

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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I hereby give notice that the Meeting of Eastington Parish Council will be held in Eastington Village Hall on **Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the business as set out below.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend and a 20-minute period is set aside for members of the public to raise questions.

Covid guidelines recommend wearing a mask when inside with people who are not in your household, and we would request that anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend. The public will be given the opportunity to speak or can input comments via email or phone to the clerk in advance of the meeting at clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk or 01453-799616. All comments must be received by midday on Wednesday 9th March.

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Marianne Simpson, Clerk to Eastington Parish Council
4 March 2022

AGENDA

1. To note attendance and apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest or dispensations in items on the agenda
3. To receive Chair's announcements
4. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2022
5. To review outstanding actions from previous meeting
6. To consider changes to the order of business

The meeting may be adjourned at this point for members of the Public to speak.

Members of the public are welcome to speak for up to 3 minutes each regarding any matter on the agenda or any items they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council; the Parish Council is not permitted to make any decisions during the public session. Members of the public are not permitted to address the meeting once the public session is concluded.

To receive a report from the County Councillor
To receive a report from the District Councillors

7. Planning
7.1 To consider Planning applications:

Application No.	Address	Details
S.22/0273/FUL	Eastington Trading Estate Churchend Eastington GL10 3RZ	The erection of 2 no. industrial units (Use Class E(g)(ii) (Research and Development of Products or Processes), Class E(g)(iii) (Industrial Processes) and B2 (General Industrial)
S.22/0278/LBC	7 Churchend Eastington Stonehouse	Replace three windows to match those installed over the last 18 months.
S.22/0234/HHOLD	1 Dotloe Farm Cottages Dotloe Lane Nupend	Installation of boundary wall
S.22/0321/HHOLD	The Manse Alkerton Eastington	Erection of garage with home office and driveway extension
S.22/0398/DISCON	Parcel H16 & H19 Land West Of Stonehouse Grove Lane Westend	Discharge of conditions 4 (lighting details) & 7 (electric vehicle charging details) from the application S.20/1898/REM
S.22/0488/TCA	The Yellow House Spring Hill Eastington	T1 and 2 Leylandii - Fell to ground Level

- 7.2 To note prior notice of proposed development of 10 units at the old nursery alongside Puddlesworth Lane
- 7.3 To note planning decisions made by Stroud District Council:
S.22/0009/HHOLD Erection of single storey side extension, changes to ground and first floor, installation of two windows, three dormers and rendering - Cress Green Cattery. Refused.
S.21/2853/FUL The temporary extension to the Cotswold Canal Trust 'Western Depot' at Eastington to accommodate a temporary project office(retrospective). Permitted
- 7.6 Consider whether EPC wish to participate in the Local Plan Inquiry – deadline 11 March.

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8. To consider solar grant applications

9. Groups / Reports

- 9.1 To receive an update from the Getting Around Group
- 9.2 To update on the traffic survey
- 9.3 To receive an update from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group
- 9.4 To note the Quinquennial Church inspection report and its findings
- 9.5 To consider allotment provision in Eastington
- 9.6 To receive a report from the Great Oldbury Group
- 9.7 To receive an update from the Great Oldbury Community Hall Group
- 9.8 To note the Great Oldbury defibrillator has been installed at the Travelodge and has been registered with The National Defibrillator Network and is connected to the South-West Ambulance Service.

