

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2022 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1 Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Corrie, Coombs, Robinson, Devcich. **Apologies** noted from Cllrs Bomberg, Loveridge, Farnden, Holcombe, Cozens, District Cllrs Davies, Jones and County Cllr Housden. **Also present** Clerk Marianne Simpson, Planning Clerk Karen Hayes and 1 member of the public.
- 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** None
- 3 Chairman's announcements** The Chair thanked the Planning Clerk Karen Hayes for all her work for the parish council, as this was her last meeting, as she has started a new full-time job. Her knowledge and hard work have been invaluable, and she will be missed. Cllr Bullock asked that all councillors keep a close watch on their areas and particularly note any planning issues. Cllr Bullock noted that the appeal for Land off James Sleeman Close, Great Oldbury was allowed and permission granted for a residential development of up to 9 dwellings, and asked that Great Oldbury residents note the conditions eg working times, and report any breaches.
- 4 Approval of the minutes of the meeting** held on 9th December 2021 were proposed by Cllr Corrie, seconded by Cllr Robinson and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 5 Review outstanding actions from previous meeting:** Cllr Bullock said any outstanding actions will be covered during the relevant agenda item.
- 6 Changes to the order of business:** None.

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

One member of the public reported that the hedge behind the Old Chapel was overgrown and impacting on the Public Right of Way (PROW). An email has been sent to the PROW officer. Clerk to write to the occupants to request the hedge is cut back.

Report from the County Councillor

None

Report from the District Councillors

A report was sent from District Cllr Jones and circulated to councillors.

7. Planning

7.1 Council considered planning applications:

Application No.	Address	Details	Comments
S.19/0291/FUL	Stroudwater Canal Phase 1B Eastington	Reinstatement of the 'Missing Mile' section of the Stroudwater Navigation and development of associated infrastructure including locks, mooring basins, car parking, cafe/pub and leisure facilities building with combined office and residence for basin manager.	The Parish Council are on the whole supportive of the project. However, the proposal misses the opportunity to cater for the horse-riding communities on either side of the M5.
S.21/2853/FUL	Cotswold Canal Trust (Western Depot), Churchend, Eastington	The temporary extension to the Cotswold Canal Trust 'Western Depot' at Eastington to accommodate a temporary project office.	Object. The temporary office is proposed in a green field. This will affect the visual amenity of the area. There are already too many structures at the depot which are unsightly, and parking will be an issue.
S.21/2815/REM	Phase 4B Land West Of Stonehouse Great Oldbury Drive Great	Phase 4B Primary Infrastructure (Highway)	The application directly affects four public rights of way but they are not

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	Oldbury		mentioned in the application. Consideration needs to be given to the public footpaths and bridleway on the site, particularly where they run alongside the hedges and attenuation pond.
S.21/2814/DISCON	Parcel H13, H14 & H15 Land West Of Stonehouse Grove Lane Westend	Discharge of condition 46 on permitted application S.14/0810/OUT - Area Masterplan Document for Areas H13, H14 & H15	Object. The parish asked that footpath EEA15 be extended south to the link road as footpath EEA13 was to be extinguished as part of the school proposals and the parish want separation of walkers off the bridleway for safety and amenity reasons. An area of housing is shown to be restricted to two stories high but will still not effectively limit the impact on Nupend.
S.21/2746/FUL	Land At 24 Swallowcroft Eastington	Construction of a new two-storey detached dwelling (Resubmission of S.21/1957/FUL).	Parish Council felt the previous scheme was better, but fenestration and parking changes are improvements. Concern new layout will encourage parking on the street corner.
S.21/2908/LBC	Alkerton Green Farm Alkerton Eastington	Change of use of agricultural building to C3 residential, incl instalation of windows and doors.	Support
S.21/2907/FUL	Alkerton Green Farm Alkerton Eastington	Change of use of agricultural building to C3 residential	Support

- 7.2 Council considered planning application S.19/0291/FUL Stroudwater Canal Phase 1B Eastington. E-consultation on reinstatement of the 'Missing Mile' section of the Stroudwater and noted the request from the local riders of Nupend and Nastend, for safe off-road riding routes and bridleway provision along the canal. Council unanimously agreed with the Planning Clerk's comments.
- 7.3 Council noted the SDC Development Control Committee on 18th January is debating planning application S.21/1050/REM Site For Sports Pitches North Of Parcels H10 And H11, Great Oldbury Drive - Engineering works to facilitate the creation of phase 1 sports pitches and associated landscaping (approval of reserved matters under Outline permission S.14/0810/OUT). Cllr Coombs will observe the meeting online via the SDC website.
- 7.4 Council noted planning decisions made by Stroud District Council:
 S.21/2545/HHOLD Erection of rear single storey extension to form garden room - Newlands Claypits
Application Permitted
 S.21/2600/HHOLD Erection of front, side & rear extensions & new garage - 1 Dotloe Farm Cottages Dotloe Lane Nupend. **Application Permitted**
 S.21/2526/HHOLD Erection of single storey garden room/porch - 1 Dotloe Farm Barn Dotloe Lane Nupend.
Application Refused
 S.21/2424/HHOLD Erection of outbuilding and vehicular access (Retrospective) - Anston House Bath Road Eastington. **Application Permitted**
 S.21/2137/HHOLD Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to provide garage and pool - Walnut Tree Cottage Nupend. **Application Refused.**
 S.21/2789/HHOLD Erection of two storey side extension, including roof light - Nupend Cottage Nupend.
Application Permitted
- 7.5 Council noted planning Appeal Ref: APP/C1625/W/21/3276767 Land off James Sleeman Close, Great

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Oldbury. The appeal made by R Hitchins Ltd. Appeal allowed and planning permission is granted for residential development of up to 9 dwellings.

