

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2016 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1 Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Allen, Loveridge, Bomberg, Simmons and Chatterley. Also present District Councillor John Jones. There were 12 members of the public. Apologies received from Cllrs Wells, Corrie and Cozens, and District Council Stephen Davies.
- 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in agenda item 9.3 (Finance). Cllrs Bullock and Loveridge declared an interest in item 9.8 (CLT Grant application).
- 3 Chairman's announcements:** Councillors were reminded to set-up their new email addresses. The Chair also reported that the Neighbourhood Warden is leaving post at the end of October and Stroud District Council is recruiting for a replacement.
- 4 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th September 2016:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 5 Outstanding actions from previous meeting:** None.
- 6 Changes to the order of business.** None.

The meeting was opened up for Public question time.

Mr Davies asked the Council to request the developer (Newland Homes) to reinstate the fence line north of Bath Road and remove the barbed wire fence.

A resident enquired how the affordable homes at West of Stonehouse are different to the affordable that CLT want to build.

A resident highlighted that the road leading from Frocester desperately needs to be swept of loose tarmac. Council will follow this up with Highways. It was noted that Bath Road is due to be resurfaced in November.

Mr Parry noted that parking at the entrance to Swallowcroft estate has worsened in the past couple of weeks and visibility is very difficult and creating issues.

Mr Low spoke about the Community Land Trust (CLT) and explained that the difference between CLT and the affordable homes at West of Stonehouse is that there will be no local nomination rights for the affordable homes at West of Stonehouse. Local nomination rights mean that the houses are rented to Eastington residents as a priority ahead of others on the Gloucestershire Homeseekers register. Mr Low also spoke about the CLT grant application for £6,000 from the Solar Grant Fund. The Clerk sought advice from Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils concerning pre-determination and confirmed that Council can support the principle of the CLT's proposal without pre-determining their view on the planning application. The Clerk has also met with Planning Officers to satisfy concerns that the proposed CLT site complies with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Development Plan. There were questions from the public about the Solar Grant Fund and the proportion of residents that will benefit from the grant. The Clerk read out the criteria of the Solar Grant Fund and explained that the grant received from the Solar Farm is £6,000 per year for 25 years and the fund currently has £12,000 as there were no grant applications last year.

Penny French our Village Agent addressed the meeting. Penny can visit the over-50s or vulnerable people to provide advice and signpost people for further guidance and support.

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To receive a report from District Councillor: Cllr Jones gave an update; all new waste bins should have been received by everyone by now, if anyone is without a new wheelie bin they can contact Stroud DC. Residents will be advised by letter before end of October if there are any changes to the collection schedule. Stroud Taxi Association has asked for a review of fares with an approximate 10% increase – currently fares in Stroud are higher than elsewhere in the county. Ecotricity application is not likely to be considered until spring 2017 due to revised information. West of Stonehouse discharge of condition 46 application will be considered by the Development Control Committee on 25th October.

7. Planning

- 7.1 The Council considered the application support request from Alkerton Farm and regrettably the Council could not support the application due to the location being outside the settlement boundary of Alkerton.
- 7.2 The Council noted the planning decision by Stroud District Council for S.16/1627/FUL Land North West of Millend Row, erection of 3 dwellings (resubmission of S.13/1214/FUL) – PERMIT.
- 7.3 The Council has been invited to address the Development Control Committee on 25th October regarding the West of Stonehouse masterplan (discharge of condition 46). Councillors suggested that our District Councillors read a statement from the Parish Council if we cannot attend in person.

8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

- 8.1 The Council will receive an update from the Getting Around Group at the next meeting.
- 8.2 The Council will receive an update from the Churchyard and Burial Ground Group at the next meeting.
- 8.3 The Council noted that the Resources Group will carry out a financial check of the accounts this month and report to Council at the next meeting.
- 8.4 The Council received notes of the Strategic Planning Working Group meeting which took place on 4th October.
- 8.5 The Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th September.
- 8.6 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 30th September 2016.
- 9.2 The Council approved the payment of Clerk's expenses for September 2016 at £102.48 and these will be paid with the October payroll.
- 9.3 The Council approved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Payee	Details	Amount	Budget
Salaries & Expenses	August 2016 Expenses plus September 2016 Salary	£1216.13	Parish Admin
Post Office Ltd	PAYE & NI payments to HMRC for September 2016	£267.05	Parish Admin
Eastington Methodist Church	Hall Hire September 2016	£22.50	Hall Hire
Stroud and District Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd	Section 137 Grant	£100	Donations
PATA (UK)	Payroll services July-September 2016	£22.50	Parish Admin
Gary Dingle	Noticeboard for Burial Ground	£491	C&BG

