

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th December 2017 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1 Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Bomberg, Chatterley, Corrie (Vice-Chair), Farnden, Loveridge, Simmons and Wells. There were 4 members of the public. Also present County Cllr Lesley Williams, District Cllr John Jones, Parish Clerk Mrs J Shirley and SDC Neighbourhood Warden Andrew Beamish. Apologies received from District Cllr Davis. Absent: Cllr Cozens.
- 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in item 9.9; Cllr Bomberg declared an interest in item 9.5.
- 3 Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Bullock wished everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work this year.
- 4 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meetings held on 9th November 2017 and 23rd November 2017:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 5 Outstanding actions from previous meeting:** None.
- 6 Changes to the order of business.** None.

The meeting was opened up for Public question time.

Sally Garrett addressed the meeting regarding their planning application ref S.17/2579/P3Q; they are hoping to convert a barn as the beef herd will need to be sold as the land used for grazing is rented and earmarked for development (Ecotricity and West of Stonehouse). The conversion will retain stables for shire horses and create a dwelling.

Mr Davies noted that he is no longer receiving planning alerts and the planning website has been difficult to access for weeks. Cllr Jones explained that SDC IT and Planning departments are aware of the issues and suggested EPC raise the matter at the Parish & Town Council meeting on 14th January.

Mr Davies also asked for an update regarding the Tree Preservation Order for the lime tree on Bath Road; Clerk will follow-up again with SDC.

Andrew Beamish the Neighbourhood Warden for Stroud District Council introduced himself; in addition to Eastington Andrew also covers Kings Stanley, Leonard Stanley, Fretherne, Saul, Whitminster, Frampton-on-Severn, Arlingham, Moreton Valence, Standish and Stonehouse. There are seven wardens in total, working two shifts covering 8am until 9pm. Neighbourhood Wardens get involved in a variety of activities and can signpost people to the correct department or organisation.

To receive a report from County Councillor Lesley Williams: Cllr Williams will pass on comments about the SDC planning system to District Councillor Tom Williams (Chair of DCC). Cllr Williams asked for an update on how the building at West of Stonehouse was progressing and any problems, Cllr Corrie reported that contractors have been starting very early some mornings (before 7.30am). Cllr Bomberg was concerned about large trees being cut down on the development. There is no update on the Ecotricity application and Cllr Williams was concerned that the traffic is worsening at the motorway junction. The County Council budget is due for public consultation and Cllr Williams urged all to take part. Cllr Bomberg highlighted concerns about the new incinerator; Cllr Williams ran through the history of how the incinerator was decided upon. Cllr Corrie asked if it was just Gloucestershire's residual waste, Cllr Williams responded that it was just Gloucestershire as far as known.

To receive a report from District Councillor John Jones: Cllr Jones updated the meeting on the Grove Lane speed limit discussions; the Police won't support a 40mph limit the length of Grove Lane. There will

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be a traffic order consultation on a proposed limit of 30mph from Chipman's Platt to Westend, 40mph through Westend (as currently) and 50mph the remaining length to Whitminster (as currently). Cllr Jones asked Cllr Williams to look at the matter. There has been no full district council meeting this month although there was a meeting to discuss the Subscription Rooms, the disposal by sale has been decided against and now SDC is looking at 30 year lease options. The cost of waste collection is an issue and the Standards Committee will be looking at this matter. Cllr Jones has raised concerns about lack of police presence in the Severn ward.

7. Planning

7.1 To note planning decisions made by Stroud District Council:

Application No:	Address:	Details:	EPC Comments:	SDC Decision:
S.17/2354/CPL	Northend House Nupend	Rear single storey extension with internal remodelling of the kitchen	NO OBJECTION 09/11/17	PERMIT 23/11/17

7.2 The Council discussed the recent oversight of the Conservation Road Verge during West of Stonehouse Severn Trent Water works at Chipmans Platt roundabout. **Action: Clerk** to follow-up with the Ecology Department at GCC to see what penalties and mitigation will apply.

7.3 The Council noted that the developer has selected "Great Oldbury" as the name for the West of Stonehouse development

7.4 To consider the following planning applications:

Application No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments:
S.17/0095/REM	Land West of Stonehouse	Revised plans for parcels H6 & H7	It was noted that further revised plans had been received on 14/12/17 with a deadline of 03/01/18. Deferred to next meeting 04/01/18. Clerk to request a short extension.
S.17/2579/P3Q	Kimberley House Nupend	Change of use agricultural barn to C3 residential dwelling	Noted that site is outside settlement boundary (NDP Policy EP1) but is supported by NDP Policy EP6. NO OBJECTIONS

8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

8.1 Cllr Corrie gave an update from the Getting Around Group including minutes of the recent meeting with Highways. The Clerk gave a report of issues with parking on Millend Lane during school drop-off/pick-up times blocking the lane. Cllr Loveridge suggested a one-way system during pick-up times.

