

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th April 2019 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** noted from Cllr Cozens. **Absent** Cllr Bomberg
Also present Assistant Clerk Mrs A Sach, Planning Clerk Mrs K Hayes, County Cllr Williams, District Cllr Jones and 2 members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in item 9.11; Cllr Simmons declared an interest in item 7.1 Middle Street planning application
3. **Chairman’s announcements** None
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting** held on 14th March 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Chatterley, seconded by Cllr Loveridge and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 14th March 2019.
5. **To review outstanding actions from previous meeting:** Cllr Bullock asked for an update on feedback for the proposed community first aid training course
6. **Changes to the order of business** None

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to address the council. Members of the public complimented the work done on the Cross.

Report from the County Councillor – Cllr Williams reported that she had been monitoring the A419 improvements. The roundabout has now been included in the environment report so top soil and trees shouldn’t be removed. Councillors should contact her with any concerns so she can pass them on to the ecologist in Shire Hall who had already been made aware of the issues by EPC.

Ringway now have the Highways contract and she will get feedback soon on how it is working, and will share any literature she receives.

Cllr Simmons asked if anything could be done to stop developers putting netting on trees to stop birds nesting, which allows them to cut back trees at any stage. Cllr Jones advised that there are no incidences in Eastington parish, but it is happening elsewhere in the district as the developers at Box Road in Cam have been made to remove the netting.

Report from the District Councillor – The Neighbourhood Warden service has been increased by three and in some areas the wardens have been reallocated. Carol Novoth remains the warden for Eastington parish. One warden will be a dedicated Care Line provider, rather than them all sharing the role. Next Wednesday evening he will attend a meeting with Ecotricity for District Council members. If councillors have any questions or comments, they should be given to him in writing by Tuesday. He will raise traffic issues, including local lanes being raised as rat runs. The Planning Clerk will look at the council’s concerns and send him a report.

7. Planning

7.1. Council considered the following planning applications:

Application No:	Address	Details	EPC Comments
S.19/0585/TCA	St Michaels & All Angels Church	Fell Hawthorne tree affecting pedestrian bridge	EPC’s application – no comment
S.19/0609/DISCON	Parcel PS1, LC1, LC2 West of Stonehouse	Discharge of condition 46 area masterplan for Local Centres LC1	Object with comments and ask for meeting with

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		and LC2 and Public Open Space PS1	developers and planners
S.19/0488/COU	Land at Middle Hall Farm Middle Street	Change of use of part of agricultural building to Farm Shop with associated works	Support and acknowledge that a limited amount of hedging will need to be removed/relocated to facilitate visibility splay as required by GCC highways officer
S.19/0449/HHOLD	1 Alkerton Terrace Alkerton Road	Demolish single storey extension to rear of property, rebuild single storey extension incorporating utility room and WC	No observations
S.19/0575/FUL	Claypits Farm Claypits	Creation of new agricultural access	No objections
S.19/0549/FUL	Sumacs Bath Road	Change of Use of Land from Agriculture to Residential and Extension to Dwelling	No objection to the extension. No objection for incidental residential land provided the same restrictions are added that have been applied to Fox House.
S.19/0688/MINAM	Lake House Churchend	Minor Amendment in S.17/2137/HHOLD	Object with comments

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

- S.18/2693/DISCON – Parcel H21, WoS – discharge of conditions. PERMIT 30/03/19
- S.19/0230/FUL – Land at Fromebridge – creation of new agricultural access. PERMIT 30/03/19
- S.19/0392/ADV – Parcel H3, WoS – advertising signs. PERMIT 30/03/19
- S.19/0431/TCA – Land at South View, Newtown – fell 12 trees. CONSENT 03/04/19
- S.19/0194/COU – Land at Fox House – change of use. PERMIT 03/044/19

7.3 Council noted that an appeal has been made regarding planning application S.18/2362/P3Q – agricultural building at Cress Green.

