

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall**

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Chatterley, Corrie, Farnden, Loveridge, Simmons and Wells. **Apologies** Cllrs Bomberg, Cozens & Planning Clerk. **Also present** Acting Clerk Anita Sach, County Cllr Williams and 2 members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in item 9.5.
3. **Chairman’s announcements** Cllr Bullock advised she will be away for the next meeting.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
5. **To review outstanding actions from previous meeting** None
6. **Changes to the order of business** None

The meeting was opened for questions and comments from the public. A member of the public reported a highways sign overgrown at the build out on Bath Road opposite Orchard Leigh. There was also a question about the 2 new defibrillators as they have not yet been installed. The clerk and Cllr Loveridge advised that the electrician had been taken ill the day before he was due to install them in March and has been uncontactable since. The Acting Clerk has been given the name of another electrician in the village and Council will ask the Clerk to pursue this on her return.

**Report from the County Councillor** – Cllr Williams sought clarification about the surface on the High Path, as weeds are coming through, and if the path was narrower than it should be. Councillors advised that Dan Tiffney is aware the path is narrower in one section and this will be rectified. As work is not yet satisfactorily completed, no payments have been made by either GCC or EPC.

**Report from the District Councillors** – The Acting Clerk read out the report received from the District Councillors

**7. Planning**

7.1 The following planning applications were considered:

Date received	Application No:	Address	Details	EPC comments
23.7.18	S.18/1532/VAR	Claypits Farm	Variation of condition 2 of Application S.16/1300/FUL to revise the design & layout <a href="https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.18/1532/VAR">https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.18/1532/VAR</a>	Council approved the Planning Clerk’s recommendation to support but query the use of brick for the Dutch barn as not sure it reflects such barns locally
24.7.18	S.18/1561/HHO LD	Northfields, Nupend	Extensions and alterations <a href="https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.18/1561/HHOLD">https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.18/1561/HHOLD</a>	No comment

**8. Groups / Meetings / Reports**

- 8.1 Council received a verbal update from the Getting Around Group. They have not met as a group but they have been following developments on the High Path. Cllr Corrie will do drive round with Cllrs Farnden and Wells while Cllr Chatterley is away.

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- 8.2 Council received a verbal update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group. The latest report is still being developed and will be followed up with the Clerk on her return. In order to assist Alan Loveridge quote for the new memorial garden, Cllrs Farnden and Loveridge will meet on site to work out measurements.
- 8.3 Council did not receive the notes of the latest meeting of the Strategic Planning Working Group on 2 August, but plots H11 and H12 at West of Stonehouse were discussed and no concerns raised with the buffers being acceptable and no implications for PROW. They also discussed possible strategies for the forthcoming Ecotricity application, but these are still under discussion. The Great Oldbury signage was discussed and they were in agreement with the comments made by EPC.
- 8.4 Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 26 July, for information
- 8.5 Council noted that both landowners have given permission for gates to be installed (EEA46/1 and EEA73/1) but that the gate at EEA73/1 cannot be a kissing gate as the existing stile is attached to a gate, so must be a field gate with an incorporated pedestrian gate. Council agreed to pay for the 2 in 1 gate which is £203.99+VAT rather than £190.28+VAT. GCC will use their own contractors to install the gates.
- 8.6 Council agreed replacing overgrown style at the top of Broadfield Road with a kissing gate at a cost of £190.28+VAT (plus installation) and to discuss action required for broken style at Nupend. Cllr Corrie will advise the footpath numbers to the Clerk. Councillors will inspect the broken style and report back to the September meeting.
- 8.7 Council discussed the request from OHMG to place a sign at the skate park entrance advising caution about using it during football matches, in case children are injured by footballs (3 car windscreens have been smashed recently). Council agreed that a sign placed on the timber bollards would not be effective and suggested that OHMG put up some strong netting to protect the children in the skate park.
- 8.8 Council received a report from the Acting Clerk on the wasps around the willow tunnel in Snakey Park. Hundreds of wasps seem to be attracted to it, possibly because of the aphids. A pest control expert has visited but there is no wasps nest on site. Jen Empson has done an excellent job of taping off the area to prevent children accessing the tunnel and has also placed wasp traps there and regularly uses wasp spray. It appears that there are a lot of insects around in general, because of the extremely hot weather, and this is probably a seasonal problem. It was agreed to take a view in the autumn and then make a decision whether or not to remove the willow tunnel.
- 8.9 Council accepted the quote from Caloo £507.20 + VAT to replace the spring at the end of the aerial runway at Snakey Park, which has broken. This will come from the maintenance budget.
- 8.10 Council discussed a response to a letter from the solicitor for Greenslade on the Bath Road. The land, owned by EPC, was sold to residents and the agreement included an uplift clause that if the land ever sold and was developed and is now worth more, then EPC can request 25%. It is understood that the site has not been developed so it was agreed to respond confirming that no uplift is due at this time, but reiterate that the clause remains valid.

**9. Finance / Procedures**

- 9.1 Council received a verbal report on the latest bank reconciliation (this will be on the September agenda for formal approval) and noted the budget versus spend report for the 2018/19 accounts.
- 9.2 Council approved the payment of Acting Clerk and Planning Clerk's expenses for July 2018
- 9.3 Council received the Acting Clerk and Planning Clerk's timesheets for July 2018 (confidential and not for circulation).
- 9.4 Council approved subscribing to the Planning Local (Andrea Pellegram) service and newsletter for another year at a cost of £100.
- 9.5 Council approved the accounts for payment schedule circulated prior to meeting.

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
<b>CHEQUE PAYMENTS</b>						

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<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS</b>						
28.7.18	Salaries & Expenses	Payroll July (JS) & June (AS & KH) 2018 & Expenses	£2031.68	£0	£2031.68	Parish Admin
1.8.18	A J Loveridge	Grass cutting	£662.50	£0	£662.50	Ground maintenance
2.8.18	Smith's (Gloucester) Ltd	Annual fee burial ground	£45.00	£9	£54.00	Burial ground
<b>DIRECT DEBITS:</b>						
29.7.18	NEST	Pensions for July 2018	£107.49	£0	£107.49	Parish Admin
24.7.18	Vodafone UK	Parish Mobile	£31.86	£6.37	£38.23	Parish Admin
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>£2893.90</b>	

Cllrs Bullock and Corrie will authorise the online payments

9.6 Council carried out the annual review of the following policies and approved them:

- CCTV Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Tree Policy

9.7 Council agreed to adopt the following policies:

- Data Protection Policy for the Public (new and based on NALC model policy)
- Data Protection Policy for Staff (new and based on NALC model policy)

## **10 Correspondence**

10.1 Council received a list of correspondence received for information.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

**Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**