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Staples UK Ltd	Ink and files (£56.67) Ink (£70.96)	£127.93	Parish Admin
Alan Loveridge	September Grass Cutting (£1135)	£1135	Grasscutting
Direct Debits:			
NEST	Pensions for September 2016	£106.41	Parish Admin
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£48.99	Parish Admin
Public Works Loan Board	Loan Repayment	£2761.48	Loans
	TOTAL	£6298.99	

- 9.4 The Council received the Clerk's timesheet for September 2016.
- 9.5 The Council received an update on the annual review of Council Policies and approved the amendments. The Council also received the updated Risk Assessments with one amendment to reflect the increase in the number of notice boards. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.6 The Council received an update on the defibrillator project and agreed to the managed solution from Community Heartbeat at all 4 locations. The Council also approved the purchase of a 4th defibrillator for the Church, pending Church agreement. The Council was also pleased to learn that the Horse Show has donated £300 towards a 4th defibrillator to be installed at the Church. It was also agreed to run a training session with Community Heartbeat at a cost of £175. **Action: Clerk** to make arrangements for the managed solution, training and also to write and thank all the donors.
- 9.7 The Council agreed to the solicitor's estimated cost of £400+VAT for a legal agreement to be drawn up for the Parish Council's use of OHMG land for the skate area; only to be actioned once the skate area funds are confirmed. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.8 The Council considered grant applications received:

Cllrs Bullock and Loveridge left the room. Cllr Allen took the Chair.

- Community Land Trust (Solar Grant Fund). The Clerk outlined that the application is for £6,000, of which £2,000 would be needed immediately and the balance of £4,000 to be drawn down on completion of the feasibility study. Cllr Bomberg highlighted a number of concerns. Cllr Chatterley proposed that the Parish Council grants £6,000 (£2,000 now and £4,000 on receipt of the feasibility study), Cllr Simmons seconded. The vote was 3 in favour, 1 objection. Motion carried. **Action: Clerk.**

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

- Snakey Park (Solar Grant Fund). The Friends of Snakey Park were invited by the trustees of the Charlie Bullock Fund (the Parish Council) to submit an application for the balance of funds requested £5,000 as the Charlie Bullock Fund had not granted the full amount. The Parish Council agreed to grant £5,000. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.9 The Council considered the quote from Stroud Valleys Project for the maintenance and improvement of the pond adjacent to the allotments and agreed to the cost of £750. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.10 The Council considered the criteria for the Local Council Award Scheme and agreed to apply for Quality Council. The Council would like to work towards Quality Gold in the New Year. **Action: Clerk.**

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10. It was noted that the Parish Council had successfully applied to the Police & Crime Commissioner Grant for 3 pairs of village gateways. The Council confirmed acceptance of the grant conditions.
Action: Clerk to respond to the Police & Crime Commissioner.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 The Council received a list of correspondence received for information.
- 11.2 The Council considered the consultation on 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement and requested the Clerk to gather further information for the Council to consider in more detail. It was further agreed to make the Planning meeting on 27th October a Full Council meeting in order to consider this consultation before the deadline of 28th October. **Action: Clerk.**
- 11.3 The Council considered the request from the Public Rights of Way Defenders (PROWD) to be involved in all decisions relating to footpaths in Eastington; it was noted that Cllr Corrie is on the PROWD group and is the Parish Council liaison. The Clerk was instructed to carry on as currently unless PROWD can provide further information as to what more involvement they would like.
Action: Clerk.
- 11.4 It was noted that Cllr Bomberg has been confirmed as the Stroud representative on the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils Executive Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th November 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 9am Wednesday 2nd November 2016.

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