

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th March 2010 in the Eastington Community Hall

1. **To note Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Stephens, Frith, Simmons, Hill, Edwards (left 7:30) and Hadley; Mary Gribble (Clerk). 1 member of the public was present. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Cozens
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Chair announced, with great regret, the resignation of Cllr Frith. He commended Cllr Frith's contribution to Eastington Parish Council, and sincerely thanked him. Cllr Stephens added his thanks for the expertise and enthusiasm that Cllr Frith brought to this Council. Chair proposed a formal vote of thanks to Cllr Frith. In reply, Cllr Frith stated that he had enjoyed working with Eastington Parish Council, and that he would continue to assist with the finances until a new RFO is found.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None
4. **To consider and agree a response to SDC "Core Strategy" Consultation:** Chair referred to Mike Muston's draft response document that had been circulated and commented upon prior to the meeting. All agreed that Mike Muston's response is well-crafted, and that his services are of high value to this Council.

Chair ran through the draft response. It was noted that Mike had referred to 'Option 1 and 2' rather than 'Option A and B', and a few typographical errors were found. Amendments were noted on the document.

Cllr Stephens raised concerns on Policy CP5. As currently written, this policy would preclude smaller development (where there is a need for it) if there is no readily accessible public transport. It was suggested that the response to question CP5 Item 2 be prefaced with: "**Where development is significant it should...**" (be readily accessible by public transport, bicycle and foot to shopping and employment opportunities, key services and community facilities or contribute towards provision of new sustainable transport infrastructure to serve the area).

Cllr Hill proposed the noted amendments be accepted. Seconded by Chair and carried unanimously.

Cllr Frith proposed that Mike Muston's submission, as amended, be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Stephens and carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Councillors not involved in the production of this document, Cllr Stephens thanked those that have worked with Mike Muston on this submission.

Chair encouraged all present to make their personal response to this Consultation.

Any other business: None

The meeting closed at 8:45

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th April 2010. 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 7th April 2010.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date