10. Finance / Procedures

- 10.1 To approve the February bank reconciliation and budget vs spend.
- 10.2 To approve the payment of expenses for February 2022
- 10.3 To receive the staff timesheets for February 2022 (confidential and not for circulation)
- 10.4 To approve memorial garden turfing
- 10.5 To approve removal of dead wood over the churchyard
- 10.6 To consider quotes for the burial ground path re-surfacing.
- 10.7 To approve Smiths annual review of prices
- 10.8 To ratify the payments made between meetings:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
28/02/22	Salaries & Expenses	Salaries & Expenses January 2022	£1455.70	£0	£1455.70	Admin

- 10.9 To approve the accounts for payment:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
05/03/22	HMRC	PAYE & NI January 2022	£457.31	£0	£457.31	Admin
03/03/22	IB Electrics	Travelodge defib electrical work to wire up the heated cabinet.	£176.46		£176.46	Defib
03/03/22	D Haines	Turf memorial garden in burial ground	£830.00		£830.00	Burial ground
04/03/22	GAPTC	Annual subscription	£606.65		£606.65	Subs
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS UPDATE						
22/2/22	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Licenses x10 cllrs x2 staff	£56.80	£11.36	£68.16	Admin
01/03/22	Grapevine Telecom	Office mobile	£39.99	£7.99	£47.98	Admin
05/02/22	NEST	Clerk's pension January 2022	£96.63	£0	£96.63	Pensions

- 10.10 Payments received: LW Clutterbuck's burial fees £1250

11. To note Casual vacancy notice

12. To review and approve policy documents:

- Annual report 2022-23
- Asset register 2022
- Risk management schedule
- Internal controls document
- Financial Regulations

13. To note 2 oak trees have been donated by the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 2-4 June. To confirm the siting of the 2 oak trees and consider a community event to mark the Jubilee.

14. To confirm the siting of the 50 saplings from the GCC to replace trees lost due to ash dieback, and arrange planting.

15. To consider signing the Gloucestershire Armed Forces Covenant.

16. To note correspondence.

Notice: The next meeting of Eastington Parish Council is Thursday 14 April 2022. 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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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2022 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1 **Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Coombs, Robinson, Devcich, Holcombe, District Cllrs Jones. **Apologies** noted from Cllrs Bomberg, Corrie, Loveridge, Farnden, Cozens, District Cllr Davies. **Absent** Cllr Housden. **Also present** Clerk Marianne Simpson and 7 members of the public.
- 2 **Approval of the minutes of the meeting** held on 13th January 2022 were proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Devcich and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 3 **Review outstanding actions from previous meeting:** Cllr Bullock said any outstanding actions will be covered during the relevant agenda item.
- 4 **Changes to the order of business:** None
- 5 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** Cllr Bomberg declared an interest in planning applications S.22/0009/HHOLD and S.21/3014/FUL.
- 6 **Chairman's announcements** None
- 7 **The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to address the council.**

Two representatives of the Eastington Community Land Trust (ECLT) were in attendance to answer any questions regarding planning application S.21/3014/FUL. The site proposed is for 31 affordable homes is to address a recognised housing need following a housing needs survey. It will be built in partnership with a housing association.

There were 3 members of the public who wanted to know if the Bath Road speed survey will include a vehicle count. The Clerk reported that the survey strips will be down for 1 week and will include an HGV count and the data will be added to the parish council website. They also asked when the work to cut back the hedges and widen the footpath will be carried out. The Clerk said it will be early in the next financial year, April onwards, as Highways will be providing funding from next year's budget. It will be a one-off project and there is no commitment for it to be an on-going project. One resident knew someone who would cut it back free of charge. Will need to check with highways whether that is allowed. There was concern that when the Ecotricity Eco park site is built, there will be additional traffic through the village, so there is a need to continue the pressure on highways.

A member from the Bath Road farm shop was interested in setting up a milk vending machine. Residents could get milk after the shop has shut. The milk is locally produced, low food miles. It would be an outlet for local producers and a useful asset for the community. It could be located either on the farm drive or in the centre of the village where it would be accessible to more people. Cllr Bullock requested a grant application is made to the solar fund, to be considered at the March meeting.

Report from the County Councillor

None.

