

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th August 2019 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

1. **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Bomberg, Chatterley, Corrie, Farnden, Loveridge and Wells. **Apologies** noted from Cllr Simmons and Planning Clerk Mrs Hayes. **Also present** Clerk Mrs J Shirley, District Cllr Jones, District Cllr Davies and 4 members of the public. **Absent:** Cllr Cozens
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in item 9.8 (receipt of payment).
3. **Chairman's announcements** None
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings** held on 11th July 2019 and 25th July 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Bomberg, seconded by Cllr Chatterley and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 11th July 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Corrie, seconded by Cllr Farnden and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 25th July 2019.
5. **To review outstanding actions from previous meeting:** Westend Green has not yet been reinstated and the solicitor will action the next steps; AED installation for Staytes Services still to be actioned; noise assessments quotes not yet received.
6. **Changes to the order of business** None

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

A resident asked when Great Oldbury residents would be part of Eastington (Clerk responded that the residents are within Eastington parish already); the resident also asked if the Council will manage the new pitches (Clerk responded that these will be managed along with the other public spaces by a management company appointed by the developer). The resident also noted that areas within the parish are deteriorating, brambles from hedges, weeds in gutters etc.

Another member of public asked for clarification on the number of sports pitches to be provided at Great Oldbury; Clerk responded that the plan shows 3 full size pitches plus 2 smaller training pitches.

Report from the County Councillor – No report

Report from the District Councillors – Cllr Jones reported that Stroud DC has won an award for recycling rates. Residents are asked to make sure recycling is put out on the kerbside by 6am on collection day. Community Governance Review recommendations were voted through by Stroud DC and Eastington will have another review in 2022/23. New vehicles have been approved for the neighbourhood wardens' use. There have been two successful prosecutions against dog fouling. Cllr Bomberg raised a point about the lack of notice Stroud DC take regarding Neighbourhood Development Plans; Cllr Davies agreed.

Cllr Davies suggested the Parish Council keep a list of highways issues to work through with the Local Highways Manager.

7. Planning

7.1. Council considered the following planning applications:

Date received	App ref	Address	Details	EPC Comments
24/07/19	S.19/1342/DISCON	Parcel H11 and H12 Land West of Stonehouse	Discharge of conditions 5 (materials), 7 (tree protection), 8 (detailed landscaping plan), 11 (archaeological report), 28 (location of fire hydrants), 29 (highways adoption plan), 32 (drainage strategy), 37	Native planting sourced from within the UK to be requested. Hoggin path missed from Highways adoption schedule; concern

			(construction traffic management), 38 (construction environment management plan), 42 (biodiversity management plan) of Permission S.14/0810/OUT	about trimming 2 trees on one side only.
1/8/19	S.19/1582/MINAM	Parcel H6 and H7 Land West of Stonehouse	Minor amendment to permitted application S.17/0095/REM – change to first-floor materials to plots 39-42 from brick to render	No comments
1/8/19	S.19/1240/FUL	Eastington Primary School	Removal of existing sail canopy to Early Years playground and erection of timber-frame canopy, tied into existing roof structure, in materials to match existing building	No comments

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

S.19/0721/FUL – The Wheelhouse, Bonds Mill, Bristol Road, Stonehouse – Permit 01/08/19

District Cllr Davies left the meeting.

