

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June 2019 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Corrie (Chair), Bomberg, Farnden and Wells. **Apologies** noted from Cllrs Bullock, Chatterley, Loveridge and Simmons, District Cllr Davies, Planning Clerk Mrs K Hayes **Absent** Cllr Cozens **Also present** Clerk Mrs J Shirley, District Cllr Jones and 2 members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** None
3. **Chairman's announcements** Chair expressed thanks to District Cllrs Jones and Davies for the help and support with the Development Control Meeting re S.16/0043/OUT. Thanks were made to Mrs Hayes (Planning Clerk) and Mrs Shirley (Parish Clerk) for all the hours of work put in on the application. Finally, thanks were made to the Strategic Planning Working Group for the committed work to aid the Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting went well, and the new format worked okay but not sure that it encouraged extra villagers to attend; it was thought the format could be tried again next year and find ways to promote the meeting more. Cllr Bomberg joined in with the Chair's thanks to the Clerks. Village Gateways are halfway through being re-planted, hopefully this will be completed the coming weekend. Finally, the Chair announced that the Clerk is undertaking a marathon hike on Saturday 15th June for Macmillan should any councillor wish to sponsor her.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting** held on 9th May 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bomberg and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 9th May 2019.
5. **To review outstanding actions from previous meeting:** None.
6. **Changes to the order of business** None

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to address the council.

Mr Low echoed the Chair's thanks to the Clerks, and all those involved; teamwork was the key. Mr Low mentioned that the A419 contractor Knight Brown had a volunteer team finish the paths in Coneygree Orchard; thanks were recorded for Knight Brown. Additionally, the trees at Spring Hill that were tied with yellow ribbons to signify their importance are still in place, thank you to Knight Brown for respecting the wishes of the parish in retaining those trees. Finally, Mr Low confirmed that planning consent has been received for the 23 affordable homes that the Eastington Community Land Trust plan at Claypits. Thank you to the Parish Council from Mr Low for the solar fund grant that enabled the feasibility study for the homes plan.

Report from the County Councillor – No report

Report from the District Councillors – Cllr Jones has updated the Chair of the District Council's Housing Committee regarding the planning consent for 23 affordable homes. Cllr Jones ran through the Chair and Vice Chair appointments at the District Council various committees. The Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee was approved. The Council's Corporate Delivery Plan and Key Options for 2019/20 was debated and adopted. Highways England grant funding has been confirmed for the Missing Mile of the Stroudwater Canal, with works starting at Whitminster roundabout as early as autumn 2019. The Corporate Peer Review has been discussed by Stroud DC and noted that the Council is performing well in most places. One area for improvement is the top management level which the Chief Executive will address.

7. Planning

7.1. Council considered the following planning applications:

Date received	App ref	Address	Details	EPC Comments
20/05/19	S.19/0993/HHOLD	Sage House Middle Street	Proposed front and rear extensions	No objection
30/05/19	S.19/1122/REM	Parcel PS1 Land West of	Reserved matters for primary school and nursery	Comment requesting retaining the hedging

		Stonehouse		around the playing field and bordering the bridleway. There didn't seem to be much parking.
03/06/19	S.19/1027/FUL	Northend House Nupend	Construction of steel-framed storage building	No objection.
04/06/19	S.19/0831/REM	Phase 3B Land West of Stonehouse	Reserved matters for primary infrastructure (revised plans)	No comments. Noted response about hedgerows.

7.2. The Council noted that S.16/0043/OUT football stadium application was refused by SDC on 12th June. The Clerk reported that CPRE would like to collaborate with the Parish Council if this application goes to appeal.

7.3. The Council had no objection to an application for street trading consent at Blunder's Lock.

7.4. To note the following planning decisions issued by Stroud District Council:

S.19/0784/HHOLD – Compton Bungalow, Spring Hill. Single storey extension – PERMIT.

It was noted that the appeal for Application S.18/2362/P3Q has been dismissed.

8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

8.1 Cllr Wells and Cllr Farnden confirmed that the Getting Around Group had carried out a "drive-around" to check on any issues. Cllr Bomberg mentioned the loose gravel on Spring Hill resulting from temporary repairs on the A419, Cllr Bomberg will report to Highways. The white lines at the junction of Churchend have been completed and a thank you letter has been received from the School.

