

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2016 at 7.00pm in Eastington Methodist Hall

- 1 Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Corrie (Vice-Chair), Allen, Loveridge, Bomberg, Simmons and Cozens. There were 4 members of the public. Also present District Councillor John Jones and District Councillor Stephen Davies and County Councillor Lesley Williams. Apologies received from Cllr Bullock.
- 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Loveridge declared a pecuniary interest in items 9.3, 9.8 and 9.10.
- 3 Chairman's announcements** – A flower tower and railing barrier flower baskets have been installed around the village and thanks to the volunteers who are watering them. Cllrs Allen and Corrie attended a recent Community Approaches to Reducing Speed (CARS) event along with one parishioner.
- 4 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th May 2016:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 5 Outstanding actions from previous meeting:** Item 6: new TPO request, refused by SDC – Clerk to follow-up. Item 11: Update on defib – The Old Badger has fundraised nearly £1000, also the Council has been successful in applying for a grant with British Heart Foundation which reduces the cost of each defibrillator to £700 (£400 unit plus £300 for external storage case), also a local business has offered a donation of £400. There was a discussion on a volunteer Lorry Watch (date/time/Company/number plate required to contact owner) as a way of reducing heavy lorries travelling along weight restricted Springhill. Enforcement for breach of condition has commenced at Millend Mill for the opening windows. Item 14.12 Cllr Cozens is not booked to attend the training as the course is now full; Cllr Cozens also raised concerns about giving up a full day's work to attend councillor training. Item 15: Cllr Simmons and Cllr Corrie still need to take forward the maintenance of the milestones.
- 6 Changes to the order of business.** None.

The meeting was opened up for Public question time.

Mrs Pitcher asked if the potholes on Bath Road will be repaired or is the road to be resurfaced. There are no current plans to resurface the road as far as the Parish Council is aware.

Mr Parry asked why the Parish Council is considering cutting the grass on the High Path as this is County Council responsibility. It was explained that County Highways has reduced its grass cutting to the bare minimum and cut the High Path only once per year. The Parish Council will consider Mr Parry's point at agenda item 9.10.

To receive a report from County Councillor Lesley Williams: Cllr Williams updated the meeting on the re-shaping of children's services; Stonehouse children centre is remaining but there are other centres transferring to be run by volunteers. Cllr Bomberg asked why there was traffic controls on the motorway bridge when there was no work taking place. Cllr Allen highlighted the need for the roundel on Claypits Road to be repainted.

To receive a report from the District Councillors: Cllr Stephen Davies updated the meeting on the committees that he and Cllr John Jones have been appointed; Cllr Jones: Community Services and Licensing, Cllr Davies: Audit & Standards, Strategy & Resources, and Licensing Panel. Cllr Davies also updated the meeting concerning the Meadow Mill planning application S.15/2089/OUT and that the Committee was in doubt that the NDP is a consideration. However, guidance in the NPPF clearly states

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that the NDP carries weight now it has been through examination. Chair of Development Control Committee (DCC) has discussed the matter with officers and Cllr Davies will follow-up this matter.

District Councillor John Jones reported that work will commence in August on replacing a weak bridge on the A38 (near The Prince of Wales pub near Berkeley) with a full road closure in both directions 6th September until 15th September 2016.

7. Groups / Meetings / Reports

- 7.1 Cllr Allen gave a verbal report regarding the GRCC CARS event attended by Cllrs Allen and Corrie on 25th May; the event outlined various initiatives that communities can implement to reduce the speed of vehicles such as auto number plate recognition camera (such as the one in Rodborough), village gateways, planting schemes, sculptures, pace cars etc. GRCC will provide the updated 2016 CARS Toolkit of initiatives to aid communities.
- 7.2 The Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th May 2016. Cllr Allen gave an update on the Meadow Mill application (S.15/2089/OUT) that she spoke on at Development Control Committee (DCC) on 7th June on behalf of the Parish Council. The Eastington NDP does not support building on flood zone 3 except in exceptional circumstances but the DCC disregarded the NDP completely believing that it carried no weight. Cllr Allen went on to read sections of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Local Development Framework 2012 produced by Stroud DC which outlines the requirements of considering development in flood risk areas. Stroud DC Officers and DCC members did not know that the site was an allocated employment site in their own Local 2015 Plan. The Transport Plan noted residential access onto Springhill but negated to mention the existence of Millend Lane, with no record of any parking on Springhill. Unfortunately, the Planning site visit took place during school half term so the DCC members did not witness the issue of car parking on Springhill. A resident from Riverside Park also addressed the DCC and highlighted the issue of increased noise/vibration impact to Riverside Park homes. The DCC permitted the application but put a restriction to prevent B8 (warehouse) use. Cllr Davies is following up the issue that the DCC members were misinformed by Planning Officers.