8.2 Cllr Wells gave an update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group; dead foliage from graves to be removed.

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- 8.3 The Council received the notes of the latest meeting of the Strategic Planning Working Group for information.
- 8.4 The Council received the reports from the Neighbourhood Warden for information.

9. Finance / Procedures

- 9.1 The Council received an update on the 2017/18 accounts including bank reconciliation and the Clerk ran through the budget overspends that will be met from grants, earmarked reserves or virements.
- 9.2 The Council approved the payment of Clerk's expenses for November 2017 which will be paid with December payroll.

Cllr Farnden left the meeting for a prior commitment.

- 9.3 The Council received the Clerk's timesheet for November 2017.
- 9.4 The Council considered the draft budget for 2018/19. A final decision will be made once the taxbase for 2018/19 has been notified. Cllr Chatterley noted that the Roads & Transport budget may need to increase to cover the cost of the traffic surveys the group have discussed.
- 9.5 The Council discussed contributing to the waste collection costs at OHMG during the school summer holidays at the cost of £18.90 per extra collection (3 estimated needed). It was noted that the increased use of the play park and skate area had increased the amount of waste collected. Vote was 5 in favour, 1 objection and 1 abstention. Motion carried. **Action: Clerk** to advise OHMGC.
- 9.6 The Council agreed the purchase of a 4-drawer fire-proof lockable filing cabinet at a cost of £999 inc VAT for 90 minutes fire resistance; it was further agreed that this will be added for the 2018/19 budget. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.7 The Council agreed the purchase of two outdoor musical instruments for the play park at a cost of £3630 (to be met from grant funding). **Action: Clerk** to raise the purchase order.
- 9.8 The Council confirmed Christmas office closure 22nd December to 2nd January.
- 9.9 The Council approved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
CHEQUE PAYMENTS						
26/11/17	Anita Sach	Locum Clerk	£71.83	£0	£71.83	Parish Admin
01/10/17	Eastington Village Hall Charity	Hall Hire September	£31.50	£0	£31.50	Hall Hire
31/10/17	Grant Thornton UK LLP	External Audit 2016/17	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00	Audit
ONLINE PAYMENTS					0	
27/11/17	Salaries & Expenses	Payroll Nov 2017 & Expenses Oct 2017	£1767.02	£0	£1767.02	Parish Admin
05/12/17	HMRC	PAYE & NI payments to HMRC for Nov 2017	£373.38	£0	£373.38	Parish Admin
31/10/17	Abbey Loos Ltd	Portable Toilet for Snakey Lane Play Park	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00	Grant Funding
31/10/17	Smith's (Gloucester) Ltd	Burial Ground bin emptying	£7.61	£1.52	£9.13	C&BG
17/11/17	Helix Transport Consultants Ltd	Hotel restaurant planning application review	£450	£0	£450	Planning
20/11/17	Network Connections UK Ltd	CCTV Annual Maintenance	£650.00	£130.00	£780.00	Play Park Maint
04/12/17	GAPTC	Clerks Networking Event 06/12/17	£20.00	£0	£20.00	Training
30/11/17	Alan Loveridge	Grass cutting & maintenance Nov 2017	£677.50	£0	£677.50	Grounds Maint
DIRECT DEBITS:					0	

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30/11/17	NEST	Pensions for November 2017	£136.40	£0	£136.40	Parish Admin
19/11/17	Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£31.10	£6.22	£37.32	Parish Admin
		TOTAL			£4948.08	

Cllr Chatterley and Cllr Bullock will authorise the online payments.

The following receipts were noted:

Gloucestershire County Council	Bus Shelter Grant	£3000
OHMGC	Donation CCTV	£325

10 Correspondence

10.1 The Council received a list of correspondence received for information.

10.2 The Council had no objections to the proposed footpath diversion and extinguishment.

10.3 The Council agreed that Cllr Bomberg and Cllr Wells will attend the Parish & Town Councils meeting at SDC on 30th January.

Items for the next meeting:

ECLT AGM feedback

Budget virements

Short Resources meeting prior to Full Council.

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th January 2018. 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 9am on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

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