

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th April 2010 in the Eastington Community Hall

1. **To note Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Stephens, Simmons, and Hadley; Mary Gribble (Clerk). 2 members of the public were present (Colin Frith and Robert Powell). Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Souster; Hill, Edwards and Cozens, County Councillor Tony Blackburn, PCSO Liz Ward.
2. **Chairman's Announcements:** Chair thanked Colin Frith for his work for the parish council, and for his continuing help with financial matters.
3. **Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:** Cllr Stephens on all planning applications.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** Approval of the Minutes of the meetings of 9th and 19th March was proposed by Cllr Hadley, seconded by Cllr Simmons, and carried. The Minutes were signed as a fair record.
5. **Actions arising from the Minutes of the last Meeting:** The list was reviewed; the letter to neighbouring parishes regarding the Core Strategy is to be drafted by Chair and Cllr Hill. The letter to RBL Branch is outstanding. Chair thanked Cllr Simmons for attending the service for the laying up of the standard.
6. **To consider changes to the order of business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 7.20 for members of the public to speak.

Speaking as District Councillor, Ken Stephens advised:

- Discussions on the proposed Nastend Conservation Area between himself, Phil Skill (Head of Planning, SDC) and John Darwent have taken place. Mr Skill advised that no new applications for Conservation Area status will be considered until 2012/13. This delay is supported by Cllr Barbara Tate.
- There is a proposal for the development of 2000 houses in Sharpness.
- He is concerned that the initial officer view on S.10/0418/OUT Land at Chipmans Plat is missing from list.
- Requested Clerk to contact PCSO to ensure the recent accident at Bath Road is noted in police records.

Chair read a report provided by PCSO Liz Ward: Operation Ben Levy, targeting anti-social behaviour, is concluded, but the work in this area will continue. There was one incident of anti-social behaviour and a disqualified driver seen driving was arrested. There have been some bicycle thefts in the area.

7 Resolutions

7.1 Finance

- 7.1.1 Colin Frith advised that the internal audit has been undertaken. The accounts (copy attached to the signed copy of these Minutes) are the final accounts.
- 7.1.2 Chair announced that Robert Powell has applied for the RFO post. Chair warmly thanked him for his application and for coming to this meeting.
- 7.1.3 Cllr Stephens proposed that £506.00 be vired from the 2010-11 footpaths budget into the 2009-10 budget, and the approval for the purchase for eight kissing gates. Seconded by Cllr Hadley. Carried unanimously. It was noted that this expenditure is within the total budget for 2009-10 and 2010-11, and leaves £384 in the footpaths budget for 2010-11. Chair commended the work on improving the footpaths in this parish.
- 7.1.4 Chair proposed approval of the purchase of one copy of the new publication of Standing Orders. Carried unanimously.
- 7.1.5 Chair proposed approval of Clerk's and Cllr Hadley's attendance at GAPTC training session on Standing Orders. Carried unanimously.
- 7.1.6 Chair proposed approval to authorise payment to Trevor Gardiner to clear the brambles behind the bus shelter to enable a costing for the necessary repairs, limit of £40. Carried unanimously.
Action: Clerk to look at insurance policy regarding vandalism.
- 7.1.7 Chair proposed approval of the quote to supply health and safety signs regarding the Pond. Carried unanimously.
- 7.1.8 Cllr Simmons proposed approval of accounts for payment, seconded by Cllr Hadley. Carried unanimously. A copy of the list of accounts for payment is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
- 7.1.9 Chair proposed amendment of the Precepted amount to reflect the actual value requested, £31,880; the 2011-12 Precept to be reduced to reflect this. It was agreed that in future years the Precept submission form be presented to EPC for final approval.