8. **Groups / Meetings / Reports**

- 8.1 Cllr Chatterley gave a verbal report from the Getting Around Group. At a meeting earlier in April plans for flowers in village were discussed. They had also received a request for an additional wooden bollard on the small triangle by the school as there had been an incident with a lorry there. Highways had quoted £1000 to carry out the work and as this was the first time there had been an incident, it was felt to be excessive, but the situation would be reviewed should another incident occur. Lorry Watch exercises are planned, and these will take place at different locations and times, including a stint between 0600 and 1000 hours. The next drop-in session will be at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 8.2 Cllr Farnden gave a verbal report from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group. Cllrs Farnden and Bullock had cleared quite a few dead flowers away and this will be done more frequently than in the past.
- 8.3 Council noted the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th March.

Cllr Loveridge left the meeting at 8pm after agenda item 8.3.

9. Finance / Procedure

- 9.1 Council received the latest bank reconciliations (March) and budget versus spend report for the 2018/19 accounts.
- 9.2 Council approved the balance sheet for the 2018/19 year-end accounts and agreed movement of unspent budget to earmarked reserves as set out on the budget versus spend report.
- 9.3 Council noted that the internal audit is taking place on 23rd April 2019.
- 9.4 Council approved the payment of expenses for March 2019.
- 9.5 Council received the staff timesheets for March 2019.
- 9.6 Council agreed to a £100 donation to Great Western Air Ambulance.
- 9.7 It was agreed to pay for the installation of a new litter bin on Alkerton Green at a purchase cost of £160 plus installation.
- 9.8 It was agreed it was not necessary to add gravel to the gateway of footpath EEA56 on Middle Street (gravel previously added autumn 2018) as the affected area was on the land belonging to the landowner who should be asked to deal with it.
- 9.9 It was agreed to pay for two barrier baskets at a cost of £98 each plus £175 delivery and installation. It was also agreed to spend up to £250 for the village gateways flowers.
- 9.10 Council ratified the payments made between meetings:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
27/03/19	Salaries & Expenses	Salaries and Expenses for March 2019	£2272.68	£96.00	£2368.68	Admin

9.11 Council approved the accounts for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
ONLINE PAYMENTS						
05/05/19	HMRC	PAYE & NI March 2019	£458.08	£0.00	£458.08	Admin
31/03/19	AJ Loveridge	Ground maintenance March 2019	£582.50	£0.00	£582.50	Ground Maintenance
28/03/19	Stroud District Council	Health & Safety training course	£59.00	£0.00	£59.00	Training
18/03/19	Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support for AEDs at St Michael's & All Angels Church and Old Badger Inn	£252.00	£0.00	£252.00	AED
15/03/19	PATA (UK)	Payroll services Jan-March 2019	£46.35	£0.00	£46.35	Admin
31/03/19	Smith's (Gloucester)	Burial ground bin emptying	£8.01	£1.60	£9.61	C&BG
DIRECT DEBITS:						
28/03/19	NEST	Pensions for March 2019	£109.37	£0.00	£109.37	Admin
19/04/19	Vodafone UK	Parish Mobile	£31.86	£6.37	£38.23	Admin
23/04/19	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	£2761.48	£0.00	£2761.48	PWLB
TOTAL					£4307.01	

Cllrs Bullock and Farnden will authorise the online payments.

10. Council received a list of the previous month's correspondence for information.

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11. There were no motions for the GAPTC Annual General Meeting.
12. Council felt that it had nothing to add to the recommendations contained in the Housing Strategy 2019-2024 consultation (consultation closes 2nd May 2019).
13. In terms of parish warding for Eastington in the community governance review (consultation closes 6th May 2019), council agreed to propose that there should be another review in 2022/23 and explore warding then. Cllr Wells advised that part of Great Oldbury has Nupend postcodes, which could be significant with warding in the future, and Royal Mail should be contacted to query the postcodes.
14. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (currently scheduled for Thursday 23rd May at 7pm) and the Clerk's proposal for a 'trade show' was agreed, plus refreshments. The date now coincides with European elections, so the event will have to be moved, possibly to the Conference Room at the Kings Head.

There were no matters for the next agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th May 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 1st May 2019.