

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2017 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1 Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Allen, Loveridge, Simmons, Wells and Chatterley. There were 7 members of the public. Also present County Councillor Lesley Williams, District Councillors John Jones and Stephen Davies. Apologies received from: Cllrs Cozens and Bomberg.
- 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Loveridge declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.11, 9.13 and 9.14.
- 3 Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Bullock spoke on behalf of the Council to give best wishes for a speedy recovery to Roy Pitcher. She confirmed all council email addresses are now working apart from Cllr Cozens.
- 4 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th December 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.

There was a request from Bill Edwards to remove the speed bumps in Alkerton Road as they are ineffective in slowing traffic. Information has been sent to the Clerk backing up the damage to health to residents because of the speed bumps and it was suggested that the article could be passed to Highways/Amey. HGVs, larger than 7.5 ton weight limit, are using Alkerton Road again which keep him awake as they go over the speed bumps, but there is no monitoring of HGVs. Police have advised that residents should report them to their companies by taking photos and registration number.

To receive a report from the County Councillor: The route to get electricity from Javelin Park to the grid and substation at Ryeford may go through the high street at Ryeford. UBB have commissioned Western Power to do the work but there is pressure to have a rethink as the route is not the one that appeared in the planning applications.

GCC budget process underway and there is a £11M reduction from overall spend which will affect Highways such as removal of the new lengthmans' scheme and County councillors' money for their parishes reduced from £30,000 to £20,000.

To receive a report from the District Councillors: Cllr Davies asked for feedback on bin collections over Christmas period and concerns were raised about the number of collections over the Christmas period. He was also asked to follow up the garden waste collection start date as nothing has been heard yet. It was pointed out that Eastington has different days for all the collections, eg waste, garden waste, dog bins and wouldn't it be better to streamline these.

He apologised for confusion with council tax collections over Christmas when some payments were taken on the wrong date.

Ecotricity application likely to be before DCC in March as outstanding information still being gathered and planners need time to prepare. An excellent site visit took place with views shared and issues discussed. The DCC will be exclusively for the Ecotricity application.

Cllr Jones reported more cuts and redundancies elsewhere but not in Stroud but they still need to save money. By 2020 the District Council will have to pay around £500,000 to government rather than the other way round. This is linked with business rates. The support grant from government will be ending completely. The devolution bid is on hold as civil servants are working on Brexit. Berkeley Bridge closed 14 – 23 February. Sandra Cowley, SDC Finance Officer is retiring and David Stanley will be undertaking her role in a temporary capacity.

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7. Planning

- 7.1 The Council noted the following planning decisions by Stroud District Council:
S.16/2247/COU – Change of use – Churchend Nurseries. Refuse 09/12/16.
S.16/1965/DISCON – Land West of Stonehouse discharge of condition 46. Permit 16/12/16.
S.16/2537/HHOLD – 2 New Cottages, Nupend. Two storey side extension. Permit 16/12/16.

8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

- 8.1 The Council received a verbal update from the Getting Around Group. There will be a meeting with Highways on 30 January so will provide a written report then. The design and positioning of gateways on the three entrances to the village and Grove Lane have been confirmed. The EARS meeting will discuss having a public meeting to engage the people living near the gateways to inform them as to what needs to be done to maintain them. Potholes have appeared outside ARC trading estate following frost. This was reported to Highways and repaired the same afternoon.
- 8.2 The Council received a verbal update from the Churchyard and Burial Ground Group. There has been no date advised for the removal of the tree in the churchyard, which needs to be done before the birds start nesting.
- 8.3 There was no update from the Resources Group.
- 8.4 The Council received the notes of the latest meeting of the Strategic Planning Working Group. It was agreed that the group would meet at 4.30pm on first and third Thursday of the month. However, the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th. As the Clerk is familiar with planning, Cllr Allen requested that council allow the Clerk to take the notes at future meetings to use her expertise and legal knowledge. All agreed.
- 8.5 The Council received a verbal update from the dog/litter bins Working Group. Local resident Jenny Rigelsford worked hard identifying all the bin locations and Cllr Chatterley has put them on the map. Cllr Corrie identified that a bin had been removed from Millend Lane and she suggested one be put on a pole on the Mill side of the school and one down Spring Hill. Stickers to be put on bins showing what can be put in them. People will be informed that general litter and dog waste can go in the litter bins.
- 8.6 The Council noted the volunteer work days for the pond maintenance adjacent to the allotments on 26th January, 2nd February and 9th February 2017. Everybody was asked to spread the word for volunteers and to ask them to contact the Clerk to ensure there is enough equipment. Cllr Bullock will check re access via OHMG and not through the allotments. **Action: Cllr Bullock**
- 8.7 The Council received an update via email from the Eastington Community Land Trust; there were no comments.

