

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2013 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Allen, Simmons. Edis-Bates, Evans, Andrea Durn (Clerk), Robert Powell (RFO). There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Greenaway. Cllr Cozens and Edwards did not attend and had not sent apologies.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chair thanked Cllr Edis-Bates and Cllr Evans for working with the planning consultant on the SDC Local Plan consultation.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for members of the Public to speak.
The public did not make any comments or queries.

7 Resolutions

4.1 Planning

- 4.1.1 Stroud District Council's Local Plan Pre-Submission Consultation: Cllr Edis-Bates reported that the EPC planning consultant was preparing the response to the consultation to be submitted by the deadline of 5pm on 16th October 2013. The Clerk reported that the SDC Planning Strategy Manager had agreed that a final draft could be submitted on the 16th October and a final response submitted after EPC approval at the meeting of 12th November 2013 if required. Cllr Edis-Bates gave a summary of the response and the areas where the Local Plan was deemed to be unsound. The Chair proposed that the planning consultant submits the response either as a draft or as a final submission as he professionally determined as appropriate. Carried.

4.2 Resources

- 4.2.1 To agree the budget for 2014/15: The RFO circulated the 2013/14/15 budget working paper for discussion. He explained that he had made the following assumptions: the precept would be the same figure in 2014/15 as in 2013/14; the grant would be reduced by 10% based on the assumption that it would decrease as reported by SDC in a meeting in January 2013. This would give an income in 2014/15 of £34500. He then went through the committed expenditure which was 77% of the income. The Council went through the uncommitted expenditure line by line and discussed each budget area and estimated expenditure. The following information was requested so as to develop the budgets for 2014/15:

A list of detailed current expenditure to be circulated

ACTION: RFO

A list of annual donations from previous and current years to be circulated

ACTION: RFO

A clarification of the legislation regarding donations

ACTION: Clerk

A report on the programme of works, stock and 2014/15 budget requirements for Footpaths and Open Spaces

ACTION: Chair

The RFO will develop the budget with notes based on the discussions at the meeting and circulate before the 29th October 2013

ACTION: RFO

Any Other Business

The budget proposals for 2014/15 will be on the next EPC meeting on 12th November 2013.

Meeting finished: 8.35pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th November 2013. 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 Monday 4th November 2013.