

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2014 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Corrie (Acting Chair), Evans, Edis-Bates, Allen, Loveridge, Simmons, Andrea Durn (Clerk), District Cllr Stephens and County Cllr Williams. There were 7 members of the public present. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Bullock.
No Apologies were received from Cllr Cozens.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Corrie announced the resignation of Bill Edwards. She asked the Parish Council to join her in giving thanks for his 10 years of dedicated service and hard work as a councillor of the Parish Council. This was agreed by all present. Cllr Corrie reported on the Annual Parish Meeting which was attended by 26 parishioners. It was felt to be a good meeting with some lovely talks and displays by community groups with some productive discussions in the breaks. She reported that the EPC planning consultant is currently drafting a response to SDC on the Swallowcroft planning application and appeal.
3. **Clerks report:** The Clerk went through the issues and correspondence she had dealt with in the previous month including supporting councillors, and the responses to parishioners on their queries. She reported that she had been very busy with the Annual Meetings and closing of accounts as well working on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and contract specifications and working with the auditor on the Annual Return.
4. **Register of Interests:** The Clerk reminded Councillors to send her their signed Register of Interests form.
5. **Councillor vacancy:** The Clerk reported that she had received the written resignation of Bill Edwards and that Stroud District Council has been formally notified. She updated EPC on the process and that if an election had not been requested to SDC by 19th June then the Parish Council could co-opt.
6. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs Loveridge signed the Interests Book with regard to Items 10.1.2.
7. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 13th May 2014:** Cllr Allen proposed the Minutes to be amended at item 14.5 to read 'that parents with buggies were having difficulty using the open grass between the Community Orchard path and the burial ground tarmac path in wet weather' The amended minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Allen. Carried.
8. **Actions from previous meeting:** The actions from previous meetings were reviewed:
Item 14.1.5 Better Councillor training course: A report will be brought to a future meeting
Item 14.3 Broadband speeds: An article had been published in ECN on the project.
Item 14.4 Parish web site: The Clerk reported that she had not had any responses from councillors. She reminded Council that this was an important way to communicate with parishioners. Cllrs Corrie and Allen volunteered to review the web site. **Action: Cllrs Corrie and Allen.**
Item: 14.7 Churchyard and Burial Ground: Cllr Allen has asked Cllr Cozens for a quote on the gates. **Action: Cllr Cozens**
9. **To consider changes to the order of business:** The Chair will defer County Cllr Williams' report till her arrival.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for members of the Public to speak.

Mr Brasier raised his concern over the deadlines for the Bath Road planning application and being fully consulted and able to make detailed comments. He felt that the land is extremely precious and has importance. Mr Davies encouraged everyone to put in comments by 20th June 2014 to meet the legislative requirement with the comment that further comments would be forthcoming.

Mr Low asked that contact telephone numbers be updated on the web site. He also gave an update on the Millend Mill planning application which has recently been decided. He raised his ongoing concerns over the railings and the footpath. He felt that a compromise had been reached and to accept it.

Mr Low asked if the Community Orchard Group could be considered for any S.106 monies.

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Signed.....
Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date.....

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Mr Davies gave thanks to all the people who had been involved in working on the planning applications in the parish.

District Councillor gave his report. He apologised for not being able to attend most of the EPC meetings due to a diary clash with the Development Control Committee meetings.

SDC had recently held its AGM. A new governance structure is to be set up for planning policy, strategy and performance. This would include reviewing key planning appeals. He will be a member of this panel which will start meeting in July.

The Local Plan Examination in Public Stage 1 report has been published which asked for SDC to decide which option out of three to take. He read out a statement sent to all members from David Hagg, Chief Executive EPC, asking members to decide which option they would take on the report. Council decided to choose option a, that the Head of Planning will do further work on numbers. He has also been asked to report on a resources plan, project plan, governance, changes to constitution, and changes to organisational structures.

Bath Road – John Longmuir visited the site last week. The landscape impact will be dealt with in the planning report.

West of Stonehouse – this is tied in with the Local Plan Examination in Public and the work on numbers.

County Cllr Williams gave her report. GCC has launched a consultation called Meeting the Challenge, Together We Can on finding £75m savings over the next 3 years. She encouraged everyone to visit the GCC web site and get involved. Cllr Edis-Bates raised his concern that farmland, as part of the assets, would be sold off. Cllr Williams stated that there is a general policy of not disposing of farmland.

Highways have had a change of contractor from 1st April 2014. There is a councillor event on 21st July to which parish councils have been invited to discuss the new contract. Cllr Allen raised a number of complaints and concerns that have been previously sent on work being delayed and not carried out including pot holes, the Build Out, public rights of way being overgrown. Cllr Allen asked for a timetable of when these works will be carried out and completed. Cllr Williams said she would take back the Council's frustrations.

