



**MINUTES FROM A MEETING
OF EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2019 AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
DUNNOTAR AVENUE, EAGLESCLIFFE, COMMENCING AT 7.00pm**

CLLRS PRESENT: J Clarke
G Colling
J Fletcher
A Lamond
G Perrie
M Rigg
R Rowlinson
K Webster (as co-opted at minute 84/19)

IN ATTENDANCE: C Whitehead – Clerk to the Council

Before commencing with the meeting, the Council and the Clerk took a few moments in silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives 75 years ago on D-Day.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence received from Cllrs J & M Milburn. Belated apology received from Cllr M Snaith

DECLARATIONS: Cllr Colling declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the planning application at 569 Yarm Road, as the property neighbours his own.

DISPENSATIONS: None required for this meeting.

79/19 MINUTES FROM 16TH MAY 2019 MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes from 16th May 2019 meeting be taken as read and accepted as a true record.

80/19 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

1. Refer Minute 65/19 It is noted that although Cllr J Fletcher was appointed representative for the Area Transport Strategy, Cllr M Milburn would be attending in his place at the 12th June meeting.

2. Refer Minute 71/19 It is noted that FS&DR group had made detailed points to SBC on the planning application for Layfield House and the Victorian Society had sent a letter to SBC agreeing with FS&DR comments.

81/19 COUNCILLORS REPORT BACK

1. Cllr Fletcher had attended the Locality Forum information day on 4th June and attended the following talks: Northumbrian Water regarding consumer accounts and help available for people on a low income; this information had been circulated to Cllrs. for information. A Citizens Advice Bureau presentation on how the group works. Moneywise – Community Development Officer.

It is noted that the contact information for Northumbrian Water and Moneywise will be considered for inclusion in the next *Newsletter* explaining the practical and financial help available.

2. Cllr Fletcher advised that in view of health and safety problems, St John's Church would not be using Egglecliffe Parish Hall until the issues are addressed. This had been raised at a parish church meeting and the priest in charge would be taking it to the next PCC meeting.

3. Cllr Rowlinson reported that: He had attended the SBC Mayoral Installation events as planned. GNAAS were running a lottery to help with the development at the former Elementis site. At a recent allotment inspection, members of the Allotment Management Committee had checked on the welfare of the chickens on a plot at Egglecliffe Village site (refer minute 69/19 1.). It had been initially thought that the issue was resolved after a meeting on site with the tenant on 17th May: however, members of the committee were again not happy at the time of the 5th June inspection. Cllr Rowlinson would discuss the matter further with the Clerk with a view to having the chickens and housing arrangements inspected by the Animal Welfare Officer.

82/19 REPORT BY THE CLERK INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Refer Minute 70/19 5.** Kompan had installed the artificial grass at Kingsmead on 5th June. The clerk had asked the play area inspector to check whether the height of the carpet edging adjoining the footpath was acceptable.

2. **Refer Minute 70/19 8.** The issue with the bees at Eliff's Mill allotment site appeared to be resolved; the beekeeper had explained that one of the bee colonies had lost its queen and become aggressive; sadly, the aggressive colony had had to be destroyed. Arrangements were in hand to move other colonies further down the orchard and away from neighbouring plots. The bee keepers contact details were on the site gate for any further concerns and the tenant who had been stung was satisfied with the explanation.

3. A report from the 4th June meeting of the summer fete working party had been distributed before the start of the meeting. The Clerk and Cllr Lamond gave updates on the report: Rev. Sylvia Wilson had confirmed that the church would be open for teas and the toilets would be available for people to use. Cllrs were asked to bring any items suitable for tombola prizes and be available to help on the day if possible. Cllr Rigg had given some thought to a good cause/charity for donation of the takings and decided on Diabetes UK.

RESOLVED: That the report is received and noted and the fete plans are approved.

4. Receipt is noted of an invitation to SBC's Armed Forces Day events on 24th and 27th June.

RESOLVED: Cllr Rowlinson would represent E&EC at the events and would raise the Armed Forces flag at memorial garden.

5. It is noted that the Clerk will be on annual leave 17th – 19th June inclusive, 15th – 19th July inclusive and 5th and 6th August.

6. A representative for CLCA had been missed when appointing representatives at the annual meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Rowlinson would continue as this council's representative at CLCA meetings. The Clerk had sent Cllr Rowlinson details of the forthcoming meeting.

6. The following articles and magazines were tabled for interest: Local Councils Update

83/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/1011/X - 3 Butts Lane Eggescliffe - Application to fell 1 no. Beech (T2)
19/1200/FUL - 569 Yarm Road Eggescliffe - Application for the erection of 2.035 metre high wall with brick pillars and close boarded fencing to the front.

