

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2015 at 7.00pm in Eastington Methodist Hall

- 1 **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Allen, Loveridge, Simmons and Cozens (part of the time). There were 5 members of the public. County Councillor arrived at 8.25pm.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Edis-Bates. No apologies received from Cllr Evans
- 2 **The co-option of a councillor** Alex Bomberg introduced himself and answered questions from councillors on what he thought he could bring to the parish council. Council will make a decision about co-option at the May meeting
- 3 **Chairman's announcements** Cllr Bullock introduced Julie Shirley, the new Clerk appointed by the delegated interview panel. She also thanked Anita Sach for sorting out the accounts in preparation for the year end. She outlined the work she has undertaken since the last meeting, which included the duties normally undertaken by the Clerk. She has also updated the burial records which had not been done for a while.
Cllr Bullock has been liaising with Jane Grendell of Newland Homes to ensure that HGVs delivering supplies for Swallowcroft go via Claypits and not up the hill. She requested that she be informed if this still occurs.
She will be meeting the North of Eastington developers on 17 April to discuss the plans and share the ideas of the parish council. SDC have extended their deadline for a response. She will also be meeting with Graham Ross from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association and members of the playground group
Planning application S.15/0784/FUL has just been received for six houses adjacent to Springhill House and SDC have given an extension for a response until after the next meeting.
Cllr Bullock advised that she will be away for 5 weeks from 25 April and Cllr Corrie will be taking over in her absence.
- 4 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** Cllr Corrie declared an interest in item 10.1.5
- 5 **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 10th March 2015** RESOLVED to accept the minutes
- 8 **Outstanding actions from previous meeting** None
- 9 **Changes to the order of business** None

The meeting was adjourned at this point for members of the Public to speak.

A resident reported his concerns about a mound of earth adjacent to the zip wire in the play area. He believes the close proximity of the two is an accident waiting to happen. He was advised that the playgroup have responsibility for safety on the site.

A report was received of inconsiderate parking at the entrance to Swallowcroft so Highways and the Police would be contacted about this.

The issue of speeding through the village was raised and Cllr Allen explained that there was ongoing work by the council to address this, but council needed support from the community to undertake speed checks but nobody had come forward.

District Councillor's Report Cllr Bullock read a letter of thanks from Cllr Stephens for the support of the parish council as he has decided to stand down with immediate effect

County Councillor's report Cllr Williams asked for ideas to be put forward for £20,000 she has to spend on her parishes. Also to let her know about any outstanding work so that she can show the new Highways manager.

10 Resolutions

10.1 Finance

- 10.1.1 **Update of the 2014-15 accounts including year-end figures** The Acting RFO circulated a year-end bank reconciliation and budget vs spend document. She explained the difficulties she had

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experienced in finalising the accounts and the ongoing work to complete the Annual Return.

- 10.1.2 **Approval of accounts for payment** RESOLVED to accept the payments schedule
- 10.1.3 **Proposal to pay the planning consultant, Mr Ian Stuart, a sum of £1000 a month, to cover all services provided by him** Councillors felt that unless there was clarification of his duties it would be better for Mr Stuart to invoice council for work done rather than to have a retainer. Councillors would ask for regular meetings to discuss the work he has undertaken.
- 10.1.5 **Approval of grant of £1450 from the Charlie Bullock Fund, following meeting on 10 March 2015, to Eastington Allotments Society** RESOLVED
- 10.1.6 **Hillhouse Farm solar farm** RESOLVED to sign agreement from Cambridge Solar Power
- 10.1.7 **Access to online banking for the Chairman and Clerk/RFO (when in post) to view bank statements only** RESOLVED
- 10.1.8 **Separate account for the Charlie Bullock Fund** RESOLVED to start the process

10.2. Council working documents

- 10.2.1 **Working group to review new financial regulations and access to internet banking** Cllr Allen and the Clerk to start work when Julie is in post.
- 10.2.2 **The mandatory amendments to Standing Orders, section 3 Meetings generally** were noted

10.2 Planning

- 10.2.1 **Report on the West of Stonehouse and the North of Eastington application** Over 1000 comments were received for the consultation for the West of Stonehouse. A meeting to discuss the North of Eastington is to take place on 17 April.
- 10.2.2 **Report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan** The steering group will be adopting the NDP at a meeting on Thursday 16 April. This will go to council for adoption at an extraordinary meeting to be held on 28 April at 7pm in the Methodist Hall. The document will be circulated prior to the meeting.
- 10.2.3 Response for the following application:
S.15/0425/ADV Eastington Park Springhill Eastington. To illuminate a current sign with external uplighters. Council RESOLVED to comment rather than object and to ask if appropriate restrictions could be put in place to ensure the lighting would not create light pollution and would only light the sign itself.
- 10.2.4 The decisions for the following planning applications were noted:

S.15/0045/FUL Fromebridge Self Service Removal of existing car wash facility and extension to existing shop – Permission granted

S.15/0248/HHOLD Teazel Cottage, Claypits Resubmission of S.14/2594/HHOLD to include extension to front elevation and additional windows to first floor front elevation – Permission granted

S.14/2346/LBC. 2, The Cross, Alkerton Road, Eastington. New entrance and window at front and reinstate original roof over bay window at the rear. Erection of garden room - Permission granted

S.14/2756/FUL Land off Swallowcroft Permission granted.

S.15/0289/COU Beech House Westend Change of use of land within curtilage of Beech House from agricultural to residential Refusal.

10.5 Groups

- 10.5.1 **Report on the Playground Committee** No report presented as the meeting had been postponed
- 10.5.2 **Report on Allotments** Cllr Corrie reported that all the allotments are tenanted and the new shed is about to be ordered. A new entrance was needed near the football ground to prevent players climbing over and damaging the fence in order to retrieve lost balls. A formal request will be put on the agenda for the May meeting
- 10.5.3 **Report on PROW** Cllr Corrie reported that the PROWD group now meets regularly. Popular walks

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around the parish were being printed up again. They had received requests for gravel to be spread at other kissing gates in the parish. Smith's Field has been levelled and signs placed warning of the spread of disease from dog faeces.

Report on Getting Around group Cllr Allen reported that it appears that the cultivation licence hasn't been applied for. The bike racks still have not been installed but Dan Tiffney from Highways has confirmed that they are on the list and County Cllr Williams confirmed that this will be covered in her 2014/15 funds. Cllr Allen will meet the new Highways manager to ensure the racks are placed in a suitable position. Limited work has been undertaken by SDC to improve Victoria Drive car park and they have confirmed they will continue to manage the car park. A dog litter bin has gone missing at Millend Mill so this will be reported. An additional bin will be placed opposite the church Lych Gate.

Burial Ground Cllr Allen has been updating the burial records with Cllr Bullock and would like to introduce a new numbering system to help improve record keeping. Despite three requests for quotes for work on the wall, only one had been received. The work is not urgent but needs to be actioned as soon as possible.

10.6 GAPTC

10.6.1 **Resolutions to be submitted for debate at the GAPTC AGM on 18 July** No resolution will be sent but councillors asked that a letter of thanks be sent to GAPTC for their support and advice in recent months.

10.7 Oliver's Orchard

Report on meeting with environmental services Cllr Bullock met with Gordon Buchanan from SDC Environmental Services and they spoke to the neighbours about the burning and burial of waste.

Any other business for the next meeting.

None

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th May 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 Tuesday 5th May 2015.