

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th January 2016 at 7.00pm in Eastington Methodist Hall

- 1 **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Loveridge, Bomberg and Simmons. Five members of public present.
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
- 3 **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2015:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 27th October 2015.
- 4 **Outstanding actions from previous meeting:** None.

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

Members of the public asked questions relating to agenda item 5.2 Planning Appeal for S.15/0918/FUL – Oakview Claypits. The appellant has mentioned that there are plans for the school to relocate next to the OHMG with the hub of the village moving also to OHMG. It was clarified that in the draft NDP there was mention of relocating the school to a potential new site, however this was not included in the final draft and there are no plans to move the school or change the hub of the village. The shops and services remain at Alkerton Cross. There was a further query about a restriction on the use of land at Oakview, but the Council were unable to answer and suggested that the resident requests a copy of the land deeds from Land Registry at a cost of £3.

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5.1 The Committee agreed responses to the following planning applications:

Date received	Application No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments
08-01-2016	S.16/0004/TCA	Spring Hill Eastington	T1,T2,T7 Alder - Reduce crown height by 3m. T6 Oak - Reduce longest primary limb to N aspect by 3m. T9 Leyland Cypress - Reduce crown height by 3m. G1 Leyland Cypress - Reduce hedge under power lines to uniform height of 4m.	No objections
12-01-2016	S.16/0003/DISCON	Brookhill House Millend Lane Eastington	Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 4 (structural survey) and 5 (joinery) from S.14/0498/LBC	No objections

5.2 The Committee considered the appeal for S.15/0918/FUL – Oakview Claypits; it was agreed to submit comments to the Planning Inspector as follows: the proposed site is not within 800metres of both the community centre and the Alkerton Cross as required by NDP policies EP6 and EP10; the proposed site is 1.2km from the shops at Alkerton Cross; there is no provision for a school in the submitted NDP; the footway between Claypits and OHMG is not well-maintained and is in poor condition as evidenced by photographs which will also be sent to the Planning Inspector. The proposed dwelling is of a large scale within one metre of the neighbouring property fence which will have a detrimental impact on the neighbour.

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- 5.3 The Committee noted the following recent planning decisions made by Stroud District Council:
- S.15/2670/FUL – Apple Tree Park - Change of use from 20 touring caravan pitches. PERMIT 06/01/16
 - S.15/2748/TCA – Springhill House – Fell Robinia tree due to decay. CONSENT 05/01/16.

5.4 The Committee discussed the planning proposals from Ecotricity and noted that the plans were little changed from the initial concept design. As per the Council's previous discussions, the Committee considers that the negative impact of the proposals outweigh the positive. The Committee reviewed options for appointing a planning consultant and noted that Council had previously authorised the appointment of a consultant up to £2000 to prepare a response to the plans. It was agreed to appoint Troy Planning Ltd, and to recommend to Council that an additional day for a site visit be agreed at a cost of £500+VAT. **Action: Clerk.**

It was further noted that the Council's previous decision, to appoint Helix Transport Consultants to consider the traffic/transport implications of the Ecotricity proposal, will now be implemented at a maximum cost of £1820. **Action: Clerk.**

The Committee also discussed Ecotricity's planned drop-in event on 4th February 2-7pm at the Village Hall, and agreed to carry out an exit straw-poll to gauge the opinions of the public. **Action: Clerk** to contact all parish councillors to request volunteers for the event, and the Clerk will prepare tick response sheets. People will be asked the question "are you in favour of the proposals" (Yes/No/Don't Know), and will also be asked if a resident of Eastington parish.

It was noted that two representatives of Ecotricity will be attending the next full council meeting on Tuesday 9th February in order to give an overview of the proposals and also to answer any questions. It was agreed to move the meeting venue to the Community Centre if possible in anticipation of more people attending the meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

The Committee also discussed the possibility of arranging a further public meeting; this will be decided on 9th February pending the results of the exit poll at the drop-in event.

- 5.5 The Chair of Stonehouse Town Council had contacted Eastington Parish Council Chair to suggest the two councils work together regarding the West of Stonehouse development. The Committee discussed areas that would be of mutual interest and instructed the Clerk to contact Stonehouse Town Council to see what areas they wish to discuss. **Action: Clerk.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Notice: The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on Tuesday 23rd February 2016. Committee meetings will only be held when there is sufficient business.

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