

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March 2011 in Eastington Community Centre

1. **To note Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Cozens (Chair), Stephens, Souster; Bullock, Rank-Broadley, and Simmons; Mary Gribble (Clerk); Robert Powell (RFO). Two members of the public were present. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Niblett, Hill, Edwards, County Councillor Tony Blackburn and PCSO Liz Ward.
2. **Chairman's Announcements:** None.
3. **Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:** Cllr Rank-Broadley on Item 7.2.1
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Rank-Broadley and carried. The Minutes were signed as a fair record.
5. **Actions arising from the Minutes of the last Meeting:** Chair advised that the Pinching Trust had been contacted regarding the first aid training.
6. **To consider changes to the order of business:** It was agreed that Item 7.16 would be taken after 7.6.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 minutes for members of the Public to speak.

Chair read a report from Cllr Blackburn:

- Orchard Leigh are pleased about the repositioning of the 30mph limit.
- The decision about Javelin Park bidder and process for the waste plant is due to be taken by the GCC Cabinet on 16th March.
- Millend House is up for auction on 10th March at the Bear Rodborough.

District Councillor Ken Stephens spoke about the current planning climate, and advised that EPC keeps in contact with the planning consultants. Cllr Stephens left, with apologies, after giving his report.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:20

7 Resolutions

7.1 Finance

- 7.1.1 RFO gave an update of the accounts. There is £28,469 in the accounts. £21,300 has been spent this year to date, this evening's cheques total £588 so there are still funds available.
- 7.1.2 Cllr Bullock proposed payment of £20.00 to apply for Corporate Membership of Gloucestershire Orchards Group. Seconded by Cllr Rank-Broadley and carried. [Power of Well-being].
- 7.1.3 Chair proposed EPC approves the cost of fencing the reserve area of the burial ground. The final cost is £92.38. Carried. [LGA 1894 s.8(4)]
- 7.1.4 The schedule of accounts for payment was reviewed. The payments are for salaries, Clerk's expenses, bin-emptying and hall hire. Approval was proposed by Cllr Rank-Broadley, seconded by Cllr Bullock and carried. A copy of the schedule of accounts for payment is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
- 7.1.5 The grant applications in hand were reviewed. While EPC was sympathetic to all requests, it was agreed to support only one applicant, the CAB. Cllr Simmons proposed a grant of £50 be made to CAB, seconded by Cllr Bullock and carried. Cllr Souster suggested that CAB be invited to talk to EPC.
Action: Clerk to contact CAB to arrange a speaker.
It was agreed that there was insufficient time to arrange a village celebration of the Royal Wedding.

7.2 Planning

- 7.2.1 The planning committee recommended objection to S.11/0159/FUL. Eastington Court. Combining Snowdrop and Primrose Cottages to form a single dwelling house, including adding a second dormer window, and construction of a replacement dwelling on the site of the existing stables.
The planning committee recommended support for S.11/0185/HHOLD. 3 Hillview Cottages, Middle Street. Two storey extension.
The planning committee recommended support for S.11/0210/FUL. Leahug Farm. Extension to existing barn.
These recommendations were proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Souster and carried.
- 7.2.2 Chair proposed support for the Cotswold Canals Trust's proposal to remove 6 trees which leaning badly and are in imminent danger of falling across the road. Carried.
- 7.2.3 The review of settlement boundary, to include the correction of the existing boundary and suggestions for areas for potential review was discussed. Approval of the suggestions made at an informal meeting were proposed by Cllr Souster, seconded by Cllr Rank-Broadley and carried.

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7.3 Gloucestershire Vibrant Village of the Year 2010 Award

There was discussion of the nomination of the Community Orchard Group, as a most worthy cause in need of 'start up' support, for receipt of the £500 Gloucestershire Vibrant Village of the Year 2010 award. It was agreed that the Orchard Group had provided evidence that they met the criteria for grant awards by EPC. Chair proposed that the £500 be awarded to the Community Orchard Group. Carried.

7.4 Roads and Transport

The possibilities for parking in Victoria Drive car park for shop workers and longer term patrons were discussed.

Action: Clerk to contact SDC to ascertain the current status of the parking in Victoria Drive.

7.5 Consultations

No resolution was made on the consultations currently before EPC.

7.6 Pension provision for the Clerk

7.6.1 The legal requirement to provide a pension for the clerk and its implementation was discussed.

Action: RFO to look into the matter and report to the next meeting.

7.6.2 The review the pension provision for the Clerk for the financial year 2011-12 was deferred to the next meeting

8. Updates

8.1 Planning:

Noted planning permissions granted:

S.10/1751/CPE The Bungalow, Nupend Farm, Nupend - Certificate of existing use for the occupation of dwelling by persons not employed or last employed in agriculture.

Noted planning permission refused:

S.10/1039/COU - Change of use from public house to domestic dwelling.

7.1.6 RFO led the discussions on the draft budget for 2011-12. A copy of the budget spreadsheet (copy attached to the signed Minutes) was discussed, including the following points:

- There was concern that the draft presented shows expenditure exceeding income for the year. It was agreed that the budget should be adjusted to balance income and spending.
- Reserves of £19,000 are brought forward
- RFO commented that income from burials fluctuates and is impossible to predict accurately.
- Cllr Souster commented that the column heading 'Budget' was inaccurate. RFO agreed to redress this.
- RFO advised that some items were definitely known amounts, including the mowing contract and loan repayments. Others budgets were based on projections from previous spending levels.
- Cllr Souster requested that the term of the loan repayments is added to the spreadsheet.
- RFO advised that VAT had been taken out of these figures.
- RFO clarified the £1500 is earmarked for the parish plan – this amount was received as a grant and is brought forward from the previous year.
- Chair advised that the Snakey Lane road repairs may cost in the region of £1000. If this is the case, it was agreed that the money should come from reserves.
- Cllr Edwards had sent a written request to Clerk for allocation of £2000 for footpaths. It was agreed that the amount of £1000 be allocated to the footpaths budget.

Chair thanked RFO for preparing this draft budget. It was agreed that the financial position going into the next financial year if better than the previous year.

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AOB:

Rural Broadband provision was discussed.

Action: Chair to contact Arlingham PC regarding their approach to improved broadband

Action: Clerk to contact GAPTC regarding Government funding for rural broadband

Cllr Bullock reported a motorcycle accident in Bath Road. Cllr Souster added this to the record of accidents in the Parish.

The meeting closed at 9:30

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th April 2011. 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 6th April 2011.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date