

MINUTES OF THE EGGLESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07 AUGUST 2019 AT 19:00 AT EGGLESTON VILLAGE HALL

Item 1. Attendees: Cllr J. Donald; Cllr S. Gillard; Cllr E Henderson; Cllr L. Oxby;
Cllr M. Souter; Cllr W. Greenfield (chairman and minute taker)
In Attendance: Mr G. Collins

Item 2. Accepted Apologies:– None Absent: Cllr G. R. Hutchinson

Item 3. Declaration of interest: None.

Item 4. Minutes of meeting held on 03 July 2019 for acceptance and signature: Proposed as correct by Cllr E. Henderson; seconded by Cllr S. Gillard. All in agreement.
Signed by the Chairman.

Item 5. Action Points and matters arising: The action points were updated.
Matters Arising: VE Day – Cllr Oxby to investigate 75 knitted poppies; Height to be left on the trees to be cut down in Recreation Park. All in agreement. More thought to be given to inclusion for maintenance contract.

Item 6. . Finance:

a. Bank Reconciliation:

Active (Community) Account: £99.94	Recreation Account: £2120.48
Saver Account: £9427.15	(Neighbour Saver still zero funds).

b. **Forecast:** No Change. All payments as per forecast.

Item 7 Planning: None

Item 8. Bridge Guidance: Cllr Greenfield had attended a briefing at County Hall. She briefed the meeting. **Action:** Cllr Gillard would ensure all Flag Volunteers were briefed accordingly.
Action: Cllr Greenfield to write an Annex to Standing Orders – sensitive.

Item 9. Pledge to reduce single use plastic by DCC: It was agreed that as a council we could do little but we could encourage parishioners to assist in reducing their use of such plastic.

Item 10. Wildflower Strategy: Mr Glen Collins explained that there was about a 97% decline in wildflower meadows. He suggested that there were areas in the parish could be seeded with wildflowers to increase bio-diversity. All councillors agreed that this would be a good idea for verges at the top of Hall Bank; along the road at Whistle Crag; and Gatehouse opposite the garage. Other areas could be considered at Hill Top; in the Recreation Park.
Action: Cllr Henderson would discuss this with Highways.

Afternote: Highways are interested in the project and will meet councillors in situ.

Item 11. Feedback from meetings:

a. Cllr Greenfield gave information from Faith & Wellbeing with regard volunteering.

TAP Board meeting - presentation on DCC 'Vision' from 2025; Meet The Funders at Spennymoore – a useful connection made for a grant to improvement work on the Pinfold; Small Councils' meeting – presentation on 'Community Led Housing'. Councillors considered that this was not a project for them to pursue. There will be no CIL in the future. Only the 106 money would be available. CDALC AGM in County Hall on Saturday 12th October, all councillors are entitled and encouraged to attend. Discussion regarding lack of parishioner attendance at Parish Council AGM and Village Meetings – how do we encourage engagement.

b. Cllr Henderson: Further meetings with NHS Durham dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group. Consultation decision had been made. Full report is available at www.durhamdaleseasingtonsedgfieldccg.nhs.uk Information regarding non-emergency NHS Funded Transport would be placed on the notice board. (same website)
The application from our Village hall for insulation has been approved.

c. Cllr Oxby: MinT Council's meetings with parishioners together with police is going well.

Item 10. Clerks issues:

a. Hours worked July: 20 hrs

b. Correspondence:

- Official notification has been received from DCC regarding the modification of paths Wolsingham South Moor/Middleton lane. (Discussed at earlier meetings);
- Fire & Rescue Service. A reminder of the visits to homes which are very useful. Free checks on alarms (replacements where necessary) and noting any wellbeing assistance that may be required. All were encouraged to refer a relative or neighbour if they were particularly concerned. Information is on notice board.
- The Crook/Barnard Castle Neighbourhood Policing team have launched a local newsletter. For more information: www.police.uk.
- To note: CDALC latest publication on Councillors' Conduct.

c. New Clerk: Mrs Paula Cowperthwaite has accepted the position. She will start on 2nd September. Handover of office equipment and files will be on 19th August.

Action: Cllr Greenfield will arrange signing of the contract. Cllrs Gillard and Oxby were reminded to destroy all information (hard copies and electronic) on the 5 candidates who applied. They were thanked for time at the interview board.

Meeting closed at 20.25