

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2015 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Loveridge, Simmons, Cozens, Evans, Edis Bates, Andrea Durn (Clerk) and District Councillor Stephens. There were 13 members of the public present.
Apologies were received from Cllr Allen.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Bullock reported that parishioners had contacted her about the website. It needs to be updated and she asked if there were any volunteers to help in updating to contact her or Cllr Corrie or the Clerk.
3. **Clerks report:** The Clerk reported that there had been problems with the website and they were being resolved.
4. **Co-option of a Parish Councillor:** The Chair reported that there had been one application and that there would be a secret ballot. Questions to the applicant were asked by councillors on his skills and interests, and what he could bring to the council. The Chair held a secret ballot on the co-option.
RESOLVED: The Council voted not to co-opt.
5. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None
6. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 16th December 2014:** There were no comments.
RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of 16th December 2014
7. **Actions from previous meeting:** The actions from previous meetings were reviewed:
Parish web site: Cllrs Corrie and Bullock are to review. **Action: Cllr Corrie and Bullock**
Swallowcroft complaint and planning application response is in progress **Action: Planning Group**
Larger dog bin at Alkerton: Cllr Corrie will review. **Action: Cllr Corrie**
8. **To consider changes to the order of business:** The Chair requested that items 9.1.1 be taken as the first item and to include public questions on the item.
RESOLVED: Agreed.

9.1 Resources

- 9.1.1 The Clerk presented the Council's report of the proposed budgets and precept for 2015/16 which had previously been circulated and explained the process on how they were drawn up by councillors. The Chair then opened the meeting to the public to enable questions on the proposals. A number of questions were asked on the different budget headings and suggestions put forward on the feasibility on bringing forward contracts and other works. The Chair then went to the vote.
RESOLVED: To accept the budgets as circulated and a precept of £109.92 on a Band D property.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for the District Councillor's report.

District Councillor Stephens gave a verbal report.

Local Plan: this involves a lot of work. The EIP has been postponed due to the Inspector being ill.

Javelin Park incinerator: This has been approved.

Stroud District Council budget: This will be discussed on 3rd February 2015. They are proposing a nil increase on the precept. An increase in council house building is proposed.

Electoral Boundary Review: This will have an impact on Eastington and suggested that the parish council would like to discuss at their next meeting. He has written an article on this in the next ECN newsletter.

The Chair opened the meeting to the public.

Mr Niblett thanked the parish council for the length of time given to the public discussion and for the recording of the minutes which captured the comments and queries raised. He was pleased to see the number of parishioners attending the meeting. The Chair thanked the public for coming and encouraged them to contact the council with any queries or suggestions.

Mr Brasier pointed that the minutes of the 16th December 2014 of the Swallowcroft complaint were incorrect and should be amended to read the complaint was to Stroud DC not PINS. **Action: Clerk**

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9.1 Resources

- 9.1.2 The Clerk gave an update on the 2014/15 accounts including the budget and projected spend. There is approximately £16k available in the budget.
- 9.1.3 The Clerk went through the accounts for payment which had been previously circulated. The Chair reported that she had reviewed the payments with the Vice Chair prior to the meeting. There were no questions.
RESOLVED: to accept the payments schedule. A list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
- 9.1.4 The Clerk explained that the Council were not to overspend their budgets and went through the overspends, underspends and contingency. The Council discussed these budgets and the possible options.
RESOLVED: The underspend on the fencing contract to offset the overspends with the balance to come from contingency. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.1.5 The Chair referred to the training schedule and the forthcoming events from GAPTC.
RESOLVED: The Clerk to attend the Audit training on 28th January 2015. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.1.6 The Clerk referred to the feedback to the Finance Revisited course circulated by Cllr Allen. The Clerk reported that a programme of work is to be discussed by the Resources Group. **Action: Resources Group**
- 9.1.7 The Chair reported that there had not been any volunteers to date to help with the website. She complimented Mr Davis on the SPA website.
- 9.1.8 Cllr Corrie presented the request from the Eastington Community Orchard Group to upgrade the pedestrian path through the burial ground. It would cost £300. She reported that the available footpaths budget in 2014/15 is £190 but there may be monies available in the Roads and Transport budget.
RESOLVED: To discuss at the next EPC meeting the use of the Roads and Transport budget to fund the footpath upgrade. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Corrie**

