

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th January 2019 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie (Vice-Chair), Farnden, and Simmons. **Apologies:** Cllrs Chatterley, Loveridge, Wells, District Cllr Jones. **Also present** Clerk Mrs J Shirley, Planning Clerk Mrs K Hayes, District Cllr Davies (from 7.30pm), County Cllr Williams, and 2 members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** None
3. **Chairman's announcements** Cllr Bullock wished all present a Happy New Year.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting** held on 13th December 2018. It was proposed by Cllr Corrie, seconded by Cllr Simmons and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 13th December 2018.
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.

Mrs Williams asked if the Parish Council had concluded its response to the Stroud District Community Governance Review; the Clerk responded and summarised the response made by the Parish Council and that the full response is published on the Parish Council's website.

Mr Edwards asked again if the kissing gates/footpath budget could be separated from the Getting Around Group. Cllr Bullock responded that this item had been discussed at the last Council meeting and reiterated the Council's decision on the matter.

Report from the County Councillor – Cllr Williams spoke regarding the County Council budget for 2019/20 and urged people to read through the budget and raise questions if anything is unclear. The Council Tax will increase 4.99% (2% ring-fenced for children / adult services).

7. Planning

7.1. Council noted the following planning decisions issued by Stroud District Council:

Application No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments	SDC Decision
S.18/2399/FUL	Renishaw PLC Brunel Way Stonehouse	The installation of 2515 solar photovoltaic panels on the north and south facing roof slopes.	NO OBJECTION 22/11/18	PERMIT 22/12/18

- 7.2. Council discussed the Local Plan Review consultation, and agreed to respond as drafted by the Clerk and Planning Clerk. **Action: Clerk.**
- 7.3. Council discussed the SDC Statement of Community Involvement currently under consultation; Council had concerns about the possibility of neighbour notification letters ceasing in the future, also concerned about reliance on technology which doesn't take into account those without technology. **Action: Clerk** to respond to the consultation.

District Cllr Davies arrived and gave his report from Stroud District Council. Local Plan Review continues and Cllr Davies offered to take forward any specific points. Ecotricity application S.16/0043/OUT was due to be considered by Development Control Committee in February, this has been delayed due to Ecotricity not signing a document setting out section 106 obligations and conditions; Planning Officers will not put the application to DCC until the document has been signed. Mrs Hayes raised the Parish's concerns about traffic and how this cannot be resolved after the event if it's not got right in the first instance. Cllr Davies shares the Parish's concerns and highlighted that there is an area

marked on the map as “employment zone” without any reference to it within the text, if this employment land is used then that will further impact the traffic. Cllr Davies has had a study carried out on A38 traffic.

Cllr Williams was interested that the Conservative Party had submitted an alternative approach to the Local Plan Review which is using a dispersal option for new housing and excluding new development at Wisloe (between Slimbridge and Cam).

8. **Groups / Meetings / Reports**

- 8.1 Council received a verbal update from the Getting Around Group. The Group is arranging to meet with the Local Highways Manager later in January. The Group will set dates to look at the replanting of the village gateways and potential hire of a flower tower. The Group discussed holding an informal drop-in session on a quarterly basis to provide more access for the public to raise highways issues with the Council. The Council agreed to try a drop-in session as a trial. The Group has a paper map of all the stiles / kissing gates in the parish which the Group would like to get onto an electronic map to make it easier to read; the Group will invite PROWD to a meeting. The grit bin at Chipmans Platt needs replacing and the Group has suggestions for new locations which need to be approved by Highways before bins can be placed.
- 8.2 Council received a verbal update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group. Council noted the latest safety report and all items on last year’s safety report have now been resolved. The large waste bin is missing a lid and will be replaced by the waste contractor. Clerk to find out what it would cost to make rocking headstones safe. **Action: Clerk.**
- 8.3 Council received the notes of the Strategic Planning Working Group meetings held on 20th December and 3rd January, for information.
- 8.4 Council received the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 13th December, for information.
- 8.5 Council considered proposed training dates for whole council training and agreed Thursday 28th February at 7pm until 9pm in lieu of a Planning Committee meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

9. **Finance / Procedure**

- 9.1 Council received the latest bank reconciliations (December) and budget versus spend report for the 2018/19 accounts.
- 9.2 Council approved the payment of expenses for the Clerk and Planning Clerk for December 2018.
- 9.3 Council received the staff timesheets for December 2018 (confidential and not for circulation).
- 9.4 Council noted the new pay scales that will be implemented from 1st April 2019. **Action Clerk** to write to members of staff advising of the increase.
- 9.5 Council received the updated Risk Assessment and Management document.
- 9.6 Council received the individual risk assessments that are reviewed annually. Chair of Resources requested to be included when the Clerk carries out the risk assessments next time.
- 9.7 Council received the tree survey report for the closed churchyard at St Michael’s & All Angels and approved works to be carried out as identified in the report. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.8 Council considered the updated Burial Ground Regulations and approved the amendments. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.9 Council approved the Housing Needs Survey questions for distribution with the ECN in March 2019, and the Clerk to find out from Eastington CLT their view on whether we include the CLT flyer from GRCC. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.10 Council considered the second draft of the budget for 2019/20 and approved the budget as circulated with a precept of £78720 which is a zero percent increase on an average Band D property. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.11 Council considered a request from Standish Parish Council to contribute financially towards a replacement SPAN newsletter but it was felt that as we have the Eastington Community News we would not want to contribute towards a replacement SPAN. **Action: Clerk** to respond to Standish PC.
- 9.12 Council resolved the accounts for payment, schedule circulated prior to meeting:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
ONLINE PAYMENTS						
27/12/18	Salaries & Expenses	Payroll December (JS) & November (AS & KH) 2018 & Expenses November 2018	£1767.37	£0	£1767.37	Parish Admin
05/01/19	HMRC	PAYE & NI December 2018	£431.84	£0	£431.84	Parish Admin
13/12/18	Tree Maintenance Ltd	Tree surveys – churchyard	£147.90	£29.58	£177.48	C&BG
06/12/18	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	11 th edition Local Council Administration book	£103.99	£0	£103.99	Parish Admin
18/12/18	PATA (UK)	Payroll services Oct-Dec 2018	£60.00	£0	£60.00	Parish Admin
21/12/18	Community Heartbeat Trust	Installation of two AED cabinets	£400.00	£0	£400.00	AED Reserve
DIRECT DEBITS:						
21/12/18	NEST	Pensions for December 2018	£109.37	£0	£109.37	Parish Admin
19/01/19	Vodafone UK	Parish Mobile	£31.86	£6.37	£38.23	Parish Admin
TOTAL					£3088.28	

Cllrs Bullock and Corrie will authorise the online payments.

10. Council received a list of the previous month's correspondence for information.
- 10.1 Council nominated Cllr Simmons for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party attendance through GAPTC. **Action: Clerk.**
11. Council discussed the upcoming visit of Stroud DC Chief Executive to Eastington on 14th February. A small group of councillors and Planning Clerk will meet Cllr Davies and the Chief Executive at 5.30pm at Chipmans Platt, and then the Chief Executive will attend the Parish Council meeting from 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th February 2019. 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 30th January 2019.