

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall**

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Bomberg, Chatterley, Corrie, Cozens (arriving 7.10pm), Farnden and Loveridge. **Apologies** noted from Cllrs Simmons and Wells, District Cllr Davies, County Cllr Williams **Also present** Clerk Mrs J Shirley, Planning Clerk Mrs K Hayes, 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 9.10 (receipt of payment). Cllr Farnden declared an interest in item 7.1 (application ref S.19/1144/FUL) and items 9.2 and 9.10 (receipt of payment).
3. **Chairman's announcements** Cllr Bullock thanked Cllr Corrie for taking the Chair for the past few weeks, and thanked the Getting Around Group for organising the village gateways to be planted.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting** held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Bomberg, seconded by Cllr Farnden and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June 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 Davies apologised for the Stroud News & Journal article where they referred to him as a parish councillor. He also confirmed he had received a response to his complaint to Stroud DC regarding the hearing loop system which was not working at the Development Control Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs Pitcher asked for an update on the removal of trees and hedgerow by the bridleway behind the Redrow development; the Public Rights of Way Officer had visited site and was satisfied that the bridleway is not affected by the work and that the mature trees and hedge system were untouched. Mrs Pitcher did not agree with the assessment, Clerk will follow-up.

**Report from the County Councillor** – Cllr Williams was unable to attend the meeting as she is at a meeting elsewhere.

**Report from the District Councillors** – Cllr Jones spoke on the Stroud District Council upcoming meeting where the Community Governance review recommendations will be considered. Eastington PC is recommended for an additional 2 councillors and a minor boundary change at Oldends Industrial Estate, there is also a recommendation for Eastington to undergo a further review in 2022/23 to consider the new community at Great Oldbury. Three new director positions have been created at Stroud DC to strengthen the senior management capacity. Museum in the Park has won an award for accessibility. New vehicles to be purchased for the Neighbourhood Wardens using monies from business rates.

### **7. Planning**

7.1. Council considered the following planning applications:

<b>Date received</b>	<b>App ref</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>EPC Comments</b>
02/07/19	S.19/1144/FUL	Land at South View, Newtown	Change of use of land to B8 with the siting of steel storage containers	Object with comments as drafted by Planning Clerk.
02/07/19 (revised plans)	S.19/0609/DISCON	Parcel PS1, LC1, LC2 West of Stonehouse	Discharge of condition 46 area masterplan for Local Centres LC1 and LC2 and Public Open Space PS1	Comments as drafted by Planning Clerk. Also raise bridleway matter with PROW Officer.

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03/07/19 (revised plans)	S.19/0831/REM	Phase 3B Land West of Stonehouse	Reserved matters for primary infrastructure	No further comments.
03/07/19 (revised plans)	S.19/1122/REM	Parcel PS1 Land West of Stonehouse	Reserved matters for primary school and nursery	Concerns about proximity of cars for child drop off/pick up and pollution impact.
04/07/19	S.18/1341/DISCON	Parcel H11 and H12 Land West of Stonehouse	Discharge of conditions of permission S.18/2326/REM	No objection but request native plants.

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

- S.16/0043/OUT – Sports Stadium at junction 13 – Refuse 12/06/19
- S.18/2202/FUL – 23 affordable units at Claypits – Permit 11/06/19
- S.19/0488/COU – Change of use to Farm Shop at land at Middle Hall Farm – Permit 19/06/19
- S.19/0961/DISCON – Discharge of condition at Nastend Farm – Permit 13/06/19

7.3 Council discussed requesting a meeting with Dale Vince to discuss plans for land at junction 13. It was decided not to request a meeting at this time.

## 8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

- 8.1 Cllr Chatterley gave a verbal update from the Getting Around Group; the village gateways have been planted up, the new slow signs have been placed at the school. The next highways meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> August. There will be a drop-in session arranged in August.
- 8.2 Cllr Farnden gave a verbal update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group; there were 2 swarms of bees removed from the churchyard. The memorial garden has been completed; the planting of the border needs to be carried out quickly. Churchyard and Burial Ground Group to discuss.
- 8.3 The Resources Committee has not met recently, however Cllr Corrie reported that she and Cllr Farnden had checked the defibrillators following training from the Clerk.
- 8.4 Council received the notes of the last Strategic Planning Working Group meeting.
- 8.5 Cllr Bullock gave feedback from the Stroud District Joint Cluster meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June; the group has been renamed to Stroud Town and Parish Networking Information. Cllr Bullock felt it wasn't a particularly useful meeting and not well represented.
- 8.6 Cllr Bomberg gave a verbal update from the Cotswold Canals Connected Consultative Group meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July which he attended with the Planning Clerk. It was an interesting meeting to learn about the plans and timeline of the canals restoration. The matter of compulsory purchase of land for the missing mile was raised at the meeting but apparently there is insufficient time to do this. The ocean railway bridge will be reconstructed over Easter 2021. Throughout August there will be surveys taking place to look at usage of the canal and the Cotswold Canals are looking for volunteers to help with this activity.
- 8.7 Cllr Bullock gave a verbal update from Eastington Community Land Trust. The name for the development of 23 affordable homes will be called Puddlesworth Close.