7.6 Council noted that following a request to planning enforcement regarding S.21/0764/UNBWK Western Depot at Eastington, SDC have now undertaken a site visit and further investigation. Following this, SDC have determined that the development of the buildings on site are classed as permitted development as they relate to the maintenance and support of the Canal System. With regards to the sale of logs at the site, as this has been taking place since 2009, it is precluded from enforcement action and the storing of logs on site are within the operators permitted development entitlement. SDC also noted that Canal trust volunteers had advised that the advert board has been moved on to the curtilage of the site, so is not now causing a highway obstruction. The planning clerk questioned whether the land is operational land. Councillors discussed these findings and unanimously felt there was no option to take the enforcement any further.

8. Groups / Reports

8.1 Council received an update from the Getting Around Group

Cllr Corrie is investigating replacing 2 stiles in Nupend will kissing gates but must obtain the landowners permission first. Cllr Bullock had received a request for a dropped kerb at Riverside Park homes. A resident who uses a mobility scooter has difficulty crossing the road to get to the bus stop. Cllr Corrie to arrange a meeting with the Local Highways Manager (LHM).

8.2 Cllr Corrie gave an update on traffic calming initiatives along Bath Road and The Claypits. The speed surveys are scheduled for the beginning of February. There was concern the traffic may be quiet during this period. The Clerk to obtain assurances from GCC that the speed strips will be in place for a week.

8.3 Cllr Corrie gave an update on the provision of benches in the village. Two locations for the benches have been identified and the landowners will now be contacted for permission. The lead time for the benches is early March. A third bench is planned by the Co-op but need to check the council can get permission for this.

8.4 Cllr Corrie gave an update on the Churchyard & Burial Ground. The burial ground looks tidy. Quotes are being obtained to upgrade the burial path from the entrance gate to the Springhill Road.

8.5 Cllr Robinson reported from the Great Oldbury Group. Someone has offered to give defib training. Still no lifesaving buoys near the attenuation ponds. There are newts and otters, and it could be nice, but they need to be safe. The GO group is fighting for the upkeep of the public areas. Bridleways hedges have been ripped out. Redrow and other developers prevent residents from installing solar panels as there are restrictive covenants. Continuing problem with rubbish from the developers which needs clearing up.

8.6 Cllr Bullock gave an update from the Great Oldbury Community Hall Group. A meeting is scheduled for next week, Cllrs Corrie, Robinson and Bullock will attend.

8.7 Clerk is arranging for an electrician to install an external connection outside the entrance of the Travelodge to power the defibrillator cabinet. There is a 2-week lead time for the defibrillator.

9. Finance / Procedures

9.1 Council approved the December bank reconciliation and budget vs spend.

9.2 Council approved the payment of expenses for December 2021

9.3 Council approved the staff timesheets for December 2021 (confidential and not for circulation)

9.4 Council considered quotes for the burial ground path re-surfacing.

9.5 Council considered prices for the Great Oldbury defibrillator cabinet electrical connection. Council approved for the Clerk to go ahead and arrange.

9.6 Council agreed to replace 2 aging wooden stiles EEA23/2 and EEA 24/1 in Nupend with kissing gates, if the landowners agree.

9.7 Council considered the draft budget 2022-23, previously circulated by the Clerk.

9.8 Council considered the precept 2022-23 and unanimously agreed to keep the precept at the same level as last year. Due to the increase in the Tax base, this will result in a 23% reduction in the parish council element of the council tax. For a band D (average) property, the annual charge will be £82.05, which is £18.58 less than in 2021-22.

9.9 Council ratified the payments made between meetings:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
16/12/21	Salaries & Expenses	Salaries & Expenses November 2021	£1388.79	£0	£1388.79	Admin
16/12/21	PATA	Payroll services Oct - Dec	£52.95	£0	£52.95	Admin
16/12/21	E.ON	Electricity for Nupend phone box May 2019-Nov 2021.	£110.00	£38.77	£148.77	

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9.10 Council approved the accounts for payment:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
05/01/22	HMRC	PAYE & NI December 2021	£404.28	£0	£404.28	Admin
04/01/22	GAPTC	Being a Better Councillor training 6.1.22 & 20.1.22 Cllrs Devich and Holcombe	£100.00	£0	£100.00	Training
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS UPDATE						
22/12/21	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Licenses x10 cllrs x2 staff	£56.80	£11.36	£68.16	Admin
01/01/22	Grapevine Telecom	Office mobile December 2021	£39.99	£7.99	£47.98	Admin
10/12/21	NEST	Clerk's pension December 2021	£91.39	£0	£91.39	Pensions
TOTAL					£711.81	

9.10 Payments received:

GCC Community grant (50% of the Puddlesworth Bus shelter) £1538
The Eastington Allotment Society annual rent £10
Abbey memorials £200

10. Correspondence received had been circulated by the Clerk. Clerk reported some correspondence recently received and Council noted actions to be taken.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council is Thursday 10 February 2021. 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 at clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk.

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