

## EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in Eastington Methodist Church

1. Cllr Edwards proposed Cllr Niblett as Chair of Eastington Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Simmons. There were no other nominations. Cllr Niblett was elected unopposed to the Chair.
2. Cllr Edwards proposed Cllr Bullock as Vice Chair of Eastington Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Greenaway. There were no other nominations. Cllr Bullock was elected unopposed as Vice Chair.
3. All councillors signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The re-elected councillors signed to confirm that their Register of Interests forms were up to date. Chair reminded the meeting of the importance of keeping the Register complete and current.
4. Officers and representatives to the EPC committees were agreed. A full list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
5. Officers and representatives to the EPC working groups were agreed. A full list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes
6. In attendance were Cllrs Niblett (Chair), Allen, Bullock, Cozens (arrived 7:35), Edis-Bates, Edwards, Evans, Greenaway, Simmons; Mary Gribble (Clerk); Robert Powell (Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public.
7. Chair made several announcements:
  - He congratulated all new councillors on their appointment, and thanked the outgoing councillors, Ken Stephens, Chris Hill and Nigel Souster.
  - He wished RFO a full recovery from his recent illness.
  - He reminded the councillors of their duty to attend parish council meetings and send apologies to the Clerk or Chairman if they are unable to attend a meeting, or are expecting to arrive late.
  - Under the new Localism provisions, The 'Power of Wellbeing' is replaced by the General Power of Competence. To be able to act under this new Power, the parish council needs to satisfy certain conditions, one of which is that the Clerk must be formally trained.
  - He encouraged the new councillors to take up the training on offer, and for existing councillors to refresh as required.
  - He asked all councillors to write a small piece, saying a bit about themselves and their aspirations. This to be published in the Eastington Community News (deadline 25/5/12) and on the EPC website.
8. There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
9. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Cllr Bullock and seconded by Cllr Greenaway. The Minutes were signed as a fair record.
10. To action list was reviewed. Action 7.2 was re-assigned to the planning committee.
11. It was agreed that Agenda Item 12.5 should be brought forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 for members of the Public to speak.

Ken Nicholls requested that hard copies of the agenda be available to the public at the meetings. He acknowledged that the agenda is available on the website for download and displayed on the noticeboard.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:52

There were no reports from Tony Blackburn or Ken Stephens.

### 12 Resolutions

#### 12.1 Finance

- 12.1.1 Chair proposed approval of the costs of printing an additional 100 parish plan questionnaires (£52.03 + VAT) [LGA 1972 s.111]. Carried.
- 12.1.2 Chair proposed approval of the training costs (£50) [LGA 1972 s.111] for the Clerk to attain the qualification required for Eastington Parish Council to achieve the General Power of Competence. Carried.
- 12.1.3 Chair proposed approval of the training costs for 4 councillors (£85 per Councillor) [LGA 1972 s.111]. Carried.
- 12.1.4 Chair advised that since the agenda was published, the group organising the village Jubilee celebrations have decided to relocate the event to the Community Centre, thus the road closure will not be required. Chair explained that invitations will be sent to all homes in Eastington as a small commemoration of the event. Cllr Bullock proposed that the parish council resolves to pay for the printing of invitations (£150 max), [LGA 1972 s.137] seconded by Cllr Greenaway and carried.

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- 12.1.5 RFO gave an update of the accounts, referring to the previously distributed written report. RFO apologised for the lateness of his report. RFO advised that there will be just under £44,600 in the accounts after this evening's payments. This balance includes the first tranche of the precept. A cheque for £580 burial fees was banked today. He explained the layout of the report for the benefit of the new councillors.
- 12.1.6 RFO ran through the accounts for payment. There are two cheques over £500. £839 for insurance, and £760 for grass-cutting. Other cheques are for salaries and expenses, hall hire, training, printing, SLCC subscription, playground inspection, and Severn Trent (stand tap at the burial ground). Cllr Simmons proposed approval of the accounts for payment, seconded by Cllr Cozens and carried. A list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
- 12.1.7 A review of the insurance cover, including consideration of including the churchyard wall was agreed.  
**Action: Cllrs Cozens and Edis-Bates to schedule a meeting with RFO.**

### 12.5 Village Greens

Chair confirmed that EPC has taken barrister's advice and written to the developer of 9 Bath Road. A letter from the developer has been received in response, advised that he is in the process of buying the village green. Ken Nicholls submitted a Notice of Disclaimer, dated 19/3/10, indicating this is Crown land. A meeting of the village green committee was arranged for 17/5/12.