## 9. Finance / Procedures

- 9.1 Council approved the latest bank reconciliations and budget versus spend report for the 2019/20 accounts.
- 9.2 Council approved the payment of expenses for June 2019 for the Clerk, Planning Clerk and Cllr Farnden.
- 9.3 Council received the staff timesheets for June 2019.
- 9.4 Council agreed to donate £150 to the Stroud Beekeepers for removing two swarms from the churchyard at our request. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.5 Council noted that the volunteer group "Friends of Snakey Park" had diminished in numbers and needed help with the management of the play park. It was agreed to request the ground maintenance contractor to empty the bins on a weekly basis, Cllrs Bullock, Loveridge and Bomberg volunteered to take on weekly and monthly visual checks of the play equipment and will attend the Glos Playing Field Association training. The three councillors will form the new "Snakey Park Working Group" to complement the Friends of Snakey Park volunteers. **Action: Clerk.**
- 9.6 Council agreed to arrange for a new defibrillator at Staytes Services who has offered to donate the cost of the defibrillator and will arrange installation with the assistance of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk.**

- 9.7 Council noted that the Children's Funeral Fund comes into effect 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 and the Churchyard and Burial Ground Group will discuss amendments to the burial fees and rules to reflect application to the Fund. **Action: C&BG**
- 9.8 Council ratified the appointment of solicitor to act in the matter of Westend Green and noted that this may include surveyor costs if the boundary needs to be clarified.
- 9.9 Council ratified the payments made between meetings:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
30/06/19	Salaries & Expenses	Salaries & Expenses June 2019	£2428.12	£105.81	£2533.93	Admin

- 9.10 Council approved the accounts for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
<b>CHEQUE PAYMENTS</b>						
14/05/19	L.Farnden	Reimburse plants and compost for village gateways	£132.00	£0	£132.00	Getting Around
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS</b>						
05/07/19	HMRC	PAYE & NI June 2019	£404.73	£0	£404.73	Admin
30/06/19	AJ Loveridge	Ground maintenance June 2019 incl burial hedge, high path & pond	£1355.00	£0	£1355.00	Grounds Maint
18/06/19	PATA (UK)	Payroll Services April-June 2019	£53.90	£0	£53.90	Admin
30/06/19	Smith's (Gloucester) Ltd	Emptying burial ground bin	£8.59	£1.72	£10.31	C&BG
<b>DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS</b>						
30/06/19	Nest Pension	Pensions June 2019	£111.72	£0	£111.72	Pensions
24/07/19	Vodafone	Office mobile June 2019	£32.45	£6.49	£38.94	Admin
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>£1916.60</b>	

Cllrs Bullock and Corrie will approve the online payments.

10. Council received a list of the previous month's correspondence for information.
11. Council agreed to support motions 1 and 2 at the GAPTC AGM 20<sup>th</sup> but not support motions 3 and 4. **Action: Cllrs Bullock and Corrie.**
12. Council considered the Street Trading Policy consultation and District Cllr Jones confirmed that where public have a right of access eg a playing field the street trading requirement will be waived. Council decided not to submit any comments to the consultation.
13. Council briefly discussed the request for dog waste bins at Great Oldbury and noted there is no section 106 obligation on the developer to install bins and Stroud DC won't install any bin until the highway has been adopted by County Council. **Action: Getting Around Group** to look at locations and report back to Council.

Cllr Bomberg proposed suspended standing order number 3x seconded by Cllr Corrie, agreed by all to allow the meeting to continue past 9pm.

14. Council considered the footpath diversion orders affecting footpaths 24, 34, 35 and 36 (consultation ends 18<sup>th</sup> July). It was noted that the diversions are using pavements through the new housing which is at odds with the NDP Policy. **Action: Cllr Chatterley and Planning Clerk** will respond to the consultation.

**Meeting closed at 9.12pm.**

**Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.**

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