

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 1st November 2018 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Bomberg, Corrie (Vice-Chair), Chatterley, Cozens, Farnden, Loveridge, Simmons and Wells. **Also present** Clerk Mrs J Shirley, County Cllr Williams, District Cllr Davies, District Cllr Jones, Stonehouse Town Councillor Carol Kambites and 6 members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** None
3. **Chairman's announcements** The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Corrie for Chairing the PC during the Chairman's absence.

The meeting was opened for questions and comments from the public.

Cllr Kambites from Stonehouse Town Council commented that Stonehouse TC is not interested in moving the boundary to take existing Eastington properties, only the new builds as part of Great Oldbury (land West of Stonehouse).

Mr Low addressed the meeting and outlined the various options available for moving (or not moving) the boundary between Eastington and Stonehouse. The new development at Great Oldbury will mean an increase in parish councillors for Eastington if it remains within Eastington. Another option is that Great Oldbury becomes a parish as it will be large enough to warrant its own parish council even as early as 2020 as it will have the minimum 150 electors needed for a local council.

Mr Niblett addressed the meeting and noted that whilst Eastington has grown it has retained its rural character; Mr Niblett asked if Eastington PC is minded to retain the rural character. The development at Great Oldbury is urban in nature and could conflict with the existing rural identity. Mr Niblett felt that Great Oldbury should be given the opportunity to integrate with Stonehouse where residents are likely to be using facilities. The offer from Stonehouse to move the boundary to absorb Great Oldbury is to be considered.

Mr Davies spoke about Warding of parishes and noted that when Great Oldbury is populated will be distinctly different to Alkerton (Eastington) and feels that it is inevitable that Great Oldbury will become its own parish. If the parish becomes warded then the number of electors is averaged to dictate the number of councillors per ward.

The debate continued with many constructive points from members of the public.

4. **Community Governance Review Consultation:**
 - 4.1 The Council received a report from the Strategic Planning Working Group on the Community Governance Review of the Stroud District Phase 1 Consultation Survey; thanks were passed onto the authors. Cllr Wells expressed that her preferred option would be that Great Oldbury becomes its own parish whilst retaining the hamlets in Eastington parish. Cllr Chatterley believes that Eastington is very close to no longer being a rural parish especially with Great Oldbury, the potential Forest Green Rovers' football stadium, and other development threats around Alkerton. Cllr Chatterley feels that we need to embrace Great Oldbury into the parish. Cllr Chatterley also commented that the parish boundaries are invisible lines, people will not see that Great Oldbury is different from Nupend, Nastend etc when looking on a map. Cllr Chatterley believes the parish boundaries should remain as they are for now. Cllr Loveridge personally feels that as long as the hamlets remain in the parish and beyond that should reflect what the parish wants and need to gather everyone's opinion. Cllr Corrie feels that Great Oldbury fits better with Stonehouse and is a mismatch with Eastington currently. Cllr Bomberg noted that Nupend and Nastend will no longer be

rural in appearance once Great Oldbury is built as the development is on the doorstep of those hamlets. Cllr Bomberg feels that if Eastington want to move the boundary then we should have a parish referendum but should leave the boundary as it is and let the residents of Great Oldbury decide if they want a parish in the future. Cllr Cozens noted that it's too early to make a decision and the residents of Great Oldbury should decide this in the future.

- 4.2 The Council noted that Stonehouse Town Council is still keen to press ahead with a request for an enlarged parish boundary to include the following parcels of land which are to be developed under the West of Stonehouse projects: H19, H18, H20, H16, H17, PS1, LC2, LC1, E1, E3, E2 (taken from the indicative masterplan drawing dated 24 March 2014), excluding any parts which might form part of the Nastend hamlet. This follows a natural boundary line. Cllr Bomberg proposed that Eastington PC decline the request. After some discussion, the proposal will be considered with the next agenda item.
- 4.3 The Council discussed and agreed responses to phase 1 of the Community Governance Review consultation. Would the council benefit from exploring any of the following options?:
- Increasing or decreasing the number of Parish/Town Councillors. Increase by 1 or 2 more to share the workload as the parish has grown in previous years.
 - Merging or splitting your Parish/Town Council. No.
 - Creating or changing your existing Parish ward boundaries (if applicable). No.
 - Changing the name of your Parish/Town Council. No.
 - Grouping or de-grouping together with a neighbouring Parish/Town Council. No.
 - Changing the style of your Parish/Town Council (e.g from a Parish Council to a Town Council). No.
 - Abolishing your parish so that it becomes an un-parished area. No.

It was proposed to put forward all 4 options for boundary review:

1. Great Oldbury absorbed entirely by Stonehouse excluding the hamlets of Westend, Nupend and Nastend.
2. Great Oldbury becomes own parish
3. Split Great Oldbury between Stonehouse / Eastington using bridleway as boundary line
4. No change and let residents of Great Oldbury decide in the future.

Cllr Bomberg suggested that we request a referendum to gather the views of the parishioners. It was noted that Stroud DC will carry out a public consultation on any viable options in the next phase of the community governance review.

It was RESOLVED that all 4 options are put forward to SDC.

It was further RESOLVED that EPC put forward that Brunel Way (Oldends Industrial site) moves entirely into Stonehouse using the Oldbury Brook watercourse as the boundary.

5. Planning

5.1 To consider the following planning applications:

Date received	Application No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments
28/09/2018	S.18/2114/TCA	6 Churchend Eastington	Goat willow next to river, reduce in height & remove deadwood	No objection.
15/10/2018	S.18/2175/HHOLD	2 New Cottages Nupend	Single storey extension to rear of property	No objection.
23/10/18	S.18/1879/FUL	Llanwonna and Brynmor, Bath Road	Creation of single vehicular access to serve both Llanwonna and Brynmor	No objection.

25/10/18	S.18/2238/TCA	Meadow Cottage, Millend Lane	T1 Yew – fell due to extensive decay at base of stem	No objection.
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5.2 To note planning decisions made by Stroud District Council.

App No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments	SDC Decision
S.18/1705/HHOLD	21 Victoria Drive	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	No comments 13/09/18	PERMIT 10/10/18
S.18/1630/HHOLD	Tulip Cottage, Churchend	Retrospective application for a single storey extension and decking	No comments 13/09/18	PERMIT 15/10/18
S.18/1779/HHOLD	Dovedale, Bath Road	Proposed new garage	Support 13/09/18	PERMIT 09/10/18
18/0058/STREG3	Eastington Primary School	Erection of two canopies to provide outdoor learning space	Support 13/09/18	WITHDRAWN 04/10/18

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.