

# EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00pm in Eastington Methodist Hall**

- 1 **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie (Vice-Chair), Allen, Loveridge, Bomberg, Wells and Chatterley. There were 9 members of the public. Also present District Councillor Stephen Davies. Apologies received from Cllr Simmons, County Councillor Lesley Williams and District Councillor John Jones.
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in agenda item 9.3 (Finance). Cllrs Bullock, Loveridge and Wells declared an interested in item 9.8 (CLT Grant application).
- 3 **Chairman’s announcements:** Cllr Bullock welcomed the two new councillors; Cllr Bullock also reminded Councillors to copy the Chair in on all emails sent to the Clerk.
- 4 **Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 5 **Outstanding actions from previous meeting:** Item 10.5 (disposal of old office printer) Clerk to action.
- 6 **Changes to the order of business.** None.

The meeting was opened up for Public question time.

Mr Parry made an observation concerning the a grant application to the Charlie Bullock Fund he feels was not in accordance with the Will by supporting further play park provision in close proximity to the allotments.

Mrs Pitcher was saddened that The Eastington Allotments Society is going to put “no entry” signs to prevent non-allotment holders’ access to the allotment area.

Mr Low spoke about the Community Land Trust application for funds from the Solar Farm Grant. Funds are to match fund a Locality Feasibility Grant. It is essential for the CLT to have match-funding to gain funds from Locality. £6,000 from the PC will assist with gaining £50k from Locality which will help deliver a £2.8 million project to provide affordable rented homes for Eastington residents. Mr Low will be invited to respond to questions when the item is discussed later in the meeting.

**To receive a report from District Councillor Stephen Davies:** The West of Stonehouse masterplan will be forthcoming soon for consultation. Ecotricity will be submitting a Further Environmental Information document for consultation. SDC has made an error on the budget and has £1million shortfall. Stroud Youth Grant is available for applications. Cllr Bomberg asked about Ecotricity plans to sell the Nailsworth land to build affordable houses.

Cllr Bullock passed on from Cllr Williams that there is a Park Run at Stonehouse on Oldends Lane every Saturday free of charge to join.

### **7. Planning**

7.1 The Council considered the following planning applications: \_\_\_\_\_

Date rec'd	Application No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments
17-08-16	S.16/1798/FUL	The Bungalow Bath Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new replacement with detached	No objection.

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22-08-16	S.16/1828/HHOLD	Sunnycroft Nupend	garage and associated works Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings and erection of two storey extension and attached carport with study above	No objection.
05-09-16	S.16/1900/HHOLD	4 Alkerton Terrace Alkerton Road Eastington	Replacement garage	No objection.

- 7.2 The Council considered the invitation to take part in a Neighbourhood Development Plan workshop with Stroud District Council on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and nominated Councillors Bullock and Corrie plus the Clerk to attend. There will be a NDP pre-meeting to take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am. **Action: Clerk** to invite NDP steering group.
- 7.3 Ecotricity has sent an email regarding Further Environmental Information and offered to meet with Councillors. Councillors would like to meet with Ecotricity regarding the FEI once Council has had the opportunity to read through the document. It was noted there will be a further public drop-in session organised by Ecotricity, possibly on 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- 7.4 West of Stonehouse discharge of condition 46 application to approve the Area Masterplan is available for consultation; the document is very large and not downloaded yet. This will be brought forward to Planning Committee. **Action: Clerk.**

## 8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

- 8.1 The Council received a written report from the Getting Around Group; Cllr Bomberg mentioned that there is an issue with the pavement between the Kings Head House and the Methodist Church. **Action: Cllr Allen** will check this and report to Highways.
- 8.2 The Council received a written report from the Churchyard and Burial Ground Group.
- 8.3 No new updates from the Resources Group.
- 8.4 The Council received a written report from The Eastington Allotments Society. The Council noted that work needs to be carried out on the pond, and a plan from Stroud Valleys Project will be followed up. **Action: Clerk.**
- 8.5 It was agreed that the Clerk will arrange a Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting with Cllrs Bomberg, Wells, Simmons and Allen including interested members of the public. **Action: Clerk.**
- 8.6 The Council endorsed the Friends of Snakey Park's recommendation for Freestyle to provide the new skate ramp area subject to funding being sought. **Action: Clerk.**
- 8.7 The Council received the latest monthly report from SDC Neighbourhood Warden.

