

At a meeting of Eardington Parish Council held on 5th September, 2016

Present Cllr.David Hollyhead, Cllr.B.Williams, Cllr.G.Gavan, Cllr.Jon Hodgkins, Cllr.M.Gibbons

Apologies Cllr.P.Williams (work commitment)

In attendance Cllr.R.Tindall, Mr.M.Blount (Country Parks & Heritage Sites Manager) and a number of parishioners

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, after a minor amendment i.e. Cllr.Gibbons had attended the meeting, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record

Matters arising from those minutes A defibrillator had been purchased and would be fitted to the exterior of the hall. A first aid training evening would be held during October, details would be published in the Newsletter.

Reports County Councillor Cllr Tindall said that, due to holidays, there was little to report. The clerk asked if he could establish whether or not the Lengthsman's funding would be available for the next financial year.

Village Hall Cllr.Brian Williams said that building work on the alterations to the hall was due to start on 12th September.

Correspondence All SALC Circulars had been forwarded to Councillors

Highways A parishioner would be contacting the clerk regarding pony shelters which had been installed on ground opposite the Astbury Lane junction. The clerk would make enquiries regarding highway safety and the possibility of footpath obstruction.

Planning Proposed Boot Camp at Eardington Manor
A parishioner had made a complaint about a 'boot camp' which had been set up at Eardington Manor. The clerk had made enquiries with the Planning Department and had been assured that no planning application had been made but would be necessary for such a commercial operation.

Finance
Approval for payments : Clerk £804.66, HMRC £62.40, Nigel Oliver £500.00, R.Millington (Village green mowing) £360, T.Bradford, £30
The accounts were approved on a proposal by Cllr Gavan and seconded by Cllr.B.Williams

Any Parish matters or problems to be placed on the next agenda there were no matters for discussion.

Date of next meeting, The next meeting was arranged for 7th November, 2016

Presentation by Mark Blount

The Chairman thanked Mr. Blount for attending and invited him to speak about future funding for Eardington Nature Reserve following the proposed budget cutbacks. The Parish Council was asked if they would be able to make a contribution to the management of the Reserve out of the annual Parish Maintenance Grant however the clerk explained that the grant of £3000 was used specifically for minor highway maintenance. Any other expenditure would fall within the Section 137 amount for the parish but there was an upper limit on what could be raised on the precept.

In view of that restriction, it was unlikely that the Parish Council would be able to offer any significant amount towards the Nature Reserve expenditure.