

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th August 2014 in Eastington Methodist Church.

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence:** In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Evans, Edis-Bates, Allen, Loveridge, Simmons, County Cllr Williams, Andrea Durn (Clerk). There were 10 members of the public present.
Apologies were received from District Cllr Stephens.
Cllr Cozens did not attend and did not send apologies.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Bullock gave apologies for the delay in the agenda due to waiting the outcomes of a public meeting.
The Chair reminded all councillors to inform the Chair and the Clerk if they wish to send any correspondence or complaints on behalf of the Parish Council to the businesses and the public.
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. She informed Council that she had started on the CiLCA qualification.
4. **Parish Councillor vacancy:** The Clerk reported that she not received any applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy. She asked councillors that if they knew anyone who may be interested in becoming a councillor to ask them to contact the Clerk.
5. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs Loveridge declared an interest in items 9.1.1 and 9.1.6.
6. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 8th July 2014:** Cllr Allen proposed the Minutes to be amended to the correct date at the end of the document. The amended minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried.
7. **Actions from previous meeting:** The actions from previous meetings were reviewed:
Parish web site: Cllr Corrie are to review. **Action: Cllr Corrie.**
8. **To consider changes to the order of business:** District Councillor's report to be read before the public session.

The Clerk read out District Councillor Stephens' report.

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

Mr Low reported back from the SDC Development Control Committee meeting with SDC where he had made a presentation on the proposed Bath Road development. SDC made no comment and voted refusal.

Ms Watkins raised concerns about the planning application for the Bungalow on Bath Road to be replaced by 4 houses plus a new road access. She reported that residents had held a public meeting to discuss. Concerns were raised on the need for clarity on the SDC conflicting deadline as there were a number of issues to be researched and included in the response to SDC. The residents asked EPC if a request could be put in to SDC to extend the deadline and to ask for a Call-In by DCC. A number of queries were raised on flooding and the pumping station capacity in Middle Street. Cllr Allen said she would look into the flooding queries raised with SDC.

Action: Cllr Allen

Mr Parry asked when the fencing for the Play Park would be in place and whether contractors were local. The Clerk gave an update and asked for any contractor details to be sent to her.

Mr Parry asked about the access to the play area and allotments site and grounds maintenance. Cllr Loveridge left the room at 7.25pm

Mr Parry felt that the entrance to the allotments had become narrower. The Chair said she would speak to the Grounds Maintenance contractor and to the Youth Group. **Action: Chair**

Cllr Loveridge returned to the meeting at 7.35pm

County Councillor Williams gave her report. A copy is attached to the minutes. She reported that EPC could apply to SDC for 20mph zones in the parish. Residents in Middle Street raised the concern of speeding traffic and the number of small children and horses that use Middle Street. Cllr Allen reported that she had formed a community group to look at traffic calming and road

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safety to plan a works programme and will be attending a GRCC meeting to discuss. It was suggested that the local residents should work with the community group.

9 Resolutions

9.1 Finance

- 9.1.1 The Clerk gave an update on the 2014/15 accounts including the budget and projected spend. There would be approximately £36k in the accounts after July's payments.
- 9.1.2 The Clerk went through the accounts for payment. There were no questions. Cllr Simmons proposed to accept the payments, seconded by Cllr Allen. Carried. A list is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.
- 9.1.3 Cllr Evans gave a report from the Resources Group. The current year budgets had been reviewed and the following reductions were proposed to pay for the Build Out: Footpaths £700; Burial Ground £1300; Roads and Transport £1000. The Chair proposed the revised budgets. Carried.
- 9.1.4 The Clerk gave a report on the insurance cover and costs for the play area equipment and picnic benches. Cllr Evans proposed to accept the payments, seconded by Cllr Loveridge. Carried. Cllr Loveridge left the meeting at 8.10pm
- 9.1.5 The Clerk gave an update on the fencing procurement for the Snakey Lane play park and allotments.
- 9.1.6 The Chair reported on the performance bonus for the Grounds Maintenance contract for 2013/14 and proposed that payment of the bonus be made to the contractor on satisfaction of performance of the contract. Carried.
Cllr Loveridge returned to the meeting at 8.20pm.
- 9.1.7 Cllr Evans gave a report on the Resources Group's review of the Internal Audit report. There were no questions. Cllr Evans proposed the report be accepted, seconded by Cllr Loveridge. Carried.
- 9.1.8 The Clerk reported that there had been no requests for training.
- 9.1.9 The Clerk reported that she had not yet had a response from OHMG Management Committee on any proposals for S106 monies. She would ask SDC about the details for the Millend S106 agreement. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.1.10 The Chair said the membership of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association would be brought to a future meeting.

