

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6:40 on 17th May 2011 in Eastington Methodist Church Hall

1. **In attendance:** Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Edwards, Simmons, Souster; Mary Gribble (Clerk) and Robert Powell (RFO).
Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Bullock, Cozens, Hill, Rank-Broadley and Stephens.
2. Chair thanked RFO for circulating the accounts prior to this meeting, and for keeping the Councillors informed throughout the year.

RFO replied to questions regarding the accounts:

- The difference in VAT compared to the previous financial year is due to several accounts from suppliers who were VAT registered, for example the professional fees of the planning consultant, the professionals involved in the land transactions, and the drainage works to the newly purchased land at Alkerton.
- The difference in subscriptions is largely a matter of the timing of the renewals. It was noted that the renewal request for the Ramblers' subscription has not yet been received.
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It was noted that there was a surplus in the region of £12,000 for the year, which allows EPC to carry forward reserves of £26,000. This building up of reserves was a positive action, in response to the Auditor's comment on the 2009-10 accounts that reserves were low.

Cllr Souster proposed that Eastington Parish Council approves the accounts for the year 2010-11, and that the Annual Return also be signed. Seconded by Chair and carried unanimously.

RFO confirmed that electronic versions of the RFO's report would be circulated each month; this is in addition to the hardcopies that are issued each month.

The meeting closed at 7:05

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th June 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 8th June 2011.

Signed

Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date