ACTION: Cllr Williams

10 Resolutions

10.1 Finance

10.1.1 The Clerk gave an update on the 2014/15 accounts including the budget and projected spend.

There would be approximately £45k in the accounts after April's payments. She explained that it was difficult to circulate reports in advance of the meeting due to the EPC meeting dates. Cllr Evans proposed that the Finance Group would look at the timing of EPC when Cllr Bullock returned, seconded by Cllr Edis-Bates. Carried.

ACTION: Finance Group

10.1.2 The Clerk went through the accounts for payment. The Clerk raised concern that a late invoice had been received from GCC for the Build Out for £3000 and from which budget it would be paid. The Council discussed the history of the budget provision and the quality of works of the Build Out. Cllr Evans proposed the approval of the accounts for payment as per the schedule circulated with the exclusion of the GCC invoice for the Build Out was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Edis-Bates. Carried with one abstention. A list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.

10.1.3 Annual Return: An extraordinary EPC meeting will be held on 26th June 2014 to sign off the Annual Return. Venue to be confirmed.

ACTION: Clerk

10.1.4 The Clerk requested to attend the CiLCA training at a cost of £150. There were no other requests for training. Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried.

10.1.5 The Clerk gave an update on the proposals for S.106 monies and asked if there were any other proposals. The Chair proposed that the Clerk contact community groups for their suggestions and to bring to a future meeting. Carried.

Action: Clerk

10.2 Planning

10.2.1 Local Plan EIP: Cllr Edis-Bates gave an update on the EIP Stage 1 report. He stressed the

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- importance to complete the NDP quickly. The Chair gave thanks to all involved for their hard work
- 10.2.2 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Edis-Bates gave an update on the NDP. He reported that it is on target for completion by December 2014 and is following the Cuckfield NDP framework as best practice. Key events will be a consultation questionnaire going out shortly to all parishioners on theme options.
- 10.2.3 West of Stonehouse: Dates for objections need clarification from SDC. There will be a meeting with Standish PC, Stonehouse TC, EPC and SDC on 24th June 2014. A report will be brought to the next meeting.
- 10.2.4 The Planning Group recommended the following application actions:
- S.14/1241/TCA: East Lodge, Old Bristol Road, Newtown. Fell 2 Ash trees. Support. Proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Allen. Carried.
- S.13/2578/FUL: Millend Mill, Millend Lane. To support the complaint raised by parishioner on the design and placement of railings and the pathway. Decision made.
- S.14/1090/FUL: Eastington Trading Estate, Churchend. Replacement of existing commercial building and extension of a further building to provide 2 new commercial units. To defer comment until further review on highway implications. The Chair proposed to accept providing there is no highway impact. Carried.
- S.14/1049/OUT: Land at Bath Road, Eastington. Proposed development of up to 30 dwellings. The Chair proposed to ask SDC to consider under the Scheme of Delegation. Carried.

ACTION: Clerk

10.3 Play Park Signage

- 10.3.1 The Clerk requested Council to accept the proposal from the Play Park Project Group previously circulated. The Council discussed the sign and felt that it was too wordy. The Chair proposed to accept the sign and ask the Play Park Project Group to delete the text from 'Make it better..' Carried.

10.4 A38 Highways Project - signage

- 10.4.1 Cllr Allen reported the response she had received from GCC on her discussions with them on the amount of street furniture and placement of the sign. Cllr Allen proposed that the offer of the sign be refused, seconded by Cllr Corrie. Carried.

10.5 Groups

10.5.1 Roads and Transport Group

Cllr Allen presented her report. She reported that an article was published in ECN asking for feedback on the Build Out. She will collate responses and reported to a future meeting. Amey Highways contractor are to supply a quote for the bike racks outside the Co-Op. Highfield Nurseries offered one sack of daffodil bulbs for the gateways to the village. Cllr Allen will be working with local groups for each gateway. A concern was raised that GCC are not removing their public notices around the parish after the deadlines. Cllr Williams will take the request back to GCC. **ACTION: Cllr Williams**

10.5.2 Churchyard and Burial Ground

Cllrs Allen presented her report. A discussion was held on the responsibilities of PCC and EPC on tree inspection. Cllr Allen is to take up with the PCC and report back to a future meeting. There were no other questions.

10.5.3 Allotments

Cllr Corrie presented her report. There were no questions.

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10.6 Planning notices

The Council noted the following decisions:

S.14/0076/HHOLD: Pitchtop, Millend Lane, Eastington. Erection of one bedroom annex constructed to rear of garage for on site accommodation for a live in carer (revised plans received 20/02/14). Permission

S.14/0651/VAR: William Morris House, Chipmans Platt, Eastington. Variation of condition 1 of permission S.09/1070/FUL to extend the period for which the portacabins can be onsite from 5 to 8 years. Permission

S.14/0803/HHOLD: East Lodge Cottage, Old Bristol Road, Newtown. Proposed single storey rear extension to create new study and entry. Proposed orangery to the rear of the house. Permission

Any Other Business

None

Meeting finished: 9.05pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 8th July 2014. 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 30th June 2014.