culverts and ditches had been cleared in May 2023 – this does not appear to be the case! Several accidents have occurred because of this flooding and black ice.

Resolved: see 24/04 b) Cllr. MF

*Ash Grove Lane 150yd approach sign has been hit by a vehicle and is in the ditch. **Clerk to request reinstatement – DCC Highways.**

Resolved: any action required is noted in **bold** above.

*State of Village roads and pavements – SDDC website clearly states road channels should be cleaned 4 times per year and footways should be

swept twice a year. No information was forthcoming re the 2023 or 2024 schedule.

*No. 3 Fishpond Lane – contravention of planning regulations – owners have been given until 23.01.2024 to lower the fence from 8ft to 6ft.

Gaynor Richards, Snr. Enforcement Officer, has taken on the case. The house is now 'For Sale.'

24/09 BONFIRE REPORT

Cllr. NL gave her report on the 2023 Bonfire event. Despite poor weather conditions the event was a huge success – 950 tickets sold. The addition of live music and Oregano Kitchen this year was a hit. Thanks were given to all the Bonfire Committee (Team) and the many volunteers who helped over the weekend. (See attached report.) All profit made is to go towards installation of new play equipment on the CJPF later in the year.

Cllr. MN thanked Nikki and her team for yet another fantastic event.

24/10 CHRISTMAS TREE & CAROL SERVICE/REMEMBRANCE EVENT

Cllr. MN thanked all those involved in the above events.

Clerk to write to K. Ellis and thank him for once again donating the tree.

Resolved: any action required is noted in **bold** above.

24/11 ASH GROVE LANE – POT HOLES

The Clerk has organised a Village petition to ask for resurfacing of Ash Grove Lane.

24/12 AUTUMN/WINTER FLOODING

Egginton got of lightly thanks to the flood bank. The water table has risen by 4/5 ft since the Summer resulting in some flooding but not as bad as in previous years.

24/13 FREEPORT/EMIP

Goodman have gone very quiet so not much to report. They have recently given 'Notice to Quit' to the Farmers on the Common. 'Private Land' notices have gone up even though there has been a bridleway across the Common for over 50 years.

24/14 CJPF LEASE

The lease was signed on 29.09.2023. The Land Registry paperwork could take up to 9 months to be completed then we will be issued with a copy of the new 30year lease.

24/15 CJPF PROGRESS REPORT

Repairs have been carried out on the play tower – our insurance company paid in full for this arson attack. The Junior swings, chains, bushes and shackles have been replaced (bonfire 2022 profit) and the cradle swings and chains have been replaced (Coronation profit). All the

above were completed in time for the Bonfire. We now have a new litter bin – thank you to J. Burd for installing. Plans are already underway for installation of new play equipment (stage 1.) See attached report – copies available from the Clerk on request.

24/16 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2024/2025

Cllr. HE talked through the Budget and the Precept. Advice was taken from DALC on the raising of the Precept by 5%.

Both Budget and Precept were approved by Council.

24/17 MATTERS ARISING BETWEEN MEETINGS

There are none.

24/18 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

*Toyota invitation (03.11.2023) attended by Cllrs. MN and HE.

Future plans for a new form of solid-state battery for electric cars were unveiled. Toyota are also working with Rolls Royce on hydrogen powered engines.

*SDDC Flood Liaison Meeting (22.11.2023) attended by Cllrs. HE and MN. Environment Agency involved in a remodelling exercise of the River Dove – a major source of flooding. EA has recently cleared the gravel build up by Monk’s Bridge.

