

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2010 in the Methodist Hall, Eastington

1. **To note Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Cozens, Stephens, Simmons, Souster; Hill, Hadley and Edwards; Cozens Mary Gribble (Clerk); Robert Powell (RFO); and six members of the public. Apologies were accepted from PCSO Liz Ward
2. **Chairman's Announcements:** Chair thanked the Clerk and all those contributing to Eastington's submission to the Vibrant Village of the Year award. He also thanked Cllr Hill for representing Eastington in the Community News and for preparing the planning guidance.
3. **Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:** Cllr Stephens on all planning applications as SDC Member.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Cllr Souster, 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. All recent actions are in hand or on this agenda.
Cllr Simmons proposed thanks to Mr Loveridge for his maintenance work at Alkerton Cross.
Action: Clerk to thank Mr Loveridge in writing.
6. **To consider changes to the order of business:** None requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 for members of the Public to speak.

County Councillor Tony Blackburn's report key points:

- It may be timely to remind our new MP of the promises he made in his election campaign
- GCC Cabinet may now consider petitions from the public and parish councils
- Cllr Blackburn will continue to push for a reduction in local speed limits

District Councillor Ken Stephens' report key points arising from the demise of RSS:

- Although the RSS has been set aside, there are still matters to be complied with
- SDC planning officers' opinion is that the need for housing has been underestimated
- Housing targets have been replaced with cash incentives, £9000 for a Band D property, this cash to go to the neighbourhood

Action: Meeting to be arranged between Cllrs Stephens, Simmons and KER to discuss this

Tom Low gave a report on the 'Vibrant Village of the Year' judges' visit. It was an enjoyable morning, the village hall, new kissing gates, allotments, community pond and Eastington Community Centre were all proudly shown to the judges.

Ken Nichols was pleased to announce that the Inspector has recommended that Sophie's Pitch be registered as a Village Green. The matter will go before the Commons and Rights of Way Committee to make the final decision. Ken was congratulated by those present.

Chair announced the first chipping event at the allotments site, to be held on 14th August.

Chair read out crime figures provided by PCSO Ward which showed a reduction in crime in all categories compared to the same period last year.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.35

7 Resolutions

7.1 **Finance:** Item deferred to next meeting

7.2 Planning

7.2.1 S.10/0920/HHOLD. Sage House, Middle Street. Single storey rear extension and extension and refurbishment to outbuilding.

Cllr Hill proposed objection to this application, on grounds that there are many unanswered questions. SDC to be asked to investigate issues around previous planning restrictions and drainage. Seconded by Cllr Hadley and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens)

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S.10/0939/COU. Hair And Beauty House, Alkerton. Change of use to form a self contained flat at first floor level and external alterations to form new flat entrance.

Cllr Hill proposed objection to this application on grounds that the criteria for change of use in SH15 are not met. Parking issues in the area are of concern. Objection seconded by Chair and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens).

S.10/1027/HHOLD. Frome Cottage. Demolition of existing utility room and erection of new utility room and sun room.

Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application. Seconded by Cllr Hill and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens).

S.10/1039/COU Victoria Inn, Alkerton. Change of use from public house to domestic dwelling.

Cllr Hill proposed objection to this application on grounds that that the criteria for change of use in SH15 are not met, and neither does it support the aims of PPS 6 around inclusive communities. Objection seconded by Cllr Simmons and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens).

S.10/1111/LBC. Somerlea, Nastend. Replacement windows.

Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application. Seconded by Cllr Hill and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens). Noted :SDC would deal with LBC considerations.

S.10/1257/HHOLD, The Elms, Bath Road. Ground floor extension for disabled access to bedroom with en-suite and new first floor bedroom over.

Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application. Seconded by Cllr Hadley and carried with one abstention (Cllr Stephens).

7.3 Road and Transport

7.3.1 Cllr Hill proposed the purchase a speed gun, two high visibility jackets and speed camera warning signs to enable the continued anti-speeding campaign in Eastington, at a cost of of £300. Seconded by Chair and carried unanimously. (LG & Rating Act 1997 s.30, Highways Act 1980 s.274A).

Cllr Hill further said:

- It is not this council's intention to bring prosecutions, but to ensure that motorists know that Eastington cares about speeding.
- The speed gun campaign complements the work of the school, perhaps joint speed gun sessions might be possible.
- Local business, GCC and SDC could be asked to sign up to obey the speed limits through Eastington.

Action: Cllr Hill to draft a letter to local businesses, and approach the school.

7.3.2 The parking issues at Churchend, including the recent near-misses, were discussed. It was agreed to convene a meeting in the autumn, inviting the school, PTA, and PCC.

Action: Clerk to book venue and arrange meeting.

Cllr Hill confirmed that the landlord is happy for people to park in the side car park of the Kings Head while visiting the shops and hairdressers.

7.4 **Burial Ground, Village Green and Churchyard Maintenance:** Item deferred to next meeting.

7.5 Owen Harris Memorial Ground

7.5.1 Chair proposed that quotes be obtained for tar filling of cracks along Snakey Lane. Carried unanimously.

Action: Cllr Cozens to obtain quotes

7.6 Sustainable Communities Act Proposals

7.6.1 Chair proposed a resolution to write to Neil Carmichael MP to ask him to sign Early Day Motion 178 which urges the government to quickly deal with the Sustainable Communities Act proposals and to write to the Minister, Greg Clark, urging him to deal with the Act's proposals urgently as it has been nearly a year since they were submitted. Carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk to write to MP and Minister

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- 7.7 **Local Government Pension Scheme:** Item deferred to next meeting.
- 7.8 **Venue for Eastington Parish Council Meetings** Item deferred to next meeting.
- 7.9 **Parish Online**
- 7.9.1 Chair proposed that this council subscribes to this mapping service (free of charge for the first year). Carried unanimously.
- 7.10 **Health and Safety Policy**
- 7.10.1 Chair encouraged councillors to consider joining a sub-group to formulate a health and safety policy. To be returned to next agenda.
- 7.11 **Public Consultations**
- 7.11.1 Cllr Hill proposed that due to other pressures on time and resource, that this council does not respond to SDC consultation Taxi and Private Hire Policies. Seconded by Cllr Edwards and carried.
- 7.11.2 Cllr Hill proposed that due to other pressures on time and resource, that this council does not respond to SDC consultation Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003. Seconded by Cllr Edwards and carried.
- 7.11.3 Call for evidence on increase in state pension age. Item to be returned to the next agenda

Any other business

Cllr Hadley reported on issues from the Community Safety Panel meeting: the police are happy to help with the speed camera campaign. They wish to assure EPC that although the SARA has finished they will continue to support this area, and are putting pressure on GCC to provide facilities for young people.

The meeting closed at 9:10

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 20th July 2010.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

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