Report from the District Councillors

District Cllr Jones reported that the SDC Budget will be confirmed at the full Council meeting later this month. SDC's share of the Council Tax rate is expected to be set at a rise of 2.2%, an increase of £10/year for a Band D (average) household. If this part of the budget is passed, an average Band D household in Eastington will pay a total of £2036.01 for next year, made up of County Council £1451.36, SDC £222.52, PCC £280.08 and EPC £82.05. This includes increase resources for the Planning Department, particularly planning enforcement which is currently understaffed. Car park charges will also increase by 12.5% for the first hour. It will be opposed, on the basis that the district is largely rural, with poor public transport links to Stroud from outlying parts, therefore car use is essential, and hiking parking charges will not encourage people into the town. Some SDC staff are still working from home; there is to be a phased return to Ebley Mill. Ebley Mill is now heated by a water source heat pump from the River Frome and there are no gas boilers now. The bid to build a Fusion plant at the Oldbury and Berkeley Nuclear Power sites has gone through to the second round of bidding. If successful, it is likely to generate billions of pounds to the economy of this area, as well as provide around 31,000 extra jobs. The boundary changes are currently going through a second consultation which runs until 4th April. The proposed changes include changes to the Stroud District.

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7. Planning

7.1 Council considered planning applications:

Application No.	Address	Details	Comments
S.22/0009/HHOLD	Cress Green Cattery Cress Green Eastington Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 3BG	Erection of single storey side extension, changes to ground and first floor, installation of two windows, three dormers and rendering of utility, boot room and gable wall	Eastington Parish Council defer to the Biodiversity Team and request that further information is provided following a bat survey.
S.21/3014/FUL	Land At Alkerton Eastington Gloucestershire	The construction of 31 No. new affordable homes composed of one bed bungalows & maisonettes and two & three bed houses, all with associated access, parking, amenity and landscaping	Support the application. The council noted the recommendation from Highways and are confident that the issues raised are easily resolved.

S.21/3014/FUL The councillors viewed plans provided by the ECLT. Tom Low answered concerns raised by the Highways consultee response. Council considered the application and unanimously support the application and were confident the transport issues raised by Highways will be resolved.

7.2 Report on the Ecotricity Eco Park Proposal meeting on Tuesday 8th February.

Cllrs Bullock, Devcich, Holcombe and the Clerk had attended a remote meeting with Ecotricity and their planning and landscaping consultants. There was some concern regarding buses exiting onto Grove Lane, the number of warehousing and business units and the heights of the buildings. The stadium has a 5000-seat capacity which can be extended. There is already industrial land in Great Oldbury. Cllr Devcich asked about bridleway provision and will follow-up on this.

7.3 Planning decisions made by Stroud District Council:

S.21/1050/REM Site For Sports Pitches North Of Parcels H10 And H11, Great Oldbury Drive, Great Oldbury - 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). Approved.

S.21/2813/OUT Construction of new dwelling and annexe - Land At Copperstones Claypits. Withdrawn

S.21/2820/ADV Erection of externally illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. - Old Badger Inn Alkerton Road Eastington. Application Approved

S.21/1846/HHOLD Erection of single storey rear extension 2 Alkerton Grange Cottages, Alkerton, Application Approved

7.4 Update on outstanding planning enforcement issues.

The Clerk had reported some residents' concerns that the Great Oldbury phase 1 sports pitches had been approved but the area of land was still being used as a compound by developers. The residents living opposite the compound had asked that the compound is now moved away from the housing. The SDC planning officer looking into this, shared the concern of the Parish Council that the trigger for the delivery of the pitches is very close and has raised this with Robert Hitchins who are responsible for this part of the development (as well as other infrastructure). Robert Hitchins reported that the activity on the site is primarily related to the delivery of earth for the creation of the pitches and as such work on the provision of them has begun. Robert Hitchins have advised officers that the existing compound will be wound down and that a new compound location will be provided due East of the area designated for the Sports Pitches and further away from occupied dwellings.