8 Planning

- 8.1 The Parish Council objected to planning application S.16/1081/FUL – retrospective application for alterations to dwelling permitted under S.13/2578/FUL – Mill Cottage, Millend Mill. It was considered that this proposal is overbearing, not in the building line, its closer to the lane which increases the feeling of overbearance, and results in the loss of 2 parking spaces.
- 8.2 The Parish Council had no objection to planning application S.16/1179/CPL – Creation of new access on non-classified road – Southview Barn, Nupend.
- 8.3 The Parish Council had no objection to planning application S.16/1177/FUL – construction of dwelling at Land adjacent to 1 Alkerton Grange Cottages.

9. Finance

- 9.1 The Clerk circulated an update on 2016/17 budget versus spend, and bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2016.
- 9.2 The Council approved the payment of Clerk's expenses for May 2016 at £131.36 and these will be paid with the June payroll.
- 9.3 The Council approved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Payee	Details	Amount	Budget
Salaries & Expenses	April 2016 Expenses agreed 10/05/16 processed through Payroll plus May 2016 Salary	£1206.85	Parish Admin

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Post Office Ltd	PAYE & NI payments to HMRC for May 2016	£261.15	Parish Admin
Came & Company Local Council Insurance	Insurance 2016/17	657.45	Insurance
Eastington Methodist Church	Hall Hire (2 invoices)	£17.50	Hall Hire
Plantscape	Flower Tower & barrier baskets	£442.80	R&T
Alan Loveridge	May Grass Cutting (£1135) High Path cut (£120)	£1255	Grasscutting
Troy Hayes Planning Ltd	Planning consultancy	£1656	Planning
Tree Management	Tree works (first 4 trees) at Churchyard (£498) Tree survey (£284.40)	£782.40	Burial Ground
NEST	Pensions for May 2016	£104.75	Parish Admin
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£48.99	Parish Admin
		£4964.89	

Receipts: First half the annual precept received from Stroud District Council - £33,285.

- 9.4 The Council received the Clerk's timesheet for May 2016
- 9.5 The Council noted that the National Joint Councils have agreed a 1% salary increase backdated to 1st April 2016 and agreed to implement the increase. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.6 The Council agreed to purchase of an additional notice board to be installed outside the Co-op at a cost of £401 to replace the old metal notice board. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.7 The Council noted that the Clerk will be inviting tenders for the Skate Park project.
- 9.8 The Council deferred making a decision on the Churchyard wall repairs as the Clerk needs to confirm the specifications of the mortar to be used (lime in the concrete mix for the church wall) and the qualifications of the contractors. **Action: Clerk** to clarify and bring to next meeting.
- 9.9 The Council deferred joining the SDC Garden Waste service at the Burial Ground and the C&BG Group will consider further. **Action: C&BG Group.**
- 9.10 It was agreed to add the High Path to the grass cutting contract to be cut three times per year. **Action: Clerk** to liaise with the grass cutting contractor and Highways.
- 9.11 The Council agreed to submit a grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner for funding for a speed camera estimated cost £11,300+VAT and also agreed to match funding from the Parish Council if other sources are unsuccessful. **Action: Clerk** to complete the grant form.
- 9.12 The Council approved removal of two dying cherry trees at the Churchyard total cost £338+VAT. **Action: Clerk.**

10. Policy & Procedures

- 10.1 It was agreed to amend Standing Orders to include the mandatory requirement for all councillors to attend Councillor training once every four years. **Action: Clerk.**

- 11. **The Council considered the options for a new Parish Council website** due to cessation of Stroud District Council hosting the parish website. The Council agreed to select Town & Parish Council Websites based in Stroud, and also to apply for a .gov.uk domain.

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12 Correspondence

12.1 The Council received a list of correspondence received for information.

12.2 Cllr Bomberg and Cllr Bullock will attend the GAPTC AGM on Saturday 16th July 10am.

The Council expressed thanks to Alan Loveridge for tidying the Alkerton Cross roundabout. Cllr Bomberg mentioned that the Horse Show is looking for volunteers to help on 6th August. Cllr Cozens delivered the two new flood warning signs to Cllr Allen who will arrange storage at Churchend; the signs to be used by the Parish Council to alert people if the lane is flooded. Cllr Cozens provided the invoice for reimbursement at the next meeting.

Any other business for the next meeting.

Update on Defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th July 2016. Anybody with an item they wish to bring to the attention of the Council, should forward details, in writing, to the Clerk to the Parish Council, no later than Monday 5th July 2016.

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