

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th November 2013 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Simmons, Edwards, Edis-Bates, Cozens, Andrea Durn (Clerk), District Cllr Ken Stephens. Also in attendance was Ian Stuart (planning consultant). There were 5 members of the public present. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Allen and Evans.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None.
3. **To consider changes to the order of business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for members of the Public to speak.

Tom Low wished to raise an issue against item 4.2.3 on the agenda. He said that the Community Land Trust (CLT) are looking at possible areas for development in the Parish and would be bringing a report to the EPC in February 2014 after the Swallowcroft Appeal in January 2014.

Ed Davis felt that EPC should leave the discussion on agenda item 4.2.3 until the CLT report was brought to the Parish Council.

District Cllr Ken Stephens congratulated the Chair on being elected. He felt that item 4.2.3 should be discussed with the CLT and a report be brought to a future meeting. He thought that the CLT should first build up the case.

Cllr Edwards said he would make a proposal when item 4.2.3 was discussed.

There were no further queries or comments from the public.

Cllr Cozens joined the meeting at 7.20pm

4. Resolutions

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Edis-Bates put forward a case for urgently developing a Neighbourhood Plan. He outlined the support that could be commissioned from GRCC and the support they were giving to other parish councils. He said they currently had a special offer of 8 days at £1000, not £800 as put on the agenda. He explained that £7000 could be applied for to help with support for developing the plan and for consultation with parishioners.

The Chair proposed that EPC apply for the grant. Carried.

The Chair proposed that EPC commissions GRCC to assist EPC with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. Carried.

- 4.2.2 Swallowcroft Appeal: The Chair asked Ian Stuart, the Planning Consultant, for advice on the Appeal. The Hearing is on 7th January 2014. Ian Stuart explained the process and said that the public and the Council need to object on planning grounds and to demonstrate the Council's commitment to its Neighbourhood Plan. A public meeting will be held at 7pm on 6th January 2014. Ian Stuart will produce briefing notes for the public meeting on 6th January 2014 **ACTION: Ian Stuart**

Cllr Edwards will produce copy for a flyer for Alan Brasier to produce to promote the public meeting on 6th January 2014 **ACTION: Cllr Edwards**

District Cllr Stephens felt that the key speakers should meet in mid December 2013 and would be meeting with Mark Russell, Planning Strategy Manager, Stroud DC soon to discuss the Hearing arrangements. He encouraged the participation of parishioners in the Hearing on 7th January 2014.

Chair proposed that Ian Stuart liaised with District Cllr Stephens and her on the arrangements for the meeting in mid December for the key speakers. Carried. **ACTION: Ian Stuart, District Cllr Stephens, Chair**

Clerk will check the arrangements for the public meeting on 6th January 2014 **ACTION: Clerk**

- 4.2.3 Possible Development Sites: Cllr Edwards proposed that the CLT should develop its proposals and bring a report to a future EPC meeting and that the CLT Steering Group should meet with representatives of the EPC soon. The Chair said that EPC needed to work more closely with the CLT and proposed the representatives should be the Chair, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Edis-Bates. Both

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proposals were taken together and seconded by Cllr Simmons. Carried. Cllr Edis-Bates pointed out that clarification was needed on the Neighbourhood Plan and CLT. Cllr Edwards said that all groups should work together closely.

- 4.2.4 West Stonehouse Development: Cllr Edwards felt that the name is inappropriate as the proposed development is in the parish of Eastington. It was noted that the consultations were being held in Stroud and Stonehouse but not in Eastington. The Chair said that this had been repeatedly made to Robert Hitchins at the consultation event. The Chair, Cllr Edis-Bates and Ian Stuart fed back their experiences of the consultation event and the issues discussed. It was felt that the event was a 'box ticking' consultation and that their points were not taken on board. There were a lot of questions that the developer could not answer. It will not be known what will be proposed until the planning application is received when the impact on the parish can be assessed.

Any Other Business

Cllr Edwards wishes to bring an item on road safety

Meeting finished: 8.15pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th December 2013. 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 2nd December 2013.