

MINUTES OF THE EGGLESTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 09 JANUARY 2019 AT 19:00 AT EGGLESTON VILLAGE HALL

Item 1. Attendees: Cllr S. Gillard; Cllr R. Hutchinson; Cllr L. Oxby; Cllr J. Donald; Cllr W. Greenfield (chairman); Miss R Machin (parish clerk and minute taker)

Item 2. Accepted Apologies: Cllr E Henderson – another engagement, Cllr M. Souter; working

Item 3. Declaration of interest: None.

Item 4. Minutes of 05 December for acceptance and signature: Minutes proposed as correct by Cllr S. Gillard; seconded by Cllr R. Hutchinson. All in agreement. Signed by the Chairman.

Item 5. Action Points and matters arising: The action points were updated. Items to be discharged – Actions relating to visibility at end of Green Lane and Matters Arising – None.

Matters Arising – Wayleave for Eggleston Chapel – Cllr Greenfield has been investigating the current paperwork and actions required should the council wish to amend current wayleave fees. This is ongoing with conversations with DCC representatives.

Item 6. . Finance:

a. Bank Reconciliation:

Active Account:	£407.55	Recreation Account:	£1952.48
Saver Account:	£7075.15		(Neighbour Saver still zero funds).

b. **Forecast:** The forecast calculated for 2019/20 on basis of revised precept and expected income £7519 and expenses per current year (taking into account potential inflation) of £7641. This shows a potential loss of £122. Forecast current year end bank balance £6106 – less than 100% of precept. Recreation account year end forecast £2120. Expected annual maintenance £870.

c. **Precept:** The forecast allows for a budget increase of £600.00. This would cover £150 website fees to meet new government standards; increase travel for new clerk; annual inflation of Insurances and fees and £400 for Recreation Park maintenance. All councillors were in agreement that in order to maintain the Recreation Park to the high standard that is now enjoyed it was vital that we planned for future and current funding would not be adequate. There is no currently no provision for the replacement of ageing equipment, which will not be of small values. Therefore this ongoing annual restricted funding would aim to ensure adequate funds in the coming years.

On this basis it was therefore proposed that precept be increased by 6.0% or 0.18p per month **for a Band D property to take into account all of the above.**

Item 7 Planning: Eggesburn House – The council’s only concern with the plans is in respect of the parking. The property is adjacent to a junction and on a 60mph road dangerous road. The council therefore feel that the planning should include off road parking to ensure residents and visitors are not parking on a main road obscuring the vision for the main junction where cars will be driving to the 60mph speed limit.

DCC have approved applications: Eggleston Methodist Chapel-. Land Opposite Gatehouse Farm – retrospective change of use part of building to dog grooming parlour.

Item 8. Feedback from Meetings:

- Upper Teesdale Tourism Networking Group

Reported that Raby is getting involved with Upper Dale on tourism. The estate is using new branding. They are conducting a tourism study and considering introducing educational material at High Force to compliment Bowlees.

-TAP Old peoples Task Force

Durham 2020 – refreshing their vision. The Chairman requested that councillors fill in proforma – questionnaire. Suggest we need to push rural proofing, as a scattered population should not mean less services or support.

- Cllr Oxby from Middleton Parish Council

Presentation re social media do’s and don’ts. Be aware that once something is out on social media, it is in public domain and you are liable.

Item 10. Clerks issues:

a. Hours worked October: 20 hrs.

b. Correspondence: Card Readers – not deemed a necessity.

Armed Force Day – Grant available towards a function to celebrate the day – council does not wish to pursue.

Advertising/funds request for local Volunteer

Transport Service – email issued to councillors and Village Hall committee for advertising, but no funds available from Eggleston.

c. Leave: Clerk has requested leave for week of 28/01/19. Approved.

Meeting closed at 20.40