10.2 Planning

- 10.2.1 Bath Road: The Chair reported that she had nothing further to report as it had been discussed in the public session.
- 10.2.2 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. The questionnaire responses will provide vital evidence for completion of the NDP. He reported that there will be a public drop-in session for parishioners to see the displays and ask questions of the Theme Leaders with another opportunity to complete the questionnaire.
- 10.2.3 West of Stonehouse: The Chair reported on the ongoing work with Stonehouse TC and Standish PC on the major application.
- 10.2.4 Swallowcroft: The Chair reported that a letter of complaint had been sent to SDC.
- 10.2.4 The Planning Group recommended the following application actions:
S.14/1709/OUT The Bungalow Bath Road Eastington: Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling and three new dwellings with associated access. Cllr Simmons proposed that an extension to the deadline be requested from SDC and that this application be requested to be called-in by DCC SDC. Seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried.
S.14/1544/HHOLD 24 Budding Road Eastington: Extension to kitchen. Cllr Simmons recommended that this be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Corrie. Carried.

10.3 Play Park Project

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The Chair reported that a RoSPA inspection had been carried out on the newly installed play equipment and she would be following up the recommendations with the Youth Group. **Action: Chair**

10.4 Cllr Allen gave a report from the PCSO that detailed 41 incidents in the parish.

10.5 Groups

10.5.1 Roads and Transport Group

Cllr Allen presented her report. She had recently received an offer of volunteering for the vulnerable in the parish and had contacted the Village Agent. Cllr Bullock offered to contact the Bluebell Group. There were no other comments. **Action: Cllr Bullock**

10.5.2 Churchyard and Burial Ground

Cllrs Allen presented her report. There were no comments.

10.5.3 Allotments

Cllr Corrie gave a verbal report. There had been a number of incidents of criminal damage. The Clerk asked that these be reported to the Police. The Clerk asked to meet Cllr Corrie to discuss the Tenancy Agreement. **Action: Cllr Corrie and the Clerk**

11.5 Planning notices

The Council noted the following decisions:

S.14/1214/DISCON - Discharge conditions 1, 6, 8 & 9 of permission

S.14/0151/FUL. Tulip Cottage, Churchend, Eastington. Permission

S.14/1228/FUL - Revised application for a replacement dwelling

(following approval S.14/0151/FUL). Land At Tulip Cottage, Churchend, Eastington. Permission

S.14/1302/TCA - Springhill House, Spring Hill, Eastington. Chestnut Trees (T1 and T2), Laurel

Tree (G1), large Ash Tree (G2) - All to be felled. Holm Oak Tree (H1) - Raise all round to

4m. Consent

S.14/1478/TCA - 6 Churchend, Eastington, Stonehouse. Large Cherry tree to be reduced to leave

height approximately 7m and average crown radius 2.25m, lightly thin the crown and remove

significant deadwood, prune to clean the adjacent roof by at least 1m. Goat Willow to be reduced

to leave height approximately 3.5m and average crown radius 1m and reduce the spread all

around to shape and balance, remove the worst of the deadwood. Consent

S.14/1090/FUL - Eastington Trading Estate, Churchend, Eastington. Replacement of an existing

commercial building and extension of a further building to provide two new commercial units.

Permission

S.14/1376/HHOLD - The Retreat, Bath Road, Eastington. Replace existing porch and provide two

storey extension to give new bathroom at first floor. Permission

Any Other Business

None

Meeting finished: 8.50pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th September 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 1st September 2014.