

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2014 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Edwards, Corrie, Simmons, Cozens, Evans, Edis-Bates, Andrea Durn (Clerk), County Cllr Lesley Williams. There were 5 members of the public present. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Allen and Loveridge, and District Cllr Stephens.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chair thanked Cllr Edis-Bates for his hard work on developing the Neighbourhood Development Plan and thanked all involved in the event on 22nd February 2014. The Chair thanked Cllr Edis-Bates and Evans for their work with the Planning Consultant on the Local Plan submission to Stroud District Council.
3. **Clerks report:** The Clerk went through the issues and correspondence she had dealt with in the previous month including the preparations for budget setting and the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Clerk reminded Council of the Standing Orders, particularly with regard to behaviour at meetings and the actions that can be taken if Standing Orders are not adhered to. She informed Council that the current Standing Orders will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None.
5. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 11th February 2014:** Cllr Williams said that the Police Precept should read 2%. The minutes were proposed for approval with amendment by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Corrie. Carried with one abstention.
6. **Actions:** The actions from previous meetings were reviewed:
All councillors to send reasons for 2014/15 budget to the Clerk **Action: Clerk**
Cllr Simmons is working on the sponsorship for the Commemorative Cross **Action: Cllr Simmons**
Cllr Edwards has achieved sponsorship for one dog bin which may be placed opposite the Badger Inn. The Dog Warden has advised that public consultation is not required.
Confirmation is being sought for the venue for the Annual Parish Meeting. **Action: Clerk**
The date for the Business Meeting to be rescheduled. **Action: Clerk**
7. **To consider changes to the order of business:** Bring forward agenda item 8.8.5 to before agenda item 8.

A presentation on the Parish Council's submission to the Local Plan Examination in Public including the process of the Local Plan and the Hearing, and the recent Government update of the National Planning Policy Guidance, was given by Cllr Edis-Bates.

Cllr Cozens joined the meeting at 7.35pm

Cllr Edis-Bates answered a series of questions from councillors and members of the public on his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for members of the Public to speak. There were no further questions or comments.

Cllr Evans joined the meeting at 8pm.

Report from County Councillor Williams: The GCC had set their budget for 2014/15. They have put in place: a living wage; and travel cards for apprentices, children in care and care leavers. Ameys have held another PROW meeting about working with volunteers. Cllr Williams said she is happy to take up resident issues on the Millend development and to make sure what is planned will be delivered. There is an area budget for 2014/15 of £20,000 for Highways and would like to know of any projects in the parish. She will send EPC the protocol when available. There is an area budget for 2014/15 of £50,000 over 2 years for Health and Well Being Acting Together. £10,000 will be used to address health inequalities.

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8 Resolutions

8.8.5 Footpaths

Urgent work is necessary at the gates on the major footpath between Swallowcroft and Cress Green on flooding impact. Money from the budget will be used to make safe and repair the damage.

There have been complaints of grass cuttings being dumped on the footpath between the Old Badger Inn and Swallowcroft. The perpetrators will be reported to Open Spaces. Sponsorship is being sought to provide skips for rubbish removal.

A kissing gate has been installed for the canal.

8.3 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Edis-Bates is a Neighbourhood Watch Warden and will provide Cllr Edwards information on the scheme. **Action: Clerk**

8.1 Finance

8.1.1 RFO reported that the reconciliation would be circulated once the bank statements have been received. **Action: Clerk**

8.1.2 The list of cheques for payment for totalled £6032.10. Councillor Evans proposed the accounts, seconded by Cllr Cozens. Carried.

8.1.3 The adoption of the financial regulations will be put on the next EPC meeting agenda. Questions to the RFO in advance. **Action: All**

8.1.4 Cllr Edis-Bates proposed that the Clerk is registered to take the CiLCA qualification. Seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried with 1 abstention.