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7.2 Planning

- 7.2.1 To approve the planning committee's recommendations for the following applications:
S.10/0151/FUL Land at Alkerton Farm, Bath Road. Erection of two houses to replace redundant cottages. Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application; there is concern only in respect of the drainage and sewage which is an ongoing problem in this location.
S.10/0369/HHOLD and S.10/0370/LBC Grove Farm, Grove Lane, Westend. Alterations to dwellinghouse. Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application; the work is being undertaken with sympathy and care.
S.10/0408/TCA The Leas, Chipmans Platt. Trees in a Conservation Area.
The council recognised the need to remove this tree as it is causing damage to a wall. It was suggested that a replacement tree in another appropriate location be planted.
S.10/0447/HHOLD, Bridle Path Cottage, Nupend. Erection of conservatory.
It was noted that this application is from the Clerk, but agreed it was not a personal or prejudicial matter for Councillors. Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application.
S.10/0418/OUT, Land at Chipmans Platt. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and garage.
Cllr Simmons proposed that this council objects to this application as the proposed development is outside the village envelope.
These proposals were seconded by Cllr Hadley, and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens).
- 7.2.2 Noted: Appeal Decision APP/C1625/D/10/2120048 Laurel Cottage, Middle Street: to allow the appeal, and grant planning permission for the erection of a detached garage/workshop

7.3 Footpaths

- 7.3.1 Chair proposed that further spending on footpaths be approved by the full council, and that a plan for the footpath improvements be brought before the Council. Carried unanimously.

7.4 Roads & Transport

- 7.4.1 Chair spoke of the cycle trail to Stonehouse which is incomplete. Cllr Stephens added that he worked on this cycle trail over many years and is very supportive of the proposal to resurrect SECTA to push for completion of the trail. Chair proposed that SECTA be re-instated. Carried unanimously.

7.5 Parish Plan

- Chair reported that the two events at OHMG were successful, and the views of residents are being gathered. A questionnaire will be published and distributed to all homes in Eastington – volunteers are need for this.
- 7.5.1 Chair suggested a final event in the summer at which more views and input could be gathered. This to be led by the Parish Plan Committee. Mark Cousins has agreed to take this idea to the OHMGC, and a date of 4th or 5th September has been suggested.
Cllr Stephens proposed that an event to celebrate the successes of the past year be held, and that this council should provide enabling funding up to £500. Seconded by Cllr Simmons and carried unanimously.

7.6 Eastington Community Centre

- 7.6.1 Chair proposed a resolution to support the Centre for design award (suggested by CPRE). Carried unanimously.
- 7.6.2 Chair proposed a resolution to enter Eastington for the –'Vibrant Village of the Year' award. Carried unanimously.

7.7 Microgeneration Manifesto / Renewable Energy initiatives

- 7.7.1 Chair proposed a resolution to recognise the good practice offered by the Microgeneration Manifesto, and commend their stated objectives. Carried unanimously.

- 7.8 Chair proposed a resolution to invite the Eastington School Council to a parish council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. Refreshments to be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting up to £40 cost. Carried unanimously. The date of 25th May was agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held at the Eastington Community Centre if it is available.

Action: Write to the school council to invite them to the Annual Parish Meeting, and a parish council meeting. Book venue.

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8.0 Updates

8.1 Planning

8.1.1 Noted: the following planning approvals:

S.10/0072/FUL, Leahug Farm, Nupend. Erection of cattle shed.

S.10/0103/HHOLD, Nastend House, Nastend. Erection of a summer house.

Any other business

Cllr Stephens would like the matters of the bus shelter at Claypits to be re-considered.

Cllr Stephens asked Clerk to write to the PCSOs to formally thank them for their prompt attendance at the disturbance outside the recent parish council meeting.

Cllr Hadley advised that the speed cushions outside Apricot Cottage have been removed from the traffic calming scheme. Dan Tiffney has advised that as there is no street light adjacent, the speed cushions cannot be installed. The cost of installing a street light is prohibitive. The budget for this scheme is already over-spent. Dan agreed to progress the installation of a sign warning motorists of children crossing to the Playgroup.

Cllr Simmons reported that she has received complaints about an overgrown hedge opposite the village hall. Clerk has received similar complaints.

Action: Clerk to write to GCC to ask them to take action on the overgrown hedges.

The meeting was closed at 9:20

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11th May 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 5th May 2010.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date