

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2014 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Evans, Edis-Bates, Allen, Loveridge, Simmons, Andrea Durn (Clerk). There were 6 members of the public present.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Bullock gave thanks to Cllr Corrie for acting as Chair at the EPC meeting on 10th June 2014. She reported that a planning application had recently been received for 90 dwellings at Bristol Road, Stonehouse. She asked the Clerk to ask SDC for an extension to the very short time scale. **Action: Clerk**
The EPC Planning Consultant would be putting in an objection to SDC on behalf of EPC. Stonehouse Town Council has submitted their objections.
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 working on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and contract specifications and working with the auditor on the Annual Return.
4. **Parish Councillor vacancy:** The Clerk reported that she had been informed by SDC that there had not been a request for a election for the vacancy and therefore the vacancy can be filled by co-option. She asked councillors that if they knew anyone who may be interested in becoming a councillor to ask them to contact the Clerk.
- 6.. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs Loveridge declared an interest in items 11.1.1 and 11.1.2.
7. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 10th June 2014:** Cllr Allen proposed the Minutes to be amended at item 10.5.1 to read 'Highfield Nurseries offered one sack of daffodil bulbs' The amended minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried with 1 abstention.
8. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 26th June 2014:** Cllr Evans proposed the minutes for approval, seconded by Cllr Corrie. Carried with 1 abstention.
8. **Actions from previous meeting:** The actions from previous meetings were reviewed:
Parish web site: Cllr Allen had reviewed the web site and sent comments to the Clerk. The Clerk and Cllr Corrie are to review. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Corrie.**
Change of date for EPC meetings: The Resources Group will review with the Clerk **Action: Clerk and Resources Group**
9. **To consider changes to the order of business:** None

Cllr Cozens joined the meeting at 7.15pm

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

Mr Low reported back from a meeting with SDC, EPC and parishioners on the Bath Road planning application. He felt it was a constructive meeting and that areas of concern for consideration were raised. These included that 60 new homes in 18 months were equivalent to half that expected for the parish in 10 years; the limited capacity of the school with the sudden volume of pupils; and the capacity of drainage storage pumps. SDC would be reporting back in two weeks.

Mr Davis raised the concern of the cumulative growth and development creep of the site.

The Clerk read out the report from the District Councillor. He apologised for not being able to attend most of the EPC meetings due to a diary clash with the Development Control Committee meetings. He was very pleased to be able to attend the last meeting. He reported that the new Planning Group at SDC will have its first meeting on Tuesday the 15th July 2014. He also suggested the Parish Council should look at the funding of the 'Gloucestershire Growth Deal' being led by gfirstLEP, and that a careful scrutiny of this would be useful in keeping aware of events that may impact on the Parish.

11 Resolutions

11.1 Finance

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Signed.....
Chairman/Responsible Officer

Date.....

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- 11.1.1 The Clerk gave an update on the 2014/15 accounts including the budget and projected spend. There would be approximately £40k in the accounts after June's payments.
- 11.1.2 The Clerk went through the accounts for payment. The Clerk raised her continuing concern of the invoice received from GCC for the Build Out for £3000 as to which budget it would be paid from. The Council discussed the history of the budget provision and the outstanding works of the Build Out which will be completed in August 2014. It was felt that payment should be delayed until the work is satisfactorily completed. Cllr Evans proposed to include this invoice in the budget discussions by the Resources Group. Cllr Evans proposed to accept the payments with the amendment, seconded by Cllr Cozens. Carried with one abstention. A list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
- 11.1.3 Broadfield Road funding request: Cllr Cozens proposed to grant £50 towards outdoor equipment, seconded by Cllr Loveridge. Carried.
- 11.1.4 Malawi charity trip: the Chair asked the Clerk to send good luck to the student for the trip but regretfully having to decline a grant as the policy is for grant funding parish projects of benefit to the Eastington community. **Action: Clerk**
- 11.1.5 Training: A discussion was held on the GAPTC courses on Chairmanship skills and Forward Planning. It was felt that the budgets needed to be reviewed before approval. **Action: Resources Group**
- 11.1.6 S.106 monies: The Clerk reported that OHMG Committee had expressed an interest in making proposals. The Chair said she would check on progress at their next meeting. **Action: Chair**
- 11.1.7 Glos PFA membership: A discussion was held on the benefits of the membership. It was felt that the budgets needed to be reviewed before approval. **Action: Resources Group**

11.2 Planning

- 11.2.1 Bath Road: The Chair confirmed Mr Low's report on the meeting with SDC.
- 11.2.2 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Edis-Bates gave an update on the NDP. He reported that a questionnaire to all households will be sent out shortly, the results of which will form the NDP. SDC has reported that the timetable will change due the Inspector's report on Stage One of the Local Plan EIP.
- 11.2.3 West of Stonehouse: A meeting with Standish PC, Stonehouse TC, EPC and SDC was held on 24th June 2014. A discussion will be held on the sharing of resources. The next meeting is on 15th July 2014. The deadline for comments to SDC is 21st July 2014.
- 11.2.4 The Planning Group recommended the following application actions:
S.14/1302/TCA: Springhill House, Spring Hill, Eastington. Felling of trees. Support.
S.14/1341/HHOLD: Orchard Cottage, Millend Lane, Eastington. Detached outbuilding to rear of property. Support.
S.14/1416/FUL: Hazledean, Bath Road, Eastington. Erection of dwelling. Some concern expressed re building on a bend. Support.

8.25pm Cllr Loveridge left the meeting.

The Chair proposed to accept the recommendations, seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried.

8.27pm Cllr Loveridge joined the meeting.

11.3 Play Park Project

- 11.3.1 The Chair reported that an agreement had been reached between the Allotment Group, the Play Project and EPC on the access routes. The fencing requirements were discussed and the specification was amended. Concern was expressed over the lack of security and possible risk to children. **Action: Clerk to send Cllr Cozens a copy of the fencing specification.**
Action: Clerk to check on the risk of the site being unsecured.

11.4 Groups

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11.4.1 Roads and Transport Group

Cllr Allen presented her report. There were no comments.

11.4.2 Churchyard and Burial Ground

Cllrs Allen presented her report. She had received an invoice for the Burial Ground map which would be presented for payment at the next meeting. There were no comments.

11.5 Planning notices

The Council noted the following decisions:

S.13/2578/FUL Millend Mill, Millend Lane, Eastington. Amendment to extant consent (S.08/0462/FUL). Revised layout to include 11 flats in Mill and erection of 3 dwellings and covered car parking. Permission

S.14/1241/TCA East Lodge, Old Bristol Road, Newtown. Fell 2 Ash Trees. Consent

Any Other Business

Swallowcroft letter to SDC

Meeting finished: 8.40pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th August 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 4th August 2014.