8. Groups / Reports

8.1 Council received an update from the Getting Around Group

Cllr Holcombe noted that the footpath between Cress Green and Millend had been re-surfaced. It has improved access for disabled users, but it is much wider than the original footpath. Residents had reported that there have been problems with vehicles attempting to drive through to Millend and getting stuck at the bollards at the end. Cllr Housden had been contacted about this and has arranged for 2 posts to be added at the Cress Green end. This will be done in April when the new highways budget is available.

8.2 Update on traffic calming. The speed surveys were installed along Bath Road and The Claypits on Tuesday 8th February. The speed strips will be in place for a week.

8.3 Provision of benches in the village. No update on this. Cllr Holcombe suggested a bench is placed by the cattery track, but it was unclear if there is room as the track is used by horse riders.

8.4 Update on the Churchyard & Burial Ground. Clerk reported 2 quotes have been obtained to upgrade the burial path from the entrance gate to the Springhill Road; a third quote is needed.

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- 8.5 Cllr Robinson reported from the Great Oldbury Group. Residents of GO have had problems with the buses. The GCC has put up timetables in the bus stops around the estate, but the bus company is still only stopping at the main bus turnaround stop outside the Shell garage, so people have been waiting at the other stops and no bus has arrived. Jon Harris of the Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership who helps improve accessibility to public transport is helping to get the bus routes and timetables sorted out. Safety around the attenuation ponds is a problem as the developers have not put in any safety equipment and children are playing in the area. Action: Clerk to write a letter to Andrew Griffiths to get the area fenced off and safety equipment installed.
- They are still looking for land for allotments, and there is some disputed land which may belong to the farmer or the nursing home. The Nursing Home will look favourably at it becoming allotments, so ownership will need to be checked. Forest Green football stadium is a concern regarding traffic. The new cheese factory on Oldends Lane is also a concern as it is much bigger than anyone expected, but it is in Stonehouse. There is also concern about the lack of parking at the school. Jon Harris from the Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership deals with transport links for new builds and they have produced maps encouraging green transport and they have small amounts of money to fund for example, meetings and community noticeboards.
- 8.6 Cllr Bullock gave an update from the Great Oldbury Community Hall Group. This is on-going.
- 8.7 The Clerk has arranged for an electrician to install an external connection outside the Travelodge to power the defibrillator cabinet. The defibrillator has been received, but the delivery of the cabinet has been delayed.
- 8.8 Update on the Great Oldbury Sports Pitches was covered under item 7.4.
- 8.9 The Clerk reported the boundary agreement at Snakey Park is on-going.

9. Finance / Procedures

- 9.1 Council approved the January bank reconciliation and budget vs spend.
- 9.2 Council approved the payment of expenses for January 2022.
- 9.3 Council approved the staff timesheets for January 2022 (confidential and not for circulation).
- 9.4 Consideration of quotes for the burial ground path re-surfacing was deferred to the next meeting as a third quote is needed.
- 9.5 Council approved the purchase of 2 steel plaque with stakes for the jubilee oak trees at a cost of £144.99 each.
- 9.6 Council approved 2x 'Dogs must be kept on a lead' sign for the burial ground at a cost of £19 each.
- 9.7 Council approved the quote of £150-£200 for the Great Oldbury defibrillator external electrical connection.
- 9.8 Council ratified the payments made between meetings:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
16/01/22	Salaries & Expenses	Salaries & Expenses December 2021	£1480.36	£0	£1480.36	Admin
31/1/22	Glos Govt services	Payment for 6 speed survey strips – 3 each Bath Rd and The Claypits	£840.00		£840.00	Highways
20/1/22	London Hearts	GO Defibrillator & External heated unlocked cabinet	£1211.00		£1211.00	Defib