### 12.2 Planning

- 12.2.1 It was noted that the file on SDC's website S.12/0748/HHOLD and S.12/0749/LBC Nastend Farm, Nastend Lane is corrupted. The planning committee has not been able to view the application.
- 12.2.2 It was agreed that the planning committee would meet to schedule a review of the works at Millend Woods, and the situation at Oliver's Orchard.  
**Action: Meeting to be arranged in the next three weeks.**
- 12.2.3 There were no comments or problems seen with the application (to replace an existing trader) to trade in Blunder Lock from a mobile catering unit between the times of 7am – 5pm Monday to Sunday inclusive. Cllr Edwards proposed support for this application, seconded by Cllr Simmons and carried.
- 12.2.4 Cllr Edis-Bates gave an update on the Core Strategy: A formal statement is yet to come from SDC. It is noted that the Core Strategy will have to comply with the National Planning Framework. Cllr Edis-Bates went on to update the council on the work of the DSS, which includes a land availability report, household size data, an employment strategy and a demographic plan to deal with the aging population.  
DSS sees 3 main risks:
- A 'dawn raid' by developers
  - Much of the 'old guard' at SDC is still in place
  - There are vested interests in dumping the houses in one place
- Chair thanked Cllr Edis-Bates for this overview, and recommended that a parish council meeting be scheduled to review the options and consider what the parish council might do next. The parish plan working group also needs to meet.  
**Action: Meetings of the core strategy and parish plan working groups to be scheduled.**

### 12.3 Eastington Youth Group (EYG)

Cllr Bullock confirmed that the plans for the POD are moving forward.

### 12.4 Footpaths

There was brief consideration of the Mid Cotswold Tracks and Trails Group proposal for a multi-user trail around Standish, Nupend, Stonehouse and beyond. Cllr Edwards agreed to liaise with this Group, and report back details of the proposal to EPC.

### 12.6 Roads and Transport

The Roads and Transport Committee will meet on 21<sup>st</sup> May to review the recent accident on Spring Hill and inconsiderate driving reported elsewhere in the parish. The priorities list will be reviewed. Cllr Edwards requested that the effectiveness or otherwise of the speed bumps is included in the review.

### 12.7 Consultation with SDC

Cllr Edwards proposed support for Nailsworth Town Council's request for a consultation agreement between SDC and parish and town councils. Seconded by Cllr Bullock and carried.

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### 13 Updates

- 13.1** Cllr Cozens advised that work on the fencing and gate at the allotment has been deferred until the location of the POD is agreed.
- 13.2** Planning permissions granted were noted:
- S.12/0090/DISCON Victoria Inn, Alkerton Road, Eastington. Discharge of condition 2 from S.11/1445/FUL.
  - S.12/0136/DISCON. Land To Rear Of Kings Head Inn. Discharge of condition 4 (hard and soft landscaping) of permission S.10/2070/FUL.
  - S.12/0154/FUL Bath Road Garage. Siting of portakabin to be used as garage office
  - S.12/0366/COU Eastington Park, Churchend. Change of use from Mixed Use C2 and sui generis Wedding Venue to Mixed Use C2, B&B use (C1) and sui generis Wedding Venue.
  - S.12/0655/MINAM. Westend Courtyard, Grove Lane. Minor amendment to planning permission S.11/2188/COU to change material of Dutch Barn from stained timber cladding to steel cladding.
- 13.3** Planning permission refused was noted:
- S.12/0381/LBC and S.12/0380/HHOLD Manor Cottage, Churchend. Erection of extension

Any other business for the next meeting: None

**The meeting closed at 9:00pm**

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012. 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Signed .....

Chairman/Responsible Officer

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