



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Welcome to the Annual Report 2017-18 on the activities of the Council. You will find details of how the Council spent its money and how the Council funds this expenditure.

The Parish Council consists of 9 councillors who represent an electorate of approximately 1,332. Elections are held once in every four years, the last one was uncontested in May 2016.

The Parish Council has a number of responsibilities in the village including: Burial ground, closed churchyard, play area, notice boards, bus shelters, and grass cutting of the parish owned open spaces.

The Parish Council employs 1 permanent part-time member of staff and 2 temporary part-time staff to manage all Council matters.

The Council meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall in Eastington. Agendas are displayed on the village notice board and also on the website – www.eastington-pc.gov.uk. The public are welcome to attend these meetings and raise questions during the 20 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

We keep residents updated on parish matters through our website, the Eastington Community News and you can follow us on Twitter (@Eastington_PC) or on Facebook (EastingtonPC).

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Chairman's Report:

Another busy year for the council. The Village Gateways were installed and planted and have provided a wonderful display even through the bad weather. The Skate Park at Snakey Lane has been a great success, proving very popular, and now has a fence to ensure user safety.

Council achieved Quality Gold Status in the Local Councils Award Scheme, one of only 5 councils in the county to do so. The Quality Gold Award demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development.

As always, we're very grateful to our supporters and volunteers who help us with our projects. My personal thanks go to the Councillors who work incredibly hard to progress our plans.

Old Oldbury is the developers preferred name for the West of Stonehouse development. We have also made suggestions for street names, providing a list of the war dead of the parish (a fitting honour as this is the centenary of the end of the 1st World War) and to date Stroud District Council planners have taken up Almond, Butt, Underwood and Young. We are still in conversation with SDC to ensure all conditions for the new development are met.

To keep up to date with Parish matters, please come along to our Council meetings or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Cllr Muriel Bullock - Chairman

Grants & Donations

The Parish Council manages the Solar Grant Fund (from the Cambridge Solar Farm income) and also a small grants and donations budget; we have been able to support the following groups and initiatives during the past year:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£100
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£150
Community Heartbeat Trust (from donations)	£50.00
Eastington Community Land Trust (Solar Grant Fund)	£4000
Snakey Park (Solar Grant Fund)	£5000
TOTAL	£9300.00



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Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ending 31st March 2018

	Year ended 31 March 2018	Year ended 31 March 2017
Receipts		
Precept	68,898.00	66,570.00
Local Council Tax Support Grant	0.00	0.00
VAT refund	18,489.81	1,752.48
Burials	4,585.00	2,330.00
Bank interest received	29.78	22.27
Rent and wayleave	37.38	17.38
Grants & Donations	62,393.40	60,378.25
Other	6,269.83	6,020.95
	160,703.20	137,091.33
Payments		
VAT	16,902.36	8,985.89
Hall hire	321.25	274.83
OHMG ground maintenance	0.00	0.00
Greens and churchyard grass maintenance	9,390.00	10,280.00
Office expenditure/phone	1,338.37	2,575.78
Severn trent Water	29.39	52.68
Audit & legal fees	610.00	885.00
Grants and donations	300.00	4,313.00
Subscriptions	768.97	255.50
Training	575.00	454.50
Loan repayments	5,522.96	5,522.96
Insurance	1,104.88	726.07
Payroll services	90.00	90.00
Staff costs	19,517.81	17,798.72
Expenses: Clerk and council	997.04	612.40
Election expenses	0.00	0.00
Graveyard Burial Ground repairs	3,655.80	3,159.50
Footpaths and kissing gates	1,080.56	600.00
Planning expenses	4,288.26	5,727.10
Repair projects	1,136.80	1.00
Professional representation fund	251.00	480.00
NDP/Parish plan	0.00	1,500.00
Roads and Transport	1,280.65	297.30
Village gateways	9,925.00	
Other	524.25	29.06
Snakey Park (from grants)	58,673.20	33,501.69
Snakey Park maintenance	644.71	
Ecology projects	800.00	
Bus Shelter replacement	6,999.00	
Solar Grant Fund	9,000.00	
	155,727.26	99,122.98

Budget 2018/19

The Parish Council has requested a precept figure of £70,580 to support a budget of £79,823. The precept is slightly increased from last year and represents an increase of 0.53% on an average Council Tax Band D property. In addition to the usual activities, we have budgeted to improve the burial ground footpath.