8.2 Cllr Wells gave a verbal update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group; the bin will need emptying in the next week, Clerk to arrange.

8.3 Cllr Corrie gave a verbal update from the Resources Committee; the annual appraisals for the Clerks have been completed. Cllr Corrie and Cllr Bullock carried out a check of the ground maintenance at the start of the season. There was a discussion about a recent grass cutting issue at the Owen Harris Memorial Ground and noted the comments made by sports clubs. No changes have been proposed to the schedule and will consider further if requested by OHMGC Trustees.

8.4 Council received the notes of the last two Strategic Planning Working Group meetings.

9. Finance / Procedures

9.1 Council approved the latest bank reconciliations and budget versus spend report for the 2019/20 accounts.

9.2 Council received a verbal update regarding the risk assessment test carried out on transfers using online banking. It is possible for authorised signatories to transfer into the Council's bank accounts from own accounts in error, but it is not possible to transfer money out of the Council's bank accounts, even with approval of two authorisers. It was noted that the risk to authorised signatories' money may be a deterrent for councillors willing to be authorised for online banking.

9.3 Council approved the payment of expenses for May 2019.

9.4 Council received the staff timesheets for May 2019.

9.5 Council approved Caloo Ltd to carry out a detailed inspection of the aerial runway at a cost of £245+VAT.

Action: Clerk.

9.6 Council noted that a Community Infrastructure Levy payment of £646.08 has been received; there was a discussion about ideas for the funds ie new notice board at Claypits and/or Great Oldbury, sponsor a regular welcome page in the ECN. No decision was made, and it was noted that the money could be allowed to build up for a while providing we report annually on the funds.

9.7 Council received a verbal update on complaint made to Stroud District Council.

9.8 Council ratified the payments made between meetings:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
25/05/19	Salaries & expenses	Salaries & expenses for May 2019	£1778.38	£0	£1778.38	Admin

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9.9 Council approved the accounts for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
ONLINE PAYMENTS						
05/06/19	HMRC	PAYE & NI May 2019	£373.73	£0	£373.73	Admin
14/05/19	Zurich Insurance plc	Annual insurance 2019/20	£839.22	£0	£839.22	Insurance
01/05/19	Eastington Village Hall Charity	Village hall usage February, March and April 2019 (3 invoices)	£64.75	£0	£64.75	Hall hire
30/05/19	AJ Loveridge	Ground maintenance May 2019	£1165.00	£0	£1165.00	Grounds Maint
30/04/19	Smith's (Gloucester) Ltd	Burial ground waste collection (2 invoices)	£17.18	£3.44	£20.62	C&BG
13/05/19	Plantscape Ltd	Flower baskets hire for Alkerton Road	£371.00	£74.20	£445.20	Roads & Transport
01/05/19	Water Plus Ltd	Burial Ground standtap Jan-April 2019	£14.64	£0	£14.64	C&BG
31/05/19	Troy Hayes Planning Ltd	Ecotricity summary representations	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00	Planning
01/06/19	J.Gardner	Playground minor repairs	£450.00	£0	£450.00	Play Park
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS						
30/05/19	Nest Pension	Pensions May 2019	£111.72	£0	£111.72	Pensions
24/06/19	Vodafone	Office mobile May 2019	£32.45	£6.49	£38.94	Admin
TOTAL					£4123.82	

Cllrs Corrie and Farnden will approve the online payments.

10. Council received a list of the previous month's correspondence for information.
11. Cllr Bullock confirmed to the Clerk via email that she could attend the Joint Cluster Group meeting at Stroud District Council on 26th June; agreed by Council. **Action: Clerk.**
12. Cllr Bullock and Cllr Corrie will attend the GAPTC AGM on Saturday 20th July. **Action: Clerk.**
13. Council discussed 125th anniversary of the parish council (4th December); Council expressed thanks to the school who have offered to host the anniversary meeting if it can be held at end of November. Council accepted the offer and Clerk was asked to find out how we can fit in with their events and whether we would be permitted to offer refreshments. **Action: Clerk.**
14. Council considered a request to install a story telling chair at Snakey Lane Play Park (costs to be met by the family). The Council were not opposed to the idea, but the request raised an interesting point in how memorial benches are managed after installation as Council does not have a policy regarding after-care. **Action: Clerk** to pass on the sympathies of the Council and to find out more information from the family about the chair.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th July 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 3rd July 2019.

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