



Ecton Parish Council

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of Ecton Parish Council** held on **Tuesday 28th September 2021** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D Dicks (Chair), Cllr N Bond, Cllr P Godby, Cllr J Fernley, Cllr S Grisewood, Cllr G Littlewood and Cllr A McCarter

Also Present: Mrs S Wong (Clerk) and NNC Councillor Lora Lawman

Item No	
804/2021	To Receive Apologies Apologies were received from NNC Cllrs C Hallam and S Brown who were not in attendance.
805/2021	To invite declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda No declarations of interest were received.
806/2021	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 27th July 2021 It was RESOLVED the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parish Council held on the 27 th July 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair Cllr Dicks.
807/2021	Parish Council Vacancies - Discuss any applications and co-option on to the Parish Council It was PROPOSED by Cllr A McCarter and SECONDED by Cllr N Bond to Co-opt Mr Ian Whittaker on to the PC. All were in favor. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Ian Whittaker on to the Parish Council. Unfortunately, Ian wasn't in attendance as he was in isolation. The Clerk has received all his signed forms.
808/2021	Discuss and agree to use a dedicated Parish Council Domain and Councillor email Accounts It was RESOLVED to use a dedicated Parish Council Domain and email accounts. These also comply with GDPR regulations. There will be no costs involved until next year.
809/2021	To receive a report from Unitary Councillors NNC Unitary Cllr Lawman was in attendance and reported a number of consultations that were taking place. The Parish Council is encouraged to respond to them including the Corporate Plan Consultation.
810/2021	To note any Matters Arising from the previous minutes not covered by items on the agenda. No matters arising to report.
811/2021	Financial matters a Review Financial Statement as at 21/09/2021 and propose payments and sign cheques

	<p>RESOLVED to approve payments to be made in September 2021 (Appendix A). The Clerk reported the Bank Balances to date as reconciled to the bank statement were as follows: Current Account £50.00 Reserves Account £31008.47 = Bank totals of £31,058.47. Less payments to be made of £2176.17 = £28,882.30 This is broken down into £3,879 David Cross funds, -£588.76 Playing Field Funds and £25,591.58 Parish Council Funds.</p> <p>Income received since 27th July 2021 - Bank Interest £0.28. Financial reports were received for information.</p> <p>b Discuss and agree whether to award a grant to the Ecton Newsletter This agenda item was cancelled. Grant funding is not being sought this year.</p> <p>c Receive update report reference David Cross Bequest Nothing new to report</p> <p>It was noted the 2nd quarterly internal financial inspection is to be carried out by Cllr McCarter on the 19th October 2021.</p>
812/2021	<p>Discuss any correspondence received Correspondence has been received with regards planting a tree for the Queens Jubilee. The Walnut tree in the play area has died. This tree could be replaced to mark the Queens Jubilee. This item is to be discussed at the November meeting.</p>
813/2021	<p>Village Services</p> <p>a Receive any updates on the Playing Field – Discuss and agree to the purchase a new seat for the playing area by resident Brian Beck in memory of his wife Jackie Beck Local resident Brian Beck has asked about paying for and installing a bench in the play area in memory of his wife Jackie Beck? A 3-seater bench made from recycled plastic. It was RESOLVED to accept this proposition. Currently the bench is out of stock with suppliers. Action: The Chair to make Brian aware of the supply delay.</p> <p>b Discuss any updates on Highways matters We previously reported a couple of blocked drains along Northampton Road and Wellingborough Road have now had a camera inspection. A serious problem has been found. Works will be added to Highways works schedule.</p> <p>Gullies in Ecton haven't been cleaned for some time. The Parish Council will put in a request to have this actioned. Cllr Lora Lawman happy to pick this up on the PC's behalf.</p> <p>c Receive any update on the fly tipping in Lower Ecton Lane Fly Tipping continues on Lower Ecton Lane. A detailed description on Facebook of an offender (a tree business / business logo) has been passed over. Hopefully a prosecution can be achieved from this information provided. Cllr Lawman is happy to pass on information of fly tipping instances if very detailed information can be given to her.</p> <p>d Receive updates and discuss any village maintenance matters The overhanging foliage above the footpath along the High Street is yet to be cut back. Action: The Clerk will contact Fisher German the agents for Ecton Estates to chase up the works.</p> <p>e Receive updates on street lighting matters It was noted the street light was repaired outside the Church.</p>

814/2021	Discuss any planning related matters including those not yet determined Nothing new to report.
815/2021	Date of next meeting – 23rd November 2021 RESOLVED to hold the next Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 23 rd November 2021 at 7.30pm at Ecton Village Hall.
	Close: The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Signed byDate

Appendix A

811/2021 Financial Matters

Review Financial Statement as at 21/09/2021 and propose payments and sign cheques

Monies must be paid out only in pursuance of statutory powers (SP) vested in the Parish Council.

RESOLVED balances as presented be accepted. **RESOLVED** the following accounts be paid.

Chq Number	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
700	22.70	1.08	Southern Electric	Electricity Standing Charges to 01.09.2021	Highways Act
701	303.20	14.43	Southern Electric	Electricity to 01.09.2021	Highways Act
702	774.00	129.00	Hayeswood Landscapes	Grass cutting in July & August	Open Spaces Act
703	592.34	0.00	Shirley Wong	Clerks Salary 27.07.21 to 28.9.21 35 hours Office & Broadband	LGA 1972 s 112
704	44.04	7.34	Shirley Wong	Expenses – Printer ink	LGA 1972 s 112

Total of Cheques Raised £1,736.28