- 9.9 Council approved the accounts for payment:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
17/02/22	HMRC	PAYE & NI January 2022	£448.56	£0	£448.56	Admin
31/1/22	Smith's	Burial ground bin	£10.01	£2	£12.01	Burial ground
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS UPDATE						
22/1/22	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Licenses x10 cllrs x2 staff	£56.80	£11.36	£68.16	Admin
01/02/22	Grapevine Telecom	Office mobile January 2022	£39.99	£7.99	£47.98	Admin
05/02/22	NEST	Clerk's pension January 2022	£96.63	£0	£96.63	Pensions
06/02/22	easyspace	Neighbourhood Plan domain and hosting annual renewal	£23.44	£4.69	£28.13	Website

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9.10 Payments received: None

10. Resources

Council unanimously agreed to recruit a new Planning Clerk. Action Cllr Bullock to ask GAPTC for advice on recruiting a part-time planner.

There is money in the budget for a planning consultant so they will be appointed when required.

11. Council noted UKAEA public engagement sessions and Severn Edge STEP nomination of Oldbury and Berkeley as a site for a new nuclear power station and technology park.
12. Council has received 2 oak trees from the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 2-4 June. Council agreed to plant 1 oak tree on Alkerton Green and 1 in Great Oldbury, if a suitable location can be found.
13. Council has received 50 saplings from the GCC project to replace trees lost due to ash dieback. Council considered where the trees will be planted. It was agreed to plant them on the Green at Cotswold Avenue, at the OHMG by the allotments and possibly near the new ECLT site or at the Great Oldbury School. Councillors to consider other locations.
14. Council noted correspondence received.

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Meeting closed at 20:35

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PCCs are required to arrange a Quinquennial Inspection Report on their Parish Church and curtilage which has to be undertaken by an architect or surveyor who is on the Diocese of Gloucester's list of approved consultants. The completed report sent separately.

The area of most concern to the PCC is the church roof and they now face the challenge of raising finance to meet the considerable cost of this work.

The report also refers to matters in the churchyard, which the Parish Council need to be concerned about and which will need attention and further investigation within the next 12 months and thereafter. Sections, including 3.4.1; 3.5.4; 3.5.10; 3.5.11;3.6.2; 3.6.3; 3.6.4; 3.8.3 (part) and 4.8 refer.

BANK BALANCES 28 Feb 2022	
Lloyds Bank – Treasurer's Account (current)	£143,043.78
Lloyds Bank – Business Instant Access Account	£76,437.83
Barclays Bank - Solar Farm Grant Fund	£7,147.59
TOTAL MONIES IN BANK	£226,629.20
LESS OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS	£0.00
BALANCE AT 28/02/22	£226,629.20
Opening Balance at 01/04/21	£182,130.87
Receipts year to date	£109,051.33
Sub-total	£291,182.20
Expenditure year to date	£64,553.00
BALANCE AT 28/02/22	£226,629.20