9. Finance

- 9.1 The Clerk circulated an update on 2016/17 budget versus spend, and bank reconciliation as at 22nd December 2016.
- 9.2 The Council approved the payment of Clerk's expenses for December 2016 at £67.06 and these will be paid with the January payroll.
- 9.3 The Council approved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
31/12/16	Salaries & Expenses	November 2016 Expenses plus December 2016 Salary	£1222.53	£0	£1222.53	Parish Admin
31/12/16	Post Office Ltd	PAYE & NI payments to HMRC for December 2016	£266.85	£0	£266.85	Parish Admin
12/12/16	GAPTC	Local Council Award Scheme fee	£100.00	£0	£100.00	Training
07/12/16	Helix Transport Consultants Ltd	Eco-Park transport review	£800.00	£0	£800.00	Planning
30/11/16	Smith's (Gloucester)	Burial Ground bin emptying	£7.25	£1.45	£8.70	C&BG

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06/12/16	Eastington PCC	Use of Charlie Bullock Room 4 occasions	£40.00	£0	£40.00	Parish Admin
12/12/16	PATA (UK)	Payroll services Oct-Dec 2016	£22.50	£0	£22.50	Parish Admin
04/12/16	Eastington Village Hall Charity	Hire of hall November 2016	£14.00	£0	£14.00	Parish Admin
22/12/16	Came & Company	Update insurance cover on play equipment	£25.00	£0	£25.00	Insurance
	DIRECT DEBITS:					
15/12/16	NEST	Pensions for December 2016	£106.41	£0	£106.41	Parish Admin
22/12/16	Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£40.83	£8.16	£48.99	Parish Admin
		TOTAL			£2654.98	

- 9.4 The Council received the Clerk's timesheet for December 2016.
- 9.5 The Council finalised the budget for 2017/18 and agreed a precept of £68,898 for 2017/18.
- 9.6 The Council received an update regarding the Skate Area project. The legal agreement has gone as far as it can go. Given the amount of work the parish council and community have put in, it was suggested to ask them to give a report at the annual meeting. Jen Empson could also report on Snakey Park.
- 9.7 The Council authorised the Clerk to make payments to the Skate Area contractor as per the schedule (at the start, middle and end of the contract) which will be reimbursed to the Council through section 106 and grant funding. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.8 The Council authorised the Clerk to sign the Skate Area contract on behalf of the Parish Council **Action: Clerk**
- 9.9 The Council formed a working party consisting of Cllrs Corrie, Chatterley and Wells to draft the statements and 3-year plan required for the Gold level of the Local Council Award Scheme.
- 9.10 The Council noted the meeting dates for 2017.
- 9.11 The Council noted that the Resources Group had yet to review the grass cutting contract and will do so in the next few days. **Action: Resources Group**
- 9.12 The Council resolved to accept the quote from Ransome Memorials to clean and maintain the Alkerton Cross fingerpost at a cost of £860+VAT.
- 9.13 The Council resolved to accept the quote from A.Loveridge to fit 36 grave row markers at a cost of £360.
- 9.14 The Council resolved to accept the quote from A.Loveridge to carry out remedial works to approximately 21 grave plots at a cost of £475.

10 Correspondence

- 10.1 The Council received a list of correspondence received for information.

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

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th February 2017. 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 on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

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