## 9. Finance

- 9.1 The Clerk circulated an update on 2016/17 budget versus spend, and bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.
- 9.2 The Council approved the payment of Clerk's expenses for August 2016 at £49.80 and these will be paid with the September payroll.
- 9.3 The Council approved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Payee	Details	Amount	Budget
Salaries & Expenses	July 2016 Expenses plus August 2016 Salary	£1291.23	Parish Admin
Post Office Ltd	PAYE & NI payments to HMRC for	£266.85	Parish

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	August 2016		Admin
RICS	NDP Healthcheck January 2016	£1800	NDP
Eastington Methodist Church	Hall Hire August 2016	£12.50	Hall Hire
Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd	Waste services at burial ground (duty of care and delivery) (£84.00) Waste collection (£8.70)	£92.70	C&BG
Anita Sach	Locum Clerk holiday cover	£106.60	Parish Admin
Parish Council Websites	New PC website and one year hosting	£480	Parish Admin
Grant Thornton UK LLP	External Audit 2015/16	£360.00	Audit
Alan Loveridge	August Grass Cutting (£1135)	£1135	Grasscutting
NEST	Pensions for August 2016	£106.41	Parish Admin
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£48.99	Parish Admin
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5700.28</b>	

- 9.4 The Council received the Clerk's timesheet for August 2016.
- 9.5 The Council approved the change of meeting date and venue for all Council meetings (from Tuesday to Thursdays) and to meet at the Village Hall with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. **Action: Clerk** to inform ECN, Methodist Church and amend Standing Orders.
- 9.6 The Council approved the following training requests: Cllrs Corrie, Bullock, and Bomberg will attend the Planning course on 10<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of £20 each. Clerk will attend SLCC Regional Roadshow on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at a cost of £69. Cllrs Wells and Chatterley will attend "Being a Better Councillor" courses in the New Year when the dates have been released. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.7 It was resolved to purchase 35 burial row markers at a cost of £770+VAT as recommended by the Churchyard & Burial Ground Working Group. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.8 The Council considered grant applications received:

Cllrs Bullock, Wells and Loveridge left the room. Cllr Corrie took the Chair.

- Community Land Trust (Solar Grant Fund). The CLT is not currently a legal entity but incorporation as a community benefit society for the benefit of people living and working in the parish of Eastington is underway. The CLT already has £4k from the National CLT for the set-up of the Trust. Councillors raised a number of questions and the Clerk highlighted a concern about pre-determining the Council's view on a subsequent planning application by supporting the CLT at this stage. The matter was deferred to the next Parish Council meeting to allow Councillors to meet with the CLT to go through their queries and for the Clerk to seek further advice on predetermination. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllrs Bullock, Wells and Loveridge returned to the meeting and Cllr Bullock resumed the Chair.

- Public Rights of Way Defenders (sec137 Grants Fund): £100 grant agreed.
- Citizens Advice Bureau (sec137 Grants Fund): £100 grant agreed.

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## **10 Correspondence**

- 10.1 The Council received a list of correspondence received for information. A letter from a resident regarding parking issues at Swallowcroft was noted and will be raised with Gloucestershire Highways at the next quarterly meeting. **Action: Clerk** to respond to the letter.
- 10.2 The Council had no comments on the Devolution letter from GAPTC.
- 10.3 It was noted that the date had passed for the Community led Tourism Network meeting so this matter was not considered.
- 10.4 The Council considered the proposed changes to Stroud District Council's Taxi Policy and noted that one rule should apply concerning the age of the car and should not be left to Licensing Officers' discretion. **Action: Clerk** to submit comment to SDC.
- 10.5 The Council had no comments on the draft Village Design Statement for Slimbridge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Eastington Village Hall. 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 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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