8. Groups / Meetings / Reports

- 8.1 Cllr Chatterley gave a verbal update from the Getting Around Group; flooding on Alkerton Road where the speed bumps were reinstated to be looked at by Highways; concrete safety railings at Chipman's Platt roundabout are broken; suggested signage installed to warn drivers of pedestrians crossing Alkerton Road to the shops (all previous suggestions have been rejected by Highways, eg formal crossing). Tree roots have caused the pavement by Victoria Drive to become uneven. Passing Place signs for Millend will hopefully be installed before September. Memorial bench at Westend is becoming unsafe, but thought not to be a parish council asset, also the notice board needs maintenance but again not a parish council asset. Reclaiming the pavement along Bath Road will cost £1700, and whilst Highways will do the work its unfortunately not a high priority and is not in the schedule to be completed. Gloucestershire Highways has suggested that the Parish Council contribute towards the cost which will ensure the work gets done sooner rather than later. Council will be asked to contribute an amount at the next Council meeting (22nd August). The next drop-in session will be on the afternoon of 22nd August at the Kings Head House hotel. A lorry watch will take place on 20th August (6-9am and 4-7pm). Cllr Bomberg raised two concerns about Great Oldbury: safety around the new ponds and the need for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Chatterley responded that a pedestrian crossing is being installed not far from the junction. Cllr Chatterley will also check into the requirements for safety around new ponds. Numbers 1, 29 and 31 Victoria Drive need letters about hedgecutting. **Action: Cllr Chatterley/Clerk.**
- 8.2 Cllr Wells gave a verbal update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group. A concern was raised about the condition of the churchyard wall, this is regularly checked.
- 8.3 Council received the notes of the last Strategic Planning Working Group meeting.
- 8.4 Cllr Bullock gave a verbal report from the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils AGM.
- 8.5 The Clerk reported that some ground erosion repairs were needed at the play park, and a quote has been received from the previously used contractor. The high-wear areas may benefit from a more permanent solution such as a product called "bonded rubber mulch" which is like wet-pour but doesn't require a hardcore base. The timber legs of the play items are becoming damaged from grass strimming and the options are to change to weed spraying around the posts or replace the grass around the posts with something else to eliminate the need for strimming. The contractor has offered to carry out a trial of the bonded-rubber mulch. **Action: Clerk** to get two more quotes for bonded rubber mulch option.

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 July 2019 for the Clerk and Planning Clerk.
- 9.3 Council received the staff timesheets for July 2019.
- 9.4 Council agreed the proposed amendment to the Burial Fees to reflect the introduction of the Children's Funeral

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Fund. **Action: Clerk**

9.5 Council discussed the completed memorial garden and Council was disappointed with the unfinished appearance of the work. It was agreed to defer a decision on the matter until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

9.6 Council agreed to purchase a new grit bin to replace the one at Chipman's Platt. **Action: Clerk.**

9.7 Council ratified the payments made between meetings:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
30/07/19	Salaries & Expenses	Salaries & Expenses July 2019	£2144.17	£7.50	£2151.67	Admin

9.8 Council approved the accounts for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Budget
CHEQUE PAYMENTS						
11/07/19	BuzzClub	Donation for Stroud Beekeepers	£150	£0	£150	Donations
ONLINE PAYMENTS						
05/08/19	HMRC	PAYE & NI July 2019	£508.66	£0	£508.66	Admin
30/07/19	AJ Loveridge	Ground maintenance July 2019	£1165	£0	£1165	Grounds Maint
07/06/19	Eastington Village Hall Charity	Hall Hire May 2019	£28.00	£0	£28.00	Admin
31/7/19	Caloo	Aerial Runway Repairs	£245	£49	£294	Play Park
1/8/19	Parish Council Websites	Annual hosting/maintenance website	£190	£0	£190	Admin
1/8/19	Eastington Community Centre	Additional bin collections during Summer holidays	£51	£10.20	£61.20	Play Park
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS						
24/07/19	ICO	Data registration	£35.00	£0	£35.00	Subs
30/07/19	Nest Pension	Pensions July 2019	£111.72	£0	£111.72	Pensions
24/08/19	Vodafone	Office mobile July 2019	£32.45	£6.49	£38.94	Admin
TOTAL					£2582.52	

Cllrs Bullock and Corrie will approve the online payments.

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

11. Council noted that the objection to the footpath diversion orders affecting footpaths 24, 34 and 36 will be referred to the Secretary of State for public inquiry unless Council can resolve its objection. Cllr Chatterley and the Clerks will meet with the Public Rights of Way Officer along with the developers to discuss the footpath diversions. It was agreed that if the developers do not wish to modify the diversion orders then Council will stand by its objections and noted that there may be costs incurred if the matter is decided by public inquiry.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be on Thursday 22nd August 2019.

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