9.2 Planning

- 9.2.1/2 The Chair gave an update on the West of Stonehouse/Local Plan. The EIP is to be rescheduled due to the Inspector being ill. The planning consultant has submitted a response challenging the numbers using professional expertise. A lot of work has been done by councillors and parishioners.
- 9.2.3 Cllr Edis-Bates reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan which is nearing completion. If the West of Stonehouse planning application is approved then the NDP will have to be rewritten to take this into account.
- 9.2.4 The Planning consultant has written to Stroud District Council supporting Mr Brasier's complaint on the Swallowcroft Appeal. The Chair has met with the developer and a concerned resident. There has been a verbal agreement on the design. She will contact them to have it confirmed in writing. She discussed the S.106 arrangement and a change has been proposed for half to be paid during the build with the balance paid on completion.
- 9.2.5 The planning consultant has submitted objections to Stroud DC on the Bath Road Appeal. There has been no response to date.
- 9.2.6 The Planning Group recommended the following action:
S.14/2724/COU South View Nupend: Change of use of former annexe and workshop to 1 independent dwelling. With an extra vehicular access.
After studying this application and visiting the site, the planning group can find no reason to object to the application
S.14/2911/HHOLD Eastington Court Churchend Eastington GL 10 2RX. Increased height of front gable.
Planning group recommend support of this application.
S.14/2731/FUL Units 1, 3&5 Westend Courtyard Grove Lane GL10 3SL. Change of use from B1 to

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A1. Planning group recommend support of this application.

S.14/2846/TCA Land opposite Brook Cottage Churchend. Alders x4 Re Pollard to 3.6m to form a hedge.

Planning group recommend support of this application.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Group's recommendations.

9.3 Community Land Trust (CLT)

The Chair attended the CLT meeting. Landowners contacted. Three Housing Associations have expressed an interest. There will be a public meeting of the CLT on 12th February 2015 at 7pm at the Village Hall to discuss proposals of working with housing associations.

9.4 Groups

9.4.1 Getting Around

Cllr Corrie presented the report that was previously circulated. She reported that some parishioners have been helping plant bulbs. The budget provision in 2015/16 included £300 for white lining parking in Alkerton Road. The flooding at Nupend has become a problem. Cllr Corrie will chase up action to resolve.

Action: Cllr Corrie

Cllr Cozens proposed that the flooding from Eastington Park to Churchend be investigated.

Action: Cllr Corrie

9.4.2 Church and Burial Ground

The Chair referred to the report that was previously circulated. She asked if anyone knew any history of the De Lisle Bush family. Mr James said he may have some information.

She reported that the Rector will be retiring in May 2015.

9.4.3 Play Ground Project

Cllr Loveridge referred to the report that had previously been circulated. She asked that any comments or queries be referred to her as she is arranging a meeting with the Youth Group to discuss the project.

Action: All Councillors

9.5 Planning notices

The Council noted the following decisions:

S.14/2407/HHOLD. Beech Cottage, Old Bristol Road, Newtown. Retrospective application for erection of garage including gate and erection of fencing to left of garage at 2.4m height. Permission.

s.14/2346/LBC. 2 The Cross, Alkerton. New entrance and window at front and reinstate original roof over bay windows at rear. Consent.

s.14/2357/LBC. 7 Churchend, Eastington. Consent for installation of level access shower for disabled occupant. Consent.

s.14/2594/HHOLD. Newgate/Teazle Cottage, Claypits. Two storey side extension and first floor extension. Permission.

Any Other Business

Electoral Boundary Review

Use of Roads and Transport budget for the upgrade of the burial path through the orchard.

Meeting finished: 8.50pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th February 2015. 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 2nd February 2015.

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