

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.170 – held on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7:30pm

PRESENT : Chairman Rob Jefferis
 Councillors John Westbury John Symonds
 Pete Ellyard Peter Moore

CLERK: Charlotte Gurney

1. **Apologies Received:** Apologies were received from Cllr Mark Versallion, Cllr Gorton and Cllr Lochhead
2. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:** None were made.
3. **Report from Ward Councillor:** Cllr Versallion did not attend the meeting but had emailed to advise that CBC is holding a Community Planning workshop at Leighton Buzzard Theatre on Wednesday 1 February from 2:30-7:30pm. The event is a chance for residents, local businesses and councillors of the town and the parishes of Battlesden, Eggington; Hockliffe and Heath and Reach to have their say on their priorities for the local area.
4. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting 168:** Held on 24th October 2016. Confirmed that meeting no.169 was cancelled. Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Jefferis.
5. **Matters arising from those Minutes:**

Grass cutting within the village – Clerk has ordered maps to enable Parish Council to obtain new quotes for grass cutting throughout the village. Cllr Moore has asked to see the maps once provided.

Solar Farm Community Fund constitution - Cllr Westbury has finalised a draft of the constitution and met with CBC representative Sarah Hughes. The Parish council have been provided a logo and panel representatives confirmed. The next steps are for the panel to signed the agreed constitution so that applications can start to be accepted.
6. **Financial Report:** Acting as RFO, Cllr Westbury reported the current financial situation as:-

Current Account	£ 3322.32
Deposit Account	£12,264.85
Total	£15,587.17

The RFO sought approval to pay the outstanding invoices:

a) Clerk	£418.42
b) Village Hall	£ 24.00
c) CPRE membership	£ 36.00

Adoption of the accounts (as at 23rd January 2017) and authorisation to pay the outstanding invoices was proposed by Cllr Symonds, seconded by Cllr Ellyard. Unanimously agreed, and it was confirmed that the RFO should continue to pay invoices as and when presented.
7. **Planning and Development:** Three new applications received;

Garden Centre – Retention of prefabricated building to house 3 flight simulators. No objections from Parish Council.

Periwinkle, High Street – in regards to 3 various ash trees in the garden of this property. No objection from Parish Council.

Bella Vista, High Street – has applied for side extension and a 1st floor elevation. Cllrs raised concerns over the overdevelopment of the site, visitors parking on the pavement making it dangerous for pedestrians having to walk in the road. The owner of Bella Vista was present at the Council meeting and advised the Parish Council that they had been advised plans are to be rejected and they are being redrawn to a smaller scale. Parish Council voted 3/2 to object to this application.

8. Updates from Cllrs on Village Matters:

Cllr Moore – Highways have cleared gullies they visited the village twice clearing High Street and Orchard Estates on separate occasions. However Gulley between public house and church has still not been cleared. Clerk to submit request to highways.

Cllr Symonds – Advised that both Speedwatch equipment and Defibrillator will be applied for via Community Benefit Fund. Raised concerns over, refurbishment at 1 Leighton as contractors have left a lot of mud on footpath. Clerk to advise CBC EH Officer who is responsible for village area.

Cllr Westbury – Raised concerns over water run off from un adopted road that leads up to charity farm. Also raised concerns over cars parked on that corner, all Cllrs expressed concerns that an accident was inevitable. Further concerns were also raised over mud/rubbish on Mill Road.

9. To discuss Village Notice Boards and Defibrillator: It is agreed that an application will be submitted to the Community Fund for a defibrillator for the village. Clerk is still waiting to hear from Conservation Officer for guidance on notice boards to be fitted within conservation area.

10. To discuss Grass Cutting Contract: Ross has officially withdrawn from grass cutting for Eggington and a new contract needs to be tendered for as a matter of urgency. Clerk has requested area maps for Eggington which will allow Cllrs to mark up areas to be quoted for. Correspondence has also been received from Eggington Cricket Club asking if joint ground maintenance contract might save on costs. Clerk will contact Eggington Cricket Club to ask them for details on specification of ground maintenance required. Cllrs have expressed an interest in seeing electronic copies of maps once they have been obtained.

11. Clerk's Update: The Clerk provided an update on post received by Parish Council, Cllr Versaillon updated surgery posters have been received and placed in notice boards and details of the community planning event have also been placed in village notice boards. Clerk advised Cllrs that 1crime - theft from motor vehicle had been reported within the village in December 2016. Clerk advised that the telephone box within Eggington village is no longer being considered for removal

12. Close of Parish Council Meeting:

Next Parish Council Meeting (171) will be on Monday 10th April 2017, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 2110 (09.10pm).

This is true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: *R. Jefferis* (chairman)

Date: 10th April 2017