24/19 ACCOUNTS

PAYMENTS (01.09.23 – 31.12.23)		
	VAT	Incl. VAT
September		
Laser Tech UK Ltd	57.80	346.80
S. Burdon – school garden donation		300.00
Egginton PCC donation		300.00
Protect Signs (speed watch)	36.07	216.43
Village Warden		682.50
Clerk – quarterly expenses	4.70	39.31
Clerk – September wages		351.60
Clerk – quarterly HLP		150.00
Unity Trust Bank – quarterly service charge		18.00
TOTAL	98.57	2,404.64
October		
Playdale – CJPF play equipment repairs and replacement swing seats	1,056.45	6,338.71
PKF Littlejohn – external audit	42.00	252.00
HMRC – quarterly tax payment		138.80
RBL – Poppy wreath	3.33	20.00
Nelsons Solicitors – CJPF lease negotiations	500.00	3,083.00
G. McCulloch – village maintenance		225.00

Hire of hall	2.00	12.00
N Lawton – hire of portable toilets - bonfire	58.90	353.40
RBL - donation		20.00
Clerk – October wages		351.60
TOTAL	1,662.68	10,794.51
November		
DSK Engineering – quarterly inspection of CJPf assets	10.00	60.00
Firs Farm Nursery – revamp of flower bed on Church Road	242.67	1,456.00
Lawton Lowndes – bonfire expenses	3.60	21.60
CPRE annual subs		50.00
Netwise – annual website fee	66.00	396.00
A Farrow – bonfire expenses	46.65	359.87
P Brown – bonfire expenses	49.10	315.58
J Burd – bonfire expenses	34.76	404.84
Village Warden – ditch clearance		32.50
P Brown – purchase of hot water urn		100.00
C Sayer – bonfire expenses	19.01	848.39
Village Warden		240.00
G McCulloch – verge mowing and strimming		370.00
Burton Brewery – bonfire beer	30.00	180.00
Fireworks	208.33	1,250.00
AP Davies – refund of pitch hire		100.00
N Lawton – bonfire expenses	33.68	1,560.28
Clerk – November wages plus DALC pay award back pay		519.02
Total	743.80	8,264.08
December		
J Burd – materials bought for Parish Council initiatives	17.56	105.36
J Earwaker – website maintenance		165.00
Tower Brewery Ltd	32.00	192.00
N Lawton – expenses relating to Christmas events	28.91	243.72
Clerk – quarterly HLP		150.00
Clerk – quarterly expenses (includes payment for flower tub plants)	15.34	94.85
Clerk – December wages		372.40
Quarterly bank charges		18.00
Total	98.81	1,341.33
RECEIPTS (01.09.23 – 31.12.23)		
September		
DCC grant – Coronation celebrations		250.00
Bonfire – ticket sales		261.16
TOTAL		511.16
October		

Sale of bonfire tickets		3,967.44
DCC – maintenance grant (public footpaths)		385.00
Oregano Kitchen – bonfire pizza van		150.00
AP Davies – bonfire vegan van		100.00
	TOTAL	4,602.44
November		
Sale of bonfire tickets		1,358.30
Bonfire – sale of food and drinks		2,540.73
S Nesbitt – bonfire payment		6.63
SDDC – concurrent funding		1,040.84
Bonfire – cash banked		1,180.31
HMRC – VAT repayment 2022-2023		1,764.65
	TOTAL	7,891.46
December		
Hiscox insurance – CJPF arson claim		3,203.08
	Total	3,203.08

24/20 The BANK RECONCILIATION for September, October, November and December 2023 was approved.

24/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DMOT/2023/1345: The felling of 3 willow trees, crown lift of Ash tree and Monolith Pine tree covered by SDDC Tree Preservation Order no: TPO 310 at Old Station Cottages, Etwall Road, Egginton, Derbyshire. DE65 6GW

No objections

DMPA/2023/1527: application for change of use from dwelling (C3) to Children’s Care Home (C2) at Doveside Boarding Kennels, Burton Road, Egginton, Derbyshire. DE65 6GW

No objections

24/22 PLANNING DECISIONS

The ‘Planning’ section on SDDC’s website seems to have been blocked so information on Planning Decisions is unavailable at this time.

24/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING ...

Wednesday, 27th March, 2024 at 7.30pm
 Preceded at 7pm by the Annual Parish Meeting

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.05pm.

Signed:

Date:.....