

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th June 2010 in the Methodist Hall, Eastington

1. **To note Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Cozens (Chair), Stephens, Simmons, Souster; Hill, and Edwards; Mary Gribble (Clerk); Robert Powell (RFO); PCSO Liz Ward and one member of the public (Martin Elliott). Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Niblett and Hadley, County Councillor Tony Blackburn, and Neighbourhood Warden Kaz Elliott.
2. **Chairman's Announcements:** None.
3. **Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:** Cllr Stephens on all planning applications as SDC Member and Cllr Cozens on Item 7.2.1
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Cllr Souster, seconded by Cllr Hill and carried. The Minutes were signed as a fair record.
5. **Actions arising from the Minutes of the last Meeting:** The list was reviewed.
Item 9.9.1 of May 2010: Cllr Stephen raised concern about the number of people currently using the bus stop at Claypits.
Action: Clerk to ascertain the level of use from Stagecoach.
Item 9.10.1 of May 2010: Cllr Souster requested that the vandalized telephone kiosk be pursued.
Action: Clerk to write to BT to request the box be repaired or removed.
6. **To consider changes to the order of business:** None requested.

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

Martin Elliott asked if it would be possible to make a grant from the Charlie Bullock Fund for repairs to the car park at the Owen Harris Memorial Ground. He outlined two possible remedies – ground stabilization at approximately £15,000 or new tarmac at over £25,000.

Action: Matter to be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Charlie Bullock Trust

PCSO Ward reported that the problems with the pit bikes have been resolved. There have been no recent thefts or break-ins in the parish. Since the SARA plan started there have been 28 hours of foot patrols in Eastington. There have been fewer reports of anti-social behaviour, despite it being half term. There has been no feedback to the police regarding the new speed humps.

Cllr Souster asked PCSO Ward to monitor the parking at the Co-op, particularly parking on the pavement. She agreed to this, and also to monitor the parking at Swallowcroft.

Cllr Souster reported 'camps' of children at Millend. PCSO Ward agreed to look into this.

Chair thanked PCSO Ward for coming to the meeting.

District Councillor Ken Stephens made three points:

- He attended SDC's AGM, he noted many agenda items were withdrawn from the agenda.
- He shared concerns over the reorganisation of the housing department and the impact on the elderly of the review of sheltered housing.
- Planning permission has been granted for the relocation of Stroud Cricket Club. There are assurances that the development will not interfere with the flood plain. Vigilance is needed to ensure this does not set a precedent.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:40

7 Resolutions

7.1 Finance

- 7.1.1 Robert Powell confirmed that he now has all the files and financial information in his possession, and is working his way into his new role. He will present a full update of the financial position at the next meeting. The cheque signatories will also be reviewed.
Cllr Souster requested an agenda item at the next meeting to agree the financial position at handover.
- 7.1.2 All Councillors confirmed their understanding of the 2010-11 budget. Cllr Souster proposed acceptance of the budget, seconded by Cllr Hill and carried unanimously.

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- 7.1.3 Cllr Stephens proposed approval of Cllr Hadley's attendance at a seminar at the University of Gloucestershire on 1 July 2010 on Common Land and Village Greens at a cost of £100 (LGA 2000 s100). Seconded by Cllr Edwards and carried.
- 7.1.4 Cllr Stephens proposed approval of the addition to the Parish Council's insurance provision of Councillor Indemnity, and Slander and Libel cover, under s101 Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004. Seconded by Cllr Hill and carried.
- 7.1.5 RFO presented the list of cheques for payment. 4 cheques: salary and expenses for Clerk, internal audit fees, RoSPA's safety inspection of the play equipment, and the mowing of the public areas. Cllr Souster proposed approval of the accounts for payment, seconded by Cllr Hill and carried. The cheques were signed. A detailed list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.

7.2 Planning

- 7.2.1 Cllr Simmons proposed support for the following applications:
S.10/0754/FUL, Alkerton Green Farm. Construction of dirty water lagoon and enlargement of slurry pond.
S.10/0788/HHOLD, Jacame, Bath Road. Demolition of existing garage, utility room and outbuildings. Erection of single storey extension, garage, studio and conservatory.
S.10/0854/HHOLD, Nupend House. Erection of a two storey extension.
S.10/0862/VAR, John Stayte Services, Puddlesworth Lane. Variation of Condition, inc renewals.
S.10/0944/HHOLD, Vine Cottage, Nupend. Erection of single storey extensions to front and side of dwelling. Proposal seconded by Cllr Hill and carried with 2 abstentions.
- 7.2.2 Cllr Hill read his proposed response to the Hunter Page 'Sharpness Report' as previously circulated. It was agreed, with the addition of further remarks regarding the deficiency of the consultation. Cllr Souster proposed acceptance of the revised document, seconded by Chair and carried.
Action: Clerk to send the response to SDC, copying Cllr Tait and the Leader, Cllr Roden.

7.3 Footpaths

- 7.3.1 Funding for installation of kissing gates was discussed. (Highways Act 1980 ss.43,50). Quotes are in hand from Stroud Valleys Project @ £250 a day, and from Mr Loveridge at £85 per gate. At the rate offered by Mr Loveridge, 4 gates can be installed within the current footpaths budget. Cllr Hill proposed acceptance of Mr Loveridge's quote, for 4 gates to be installed. Seconded by Cllr Simmons and carried.

7.4 Burial Ground

- 7.4.1 Cllr Souster proposed a sum of £30 be paid for the removal of waste that has already been undertaken. (LGA 1972 s214). Seconded by Cllr Hill.
Action: Future burial ground waste removal costs to be discussed with contractor.

7.5 Village Green and Churchyard Maintenance

- 7.5.1 The maintenance of Alkerton Cross was discussed which was omitted from the grass cutting schedule in error. Cllr Simmons proposed funding up to £100 for one maintenance visit, seconded by Cllr Cozens and carried. (Public Health Act 1875, s164; LGA 1972, Sched.14 para 27).
Action: Cllr Edwards to contact contractor to make arrangements for this work.
- 7.5.2 Consideration of maintenance requirements for Churchyard deferred to next agenda.

7.6 Local Government Pension Scheme

- 7.6.1 Item deferred to the next agenda.

8.0 Updates

8.1 Planning

- 8.1.1 Noted the following planning permissions granted:
S.10/0151/FUL Land at Alkerton Farm. Erection of 2 houses to replace redundant cottages.
S.10/0369/HHOLD & S.10/0370/LBC Grove Farm. Alterations to dwellinghouse.
S.10/0408/TCA The Leas, Chipmans Platt. Works to tree within Conservation Area.
S.10/0447/HHOLD Bridle Path Cottage. Erection of conservatory.
S.10/0622/HHOLD Ashleaze, Alkerton. Erection of single storey extension, front porch and new garage door.

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- 8.1.2 Noted the following certificate of lawfulness:
S.10/0784/CPL The Owls, Bath Road. Certificate of lawfulness: roof dormer.
- 8.1.3 Noted the following compliance with existing conditions:
S.10/0397/DISCON 16 Alkerton Road. Discharge of condition 2 & 4 of permission S.07/2243/FUL
- 8.1.4 Noted the following refusal of outline planning permission:
S.10/0418/OUT Land at Chipmans Platt. Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and garage.
- 8.2 Roads & Transport
- 8.2.1 A vote of thanks was made to GCC for mowing the Cress Green to Millend bridle path.

Any other business

Cllr Cozens requested agenda items for next meeting

- consideration of what might be done to improve the broadband provision in this parish
- consideration of relocating parish council meetings to Eastington Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9:04

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

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

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