8.1.5 The GAPTC training schedule was discussed. Cllr Evans proposed that he and Cllr Corrie attend the Better Councillor course for new councillors. Seconded by Cllr Corrie. Carried with 1 abstention. **Action: Cllrs Evans, Corrie and the Clerk**

8.2 Planning

8.2.1 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Edis-Bates gave an update on the NDP public consultation event on 22nd February 2014 at the Community Centre, OHMG. Approximately 100 people attended. Currently analysing the feedback forms and planning the next steps. He gave thanks to all those involved in arranging the event. He would like to grow the enthusiasm in the parish and is looking for Community Leaders for areas around the parish. He is looking to inspire volunteers. Any names to be sent to the Clerk. **Action: All**

Cllr Edwards left the meeting at 8.35pm

8.2.2 Swallowcroft: The Chair reported that the EPC planning consultant and some parishioners had met with Neil Carmichael MP on 22nd February 2014. The MP has since written to Eric Pickles, DCLG and the Chief Planning Inspector. Parishioners are seeking advice from GAPTC, the District Councillor and the Local Government Association.

8.2.3 To consider the planning group's recommendations for the following applications:
S.13/2578/FUL and S.13/2579/LBC: Millend Mill, Millend Lane, Eastington. The Chair gave an update on the background to the application and parishioner meetings that had been held to date. The Chair proposed that the Parish Council fully supports the residents' concerns that they have reported to the planning department and look forward to the Stroud DC's response to this.
S.14/0462/HHOLD: 2 Millend Row, Millend Lane, Eastington. Erection of UPVC conservatory to the front of the property. The Chair proposed no challenge.
The Chair proposed acceptance of the recommendations, seconded by Cllr Simmons. Carried.

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8.4 Tree reports

- 8.4.1 The Clerk gave an update on the storm damage of trees in the churchyard. She will obtain quotes for a tree inspection and bring to a future EPC meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 8.4.2 The Clerk notified the Council of scheduled tree works by Stroud District Council in the parish.
- 8.4.3 The Clerk reported that the landowner had been notified on a concern raised by a councillor of the height of the trees that were on the highways boundary at Spring Hill.

8.5 Communications

ECN articles to include: NDP feedback and the Bath Road Build Out.

8.6 Groups

The Clerk will arrange a business meeting when Cllr Allen has returned. **Action: Clerk**

8.7 World War One Centenary Commemoration

The Chair asked for suggestions for the parish commemoration. Suggestions included liaising with the Community Orchard on planting a tree/trees on Alkerton Green. **Action: Chair**

Cllr Corrie offered to liaise with the local school. **Action: Cllr Corrie**

Other suggestions were to plant around the parish. **Action: Chair**

The Chair asked for all suggestions for the parish commemoration to be sent to her. **ACTION: ALL**

8.8 Groups

8.8.1 Roads and Transport Group

Cllr Corrie gave a verbal report. There is a change of personnel at GCC Highways as Richard Gray is leaving. The Bath Road Build Out electricity has been connected. Railings have been removed but discussions are ongoing for them to be reinstalled. Cllr Cozens felt that reflective markings should be installed. Cllr Corrie to take forward. Discussions are being held with GCC re potholes.

8.8.2 Churchyard and Burial Ground

Cllrs Allen, Bullock and the Clerk met with the gravedigger to discuss extending the plot to the new boundary fencing..

8.8.3 Flood Prevention Group

The next meeting is to be arranged.

8.8.4 Allotments

Cllr Corrie reported that there is one spare plot. Concerns have been raised re the access from Snakey Lane has a drop of 6 inches. Cllr Cozens to liaise with the Chair and Cllr Corrie re filling the drop with gravel. **Action: Cllrs Cozens, Corrie and Bullock**

The Youth Group would be meeting on 22nd March 2014 with volunteers to move the top soil.

8.8.5 Community Land Trust

No report.

8.8.6 E-REG

No report.

8.8.7 Youth Services

The Chair reported that there will be a meeting with Stonehouse shortly. A report will be brought to the EPC meeting once held.

Any Other Business

None

Meeting finished: 9.05pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 8th April 2014. Anybody with an

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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 31st March 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman/Responsible Officer

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