

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2011 in Eastington Methodist Church

1. Cllr Hill proposed Cllr Niblett for Chair of Eastington Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Simmons and carried unanimously. Cllr Niblett accepted this Office, and signed the Acceptance of Office of Chairman.
2. Cllr Niblett proposed Cllr Cozens for Vice-Chair of Eastington Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Souster and carried unanimously.
3. **To note Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Simmons, Edwards, Hill, and Souster; Mary Gribble (Clerk); Robert Powell (RFO) and two members of the public. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Cozens, Stephens, Bullock, Rank-Broadley, County Councillor Blackburn and PCSO Ward.
4. **Chairman's Announcements:** Chair thanked the Councillors for re-electing him, and their continued support.
5. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None
6. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Simmons. The Minutes were signed as a fair record.
7. **Actions arising from the Minutes of the last Meeting:** It was agreed that the action regarding the remedial works to Alkerton Green would be removed from the Actions list. This matter will be returned to a future agenda.
8. **To consider changes to the order of business:** None requested

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

Martin Elliott spoke on the muddy condition of the ground around the kissing gates, and asked if stone or gravel could be put down. Cllr Edwards advised that it would need the agreement of the landowner, and confirmed he would look into this problem.

Tom Low brought back concerns that the dangerous condition of Millend Mill. SDC are taking action, and the landowner has been seen on site.

In County Councillor Tony Blackburn's absence, Cllr Souster reported that Cllr Blackburn has been in contact with GCC Highways regarding the request for speed limit reduction at Chipmans Platt.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:25

9 Resolutions

- 9.1 The following committee officers were proposed by Chair and carried unanimously:
Planning: Cllrs Simmons (Chair), Hill (secretary), and Cozens
Roads and Transport: Cllr Souster (Chair) and Hill
Footpaths: Cllr Edwards (Chair) and Hill
Finance: Cllr Souster (Chair)
Burial Ground and Churchyard: Cllr Cozens (Chair)
(Chair is ex-officio member of all committees)
- 9.2 The following officers and representatives to the EPC working groups were proposed by Chair and carried unanimously:
Village Greens and Churchyard Maintenance: Cllrs Hill and Edwards
Eastington Community Project: Cllrs Cozens, Niblett and Souster
Canal: Cllr Hill
Core Strategy: Cllrs Niblett, Simmons, Hill and Cozens
Village Hall: Cllr Darwent
Nastend Conservation Area: Cllr Rank-Broadley
Flood Group: Cllrs Niblett and Souster, Anne Pitcher, Pauline Allen and Mark Campbell.
Flood Wardens: Jan and Phil Davis
Community Environment Project: Colin Studholme
Waste Disposal Site at Javelin Park: Cllrs Rank-Broadley and Niblett
Eastington Community Orchard Group: Cllr Edwards
Eastington Youth Group: Cllrs Bullock and Edwards

Signed

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9.3 Finance

- 9.3.1 RFO advised that due to his other commitments he was unable to complete the Annual Return; it will be ready for sign-off on the 17th May 2011.
RFO confirmed that the first half of the precept has been received, and that the PWLB payment had gone out in April.
- 9.3.2 Cllr Hill proposed a donation of £200 'start up funding' for Eastington Youth Group, and the delegation of power to release this donation (subject to the need being demonstrated) to Cllrs Edwards and Bullock. Seconded by Cllr Souster and carried unanimously.
- 9.3.3 Cllr Souster proposed the renewal of annual subscription to GAPTC, £307.20. Seconded by Cllr Simmons and carried unanimously.
- 9.3.4 RFO confirmed that the list of accounts for payment comprised payment to Aon for the renewal of the Council's insurance, salary and expenses for Clerk, salary for RFO, payment to Mr Loveridge for grass-cutting and installation of kissing gates. Approval of the accounts for payment was proposed by Chair and carried unanimously. A copy of is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.

9.4 Planning

- 9.4.1 S.11/0607/HHOLD. The Elms, Middle Street. The Elms, Middle Street. Erection of extension above existing ground floor. Demolition of existing porch and erection of new porch/bay window to allow extension of lounge area. Revised plans. Cllr Simmons proposed support for this application, seconded by Cllr Hill and carried unanimously.

9.5 Eastington Community Orchard (ECO)

- 9.5.1 The tenancy agreement between Eastington Parish Council and ECO will be agreed by ECO at their AGM on 19th May 2011. It will then be brought before EPC for consideration.
- 9.5.2 Cllr Souster proposed that Eastington Parish Council is Custodial trustee to the ECO Group. Seconded by Chair and carried.

9.6 Environment

- 9.6.1 The proposed incinerator at Javelin Park was discussed. There was some agreement that proper incineration can be a good way of dealing with waste, and the heat that is generated can be put to use. As continued use of landfill is not an option, and there seems to be little public preparedness to reduce volumes of waste, there may be no other solution to the problem of dealing with waste. However, there is significant concern about the Javelin Park proposal, including the possibility of shipping in waste from outside the county to make the incinerator viable, and EPC wishes to know more about this incinerator. Matter to be returned to June agenda for an update by Cllr Rank-Broadley.

9.7 Roads and Transport

- 9.7.1 It was agreed that a comprehensive list of the potholes is needed.
Action: All Cllrs to email details of the worst potholes in their vicinity to Cllr Souster.

9.8 Consultations

- 9.8.1 Chair proposed delegation of authority to respond to the following consultations on behalf of Eastington Parish Council, carried unanimously:
- o Inland Waterways Consultation – authority delegated to Chair and Cllr Hill
 - o Audit Consultation – authority delegated to Cllrs Edwards and Souster

10. Updates

- 10.1 Noted: planning permissions granted:
S.11/0210/FUL. Leahug Farm, Nupend, Stonehouse. Extension to existing barn.

AOB:

- Cllr Hill is working with the Co-op on their plans to tidy up the area outside the shop;
- Cllr Hill is working towards getting the bollard replaced at Alkerton;
- The weeding of the roundabout has been carried out by Mr Loveridge.

The meeting closed at 8:34

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 17th May 2011.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date