

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.183 – held on Monday 15th October 2018 at 8:05pm

PRESENT: Chairman Rob Jefferis
Councillors John Westbury, John Symonds, Peter Moore.

CLERK: Charlotte Gurney

PARISHIONERS: Mr Bruce Morris

Public Statements: Mr Morris said wished to hear more about the Planning Application recently submitted for Claridges Farm. However, the Chairman advised that the Parish Council had only received written notification two days previously. The Application was discussed later in the meeting.

The Clerk had received an email from Mr R H Sear regarding publishing minutes on website. He considered that the Transparency code of 2015 'advised' that draft minutes be published online at least one month after the meeting. He also suggested that agendas to go online 3 days before the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Gorton and Versallion sent their apologies. No apology had been received from Cllr Ellyard.

2. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations: None were made.

3. To confirm Minutes of Meeting 182: There was a typo made in one public statement which was corrected. The Minutes were then proposed by Cllr Westbury, and seconded by Cllr Symonds to be a true and accurate record: this was unanimously agreed.

4. Matters arising from those Minutes: Cllr Moore advised that the Speedwatch training meeting previously notified had been cancelled. Cllr Symonds advised he had reported some recent issues to Highways regarding parking in the village, as well as safety issues due to residents parking on bends.

5. Financial Report: Cllr Westbury (acting for the RFO) reported the situation as:

Current Account	£ 4,150.52
Deposit Account	£ 12,285.36
Total	£ 16,262.42

Approval was then sought to pay the following outstanding Invoices:

Clerk's remuneration	£149.46
Hire of Village Hall	£24.00

These accounts were submitted, proposed by Cllr Symonds and seconded by Cllr Moore: Members unanimously agreed and they were therefor adopted..

6. Planning and Development: the application for the White House fence showed as approved in August. However, the conditions state that warning signs should be displayed, the fence to be painted or varnished and shrubbery to be planted in front. According to the Conditions the signs should already be on display - they weren't!

Claridges Farm: the application had been resubmitted for two larger houses - the size now proposed amounted to two very large 5-bedroom properties. Cllrs discussed the plans, having concerns about the development, particularly in regard to the proposed sizes, their layout and the loss of privacy to neighbouring residents.

CLERK to draft objection and forward to Chairman for review.

7. New Initiatives for the Village: Cllr Jefferis expressed his opinion that the village was not looking its best at this time of year, and thought it could be made more attractive. He raised the idea of a community/village initiative to tidy up whole village. Ideas aired included planting on more of the village's green areas. Cllr Westbury suggested a re-orientation of the Eggington sign (opposite the pub) since it's barely noticeable when driving through the village. Cllr Symonds agreed, saying he would like to see the sign in a more prominent position. Cllr Jefferis suggested the Parish Council publish something on its Facebook page. Cllr Westbury suggested that more should be done to promote the Facebook page, in the hope of getting more parishioners to join. Cllr Jefferis suggested that the village might have a Christmas tree, with some outside lights for the festive period. Cllr Symonds advised that parishioners do not know who the Councillors are, to which Cllr Westbury advised that photos of Councillors should go on the Parish website.

CLERK to promote Facebook page, and draft a post asking for community initiative ideas to be provided to the Chairman, with feedback for the next meeting.

8. Frequency of Meetings: it was discussed whether Council meetings should be monthly. This could make meetings shorter and more concise. Cllr Westbury proposed that meetings be every 4 weeks. This was seconded by Cllr Symonds and all agreed. The next meeting date was agreed as 12th November 2018.

**CLERK to check Hall availability for a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.
Draft new meeting schedule for proposal at next meeting.**

9. Updates from Councillors on Village Matters: Cllr Westbury requested that the Facebook page could advise parishioners that there would be Parish Council election next May (2019) and that it was likely that new 'volunteers' would be needed. **CLERK to post on Facebook next year.**

Cllr Jefferis advised that parishioner Mrs M Plummer had spoken to him to regarding footpath from Eggington to Meadow Way has been cut off by the building work for the Clipstone Park development, although no closure notice had been applied for. **CLERK to report and seek new route if necessary.**

Cllr Westbury advised that the second new Broadband cabinet (3a) had now appeared, but that no connections had yet been made.

Cllr Moore advised Pampas Grass belonging to White House Cottage is obstructing the footpath.

10. Clerk's communication update: the Clerk reported that One crime had been recorded in September. There was also a list of correspondence received since the last meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 21:39 (9:39pm).

Next meeting: Monday, 12th November 2018 at 20:05 (8:05 pm)

This is true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: *R. Jefferis* (Chairman) Date: 12th November 2018