

Eggleston Parish Council – Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 6th January 2016

1) Those present:

Cllr E.Henderson (Chair), Cllr J.Donald, Cllr S.Gillard (19:30), Cllr W. Greenfield, Cllr R.Hutchinson, Cllr L. Oxby. Cllr M.Souter. Minutes: Christine Bell. Parishioner present: Mr. McBain also present Jamie McBain.

2) Apologies for absence: None

3) Declarations of interest: None

4) Website

Jamie McBain gave a presentation showing the format of the proposed website, he has already designed websites for Whorlton and Westwick and Etherley Parish Councils. The site can be updated from mobile phones to tablets. The acceptance of the format was proposed by Cllr Oxby, seconded by Cllr Hutchinson and unanimously agreed. The following changes to detail were requested:

Finance page, add subtitle for transparency code.

Change events tab to events and news.

Create links page.

Cllrs will determine the live date and it is hoped that this will be the end of February.

At this point Mr. McBain and Jamie Mc Bain left the meeting and were thanked by the Council.

5) Minutes of 2ND December for acceptance and signature.

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record by the Chair.

6) Matters arising and updated action points are attached to these minutes.

7) Planning - An application had been received from the owners of Woodsike on the Middleton Road to convert a garage into a holiday let. The Council had no objection to this proposal and the clerk would advise DCC.

8) Feedback from meetings

None

9) Finance - Bank reconciliations. 2016 Precept confirmation

The Chair signed the monthly reconciliations for all bank accounts. The proposed precept increase of £500 discussed at the December meeting was confirmed, proposed by Cllr Greenfield, seconded by Cllr Souter and unanimously agreed.

10) Boxes for roadside salt Cllr Greenfield raised this subject; DCC dump salt on the roadside in various sites across the Parish, the salt goes rock hard and can also be washed away by heavy rains. It was agreed that a request for boxes should be made to DCC, proposed by Cllr Greenfield, seconded by Cllr Souter and unanimously agreed. Cllr Henderson will raise this at a meeting he will be attending on Friday,

11) Emergency Planning Cllr Greenfield raised this subject as a result of the recent floods across the country and also at Middleton. The council need to consider what they can do in the event of an emergency e.g. beds and blankets. Cllr Henderson stated that DCC have an emergency team in place and he would contact them to either visit the Council or to provide a set of plans.

12) Grants for defibrillators

This is not yet completed but should be ready for the next meeting.

13) Advertising on the highway A business advertising sign has been placed on a road sign prior to the turn off to Eggleston Hall. Whilst it is accepted that there are other signs in the village they are not attached to road signs. Clerk to contact DCC for policy information.

14) Christmas lights Cllr Hutchinson has apologised to David Hutchinson regarding this issue and is forwarding a letter to him, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Cllr Henderson stressed to the meeting that this issue was now closed and no further discussions would take place.

15) Parish clerk issues

Timesheet – Due to personal circumstances the clerk had only spent ten and a half hours on Parish Council work during December.

Next meeting 3rd February 19:00.

The meeting closed at 20:10.