19/1193/FUL - 5 Rushmere Heath Eggescliffe - Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (Demolition of existing conservatory and garage)

19/1105/PDE - 1 Burdon View Eggescliffe - Prior notification for the erection of a single storey extension to the rear (length 5.3m, height to eaves 2.45m and overall height 3.6m)

RESOLVED: No comments to be made on the applications listed above.

19/1082/FPD - 2 Grainger Close, Eggescliffe - Erection of single storey extension to the rear and conversion of garage into habitable room.

RESOLVED: That E&EC has no objections to this application provided that sufficient in-curtilage car parking spaces are retained.

84/19 APPLICANTS AND CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANT SEATS ON COUNCIL

Prior to the start of the meeting, the two candidates for co-option had had a brief discussion with members including why they would like to be councillors and what they felt they could offer to the community.

RESOLVED: That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest owing to discussion of personal information, members of the press and public be excluded for debate on this item.

RESOLVED: That Michael Hicks and Katherine Webster be co-opted to fill two of the three vacant seats on the Council.

The meeting was re-opened to members of the press and public and the Chairman continued with business. It is noted that Mr Michael Hicks had been unable to stay for the formal meeting. Katherine Webster duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor.

85/19 VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: That Cllr K Webster will serve on the Allotment Management and Public Relations Committees.

86/19 DURHAM LANE RECREATION GROUND

The developer's latest proposals for the recreation ground had been circulated to members prior to the start of the meeting. During a lengthy debate, serious reservations were raised on the amount of space that the proposal leaves for lease to Leven Athletic FC. It was felt that that the proposal would have a detriment effect on the football club given that the loss of space reverting to public use would leave room for only one pitch and the club seems keen to expand, not reduce, its facilities.

AGREED: That E&EC finds that at present it cannot agree to the idea in principle.

Several members had visited the developer's public consultation event at Eggescliffe Community Centre on 5th June which had raised further concerns: The original approach to E&EC had mentioned that the off-site facilities were to be located on the field to the north of the parish council's land. However, the developers were now keen to use part of E&EC's land and said that the northern field is to be a 'buffer zone' between the development and countryside.

This led to a query about what is meant by a 'buffer zone' and a suspicion that the area is being reserved for future development. The developers original plan also proposed to connect the main site with the new leisure facilities via the footpath which passes along the western boundary of this council's land; it was queried whether the developers will still be required to improve this footpath no matter where the off-site facilities are located. The outline planning permission for 845 houses also included retail, crèche and community facilities; the public consultation proposals did not show these facilities on-site. Nor did it show any play equipment on any of the on-site public open spaces. Noting that the statutory allotment authority in a civil parish is the parish council and not the district council, it was questioned who would manage the allotments on the site and questions whether sufficient parking is provided for tenants.

AGREED: That E&EC feels that it should be included in the planning process

RESOLVED: That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair will respond to the developers informing them of the council's decision and contact the Planning Officer dealing with the application outlining the council's concerns.

87/19 COMMITTEE MEETINGS/DATES TO BE ARRANGED

None at this time

88/19 ACCOUNTS/ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments below is approved:

Payee	Required for	Amount £	Payment method	Date paid /approved
Nsign	Trophies & engraving	121.00	BP	20/05/19
NWG Business	Allotment water supplt, Eliff's Mill	39.80	BP	23/05/19
Warrior Properties	Office rent	312.00	BP	31/05/19
BT	Telephone services	82.12	DD	03/06/16
Go Green Gardens	QE2 Garden maintenance	54.00	BP	03/06/16
Staff	Salaries	1,592.36	BP	06/06/19
HMRC	Tax & NIC	480.03	BP	06/06/19

RESOLVED: That the following income is noted.

From	For	Amount £	Date
Allotment tenant	Bond & key deposit	85.00	23/05/19
Spoilt Beauty	Printing charges	5.70	04/06/19

89/19 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Cllr Webster mentioned that cars parked on Albert Road had been damaged by large lorries turning from Albert Road into Victoria Road. The issue had been raised by residents with SBC who had carried out an investigation and taken no action. It was mentioned that the boundary wall of *Tittybottle Park* was also at risk of being damaged.

AGREED: The issue will be raised with Eaglescliffe Ward Cllrs with a request to have a bollard erected to protect the wall and / or signs to prevent lorries using the road.

2. Cllr Colling mentioned a road safety issue at the pedestrian refuge near the junction of Yarm Road/Sunningdale Drive: Pedestrians were crossing at different locations being wary of fast moving traffic travelling around the bend in the road just before the refuge.

3. Cllr Rowlinson advised that the issue of the messy patch of land at Leicester Way was now resolved: Persimmon Homes had tidied the area and planted ground covering plants.

90/19 CONFIRMATION OF DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting would be held on Thursday 4th July 2019 commencing at 7pm in All Saints Church

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm