

# EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm in Eastington Methodist Hall**

- 1 Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Allen, Simmons, Bomberg, Cozens, Loveridge and Corrie (from item 8.6 onwards). There were 6 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs Evans and Edis-Bates. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Lesley Williams and District Councillor Stephen Davies.
- 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
- 3 Chairman's Announcements.** Grateful thanks were extended to Cllr Allen, Mr Campbell, Mr James, Mr Low and the Parish Clerk who put in many hours over the weekend to ensure that the NDP was submitted on Monday. The South View planning application was refused at DCC this morning. There have been two burglaries in the past few days in Alkerton
- 4 Approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- 5 To review outstanding actions from previous meeting.** Item 10.6 from 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (councillor briefing on the Solar Farm Fund) still to be completed.
- 6 To consider changes to the order of business.** None.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for members of the public to address the meeting.

Mr Low spoke concerning Item 9 regarding the project proposal on the skate park, and suggested the group get in contact with Jenny Bullens at SDC for assistance with the project. Suggested the Solar Farm Grant Fund might be suitable to assist with the project.

Mr Cousins explained that a Police Community Safety Officer has visited OHMG to see the proposed sites for the skate park and made the suggestion not to install further lighting as this would encourage anti-social behaviour.

Mr Parry noted that the allotments are 100% occupied and asked if there was any possibility of allotment sites at the West of Stonehouse site? Council will make enquiries.

**County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Williams was unable to attend the meeting as she was in attendance at the Development Control Committee at Stroud DC. Cllr Williams wished everyone to be reminded of the County Council budget consultation currently underway which is proposing a 1.99% increase in council tax plus a 2% for adult care services.

**District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Davies was unable to attend the meeting and had given apologies.

### **7 Groups**

- 7.1 Cllr Allen gave a verbal report from the Getting Around Group following the quarterly meeting with Highways. Notes of the meeting were circulated to everyone present. The next meeting with Highways is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr Allen attended a road safety meeting with GRCC; there is a national country road safety campaign "Break before the bend not on it"; the campaign will be repeated in the summer with scope to include local campaigns. Cllr Allen will put an article in the ECN to raise awareness.
- 7.2 Cllr Allen gave a verbal report from the Churchyard and Burial Ground Group; regarding the request for permission to install a memorial bench that had been approved by Council previously, Cllr Allen and the Clerk met the family and agreed a location and installation method.

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## 8 Finance

- 8.1 The Clerk circulated an update on 2015/16 budget versus spend, and bank reconciliation.
- 8.2 Council RESOLVED to pay the Clerk's expenses for December 2015 at £103.00 and these will be paid with the January payroll.
- 8.3 The Council approved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Payee	Details	Chq No	Amount	Budget
Salaries & Expenses	November 2015 Expenses agreed 08/12/15 processed through Payroll plus December 2015 Salary	1692	£1447.18	Parish Admin
Post Office Ltd	PAYE & NI payments to HMRC for December 2015	1693	£375.64	Parish Admin
PATA (UK)	Payroll Services Oct-Dec 2015	1694	£19.80	Parish Admin
Eastington Village Hall	Room hire for Ecotricity briefing	1695	£10.50	Parish Admin
Staples UK Ltd	Stationery 3 invoices £75.61 + £30.77 + £8.38	1696	£114.76	Parish Admin
Andrew Marcham	Survey of Churchyard wall, bridge and table top tombs	1697	£540.00	Burial Ground
TW Hawkins & Sons SGMS	OHMG Ground Maintenance	1698	£768.41	OHMG
Avoca PLD	<u>Invoice 15/21/93 (£3015):</u> NDP £1170 WoS £1695 Meadow Mill £150 <u>Invoice 15/24/96 (£2910):</u> NDP £2220 WoS £210 Springhill £480	1699	£5925.00	NDP & Planning
Eastington Methodist Church	Council meeting room hire – December 2015	1700	£12.50	Parish Admin
NEST	Pensions for December 2015	DD (17/12/15)	£132.98	Parish Admin
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	DD (12/01/16)	£48.99	Parish Admin
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9395.76</b>	

- 8.4 The Council noted the Clerk's timesheet for December 2015 and that the maximum 12 hours overtime has been worked on NDP as per Council's prior approval.
- 8.5 The Council finalised the budget for 2016/17 and agreed a precept amount of £66,570 which represents a 5.5% increase for council tax Band D properties.

Cllr Corrie joined the meeting.

- 8.6 The Council considered quotes for tree maintenance within the churchyard and RESOLVED to appoint Tree Management (quote 1) to carry out work on the 3 most urgent trees, and include the next 3 trees on the church faculty request; providing the workmanship is good on the first 3 trees and providing the framework agreement with Stroud DC is not yet in place then the Clerk is

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authorised to appoint Tree Management for the next 3 trees to be maintained at the start of the 2016/17 financial year. The Clerk was authorised to complete the faculty form which includes a cost of £212+VAT. **Action: Clerk.**

- 8.7 The river bridge repairs matter was deferred until the next meeting as insufficient number of quotes had been received.
- 8.8 Council RESOLVED to purchase a notice board for the burial ground at a maximum cost of £531. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9 The Council received details of a project proposal for a skate park at OHMG and the Council was fully in favour of the project.

## **10 Correspondence**

- 10.1 Council received a list of correspondence received since the last meeting for information.
- 10.2 Council received an update on the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme. It was suggested to invite the Neighbourhood Warden to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.
- 10.3 It was noted that Stroud DC is carrying out a Strategic Assessment of Land Availability for the Local Plan first review.
- 11 The Council considered the following planning application:  
S.15/2916/HHOLD – 15 Bath Road – single storey extension. No objection.

Ecotricity plans have been submitted to Stroud DC, not yet available online. It is understood that Ecotricity is holding a public event on 4<sup>th</sup> February; the Parish Council can hold a straw-poll on the exit to gather opinions. This is to be considered further at the planning committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Any other business for the next meeting.**

There will be a Strategic Planning Working Group update at the next meeting.  
There will be a Resources Working Group update at the next meeting.

### **The meeting closed at 8.10pm.**

**Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.**