inc £10,000 solar fund
spend 2020-21

Signed Clerk Date 04/03/2022
Name Marianne Simpson

Signed Chairman D 04/03/2022
Name Cllr Muriel Bullock

BUDGET compared to SPEND year ending 31 MARCH 2022

Expenditure	Budget 2021-22	Exp to 28/02/22	Balance	
Parish administration	29,400.00	21,988.00	7,412.00	
Planning Advice	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
Parish plan/ Neighbourhood plan	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Insurance	1,000.00	864.37	135.63	
Hall hire	400.00	115.50	284.50	
Ground Maintenance Contracts	10,600.00	9,045.00	1,555.00	
Loan Repayments - OHMG, Alkerton	5,525.00	5,522.96	2.04	
Severn Trent Water	60.00	42.25	17.75	
Audit & Legal Fees	700.00	595.00	105.00	solicitor fees OHMG bot
Grants & Donations	500.00	415.00	85.00	
Subscriptions	1,000.00	260.00	740.00	
Training	650.00	127.00	523.00	
Repair projects (historic monuments)	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	The Cross
Churchyard & Burial Ground Repairs & Remedial Work	1,000.00	290.00	710.00	
Professional Representation Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Getting Around including Highways & PROW	4,000.00	1,625.00	2,375.00	
Phone box power / AED Management	1,200.00	614.00	586.00	
Contingency	500.00	13.33	486.67	
Tree surveys & maintenance	750.00	385.00	365.00	
Play ground inspection & maintenance	2,000.00	3,251.00	-1,251.00	50% cctv paid by OHMG
Solar Fund Grants	6,000.00	10,000.00	-4,000.00	solar fund 2020-21 paid :
Burial Ground Pathway Project & Memorial Garden	10,000.00	2,015.00	7,985.00	
Fireproof filing cabinet / IT equip for GDPR	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Office equipment / phone (inc MS email)	2,500.00	1,329.00	1,171.00	
Ecology Projects	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Election expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Earmarked reserves expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	
zoom meetings	150.00	0.00	150.00	reduced hall hire
defibs	4,000.00	1,211.00	2,789.00	
bins Great Oldury	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	SDC agreed to pay
bus shelter near Fullers Close	3,000.00	1,538.00	1,462.00	50% GCC grant
snakey park lane potholes	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	103,435.00	61,246.41	42,188.59	

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Dear EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL C/O,

As we move in to 2022 with hopefully the worst of the pandemic firmly behind us, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our services during what has been undoubtedly challenging times. We will continue to support customers where possible but we are hopeful that 2022 will return us to some normality.

Despite there being a national driver shortage, we have continued to offer consistent services to our customers and our collection success rates were at an incredible 98% in 2021. It has been important to us to keep our employees and customers safe during the pandemic and I thank you for your assistance with this.

Over the past twelve months, we have continued to divert waste from landfill from our waste collections. This has produced enough energy to once again power over 5000 UK households.

Being a family run business we firmly believe that people are behind the top level customer service that we offer, which is why we have invested heavily on employee training in 2021. We have also added a further three collection vehicles to our fleet to increase our round capabilities and updated a further six vehicles to the most fuel efficient on the market.

As in previous years we are contending with rising disposal and labour costs. In addition to this the recent changes to the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act (1979) has meant that the cost of running our site plant and machinery has significantly increased. With these factors in mind please find a list of increases that will be implemented to your service(s) from 1st April 2022 below.

General Waste

1100 litre + £1.25 / lift

660 litre + £1.06 / lift

360 litre + £0.73 / lift

240 litre + £0.70 / lift

Sacks + £0.18 / sack

Mixed Recycling

1100 litre + £0.85 / lift

660 litre + £0.70 / lift

360 litre + £0.58 / lift

240 litre + £0.54 / lift

Sacks + £0.15 / sack

Cardboard

All bins + £0.50 / lift

Glass Waste

All bins + £0.50 / lift

Food Waste

All bins + £0.50 / lift

Green Waste

1100 litre + £2.50 / lift

660 litre + £2.00 / lift

360 litre + £1.50 / lift
240 litre + £1.50 / lift

Annual Duty of Care

+ £5.00 / annum

REL Skips

General Waste all sizes + £0.75 per yard

Recycling all sizes + £0.75 per yard

Clinical & Offensive Waste

1100 litre + £5.00 / lift

660 litre + £4.00 / lift

360 litre + £3.00 / lift

240 litre + £2.50 / lift

Sharps containers + £2.50 / unit

Sanitary Bins @ + £1.00 / unit

WEEE

All bins + £10.00 / lift

Consignment Notes Charge @ £60.00 per visit

Additional Tonnage Rates (if applicable)

General Waste + £0.02 per kg

Mixed Recycling + £0.02 per kg

(ALL PRICES ARE EXCLUSIVE OF VAT)

I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank you for your continued custom and in the event that you wish to review your waste management plan, then please look to discuss this with your Account Manager via email or by contacting the office on 01453 822227, selecting opt. 2.

I am also pleased to announce that due to increasing demand we have chosen to offer each of our customers an annual free wheelie bin wash, which will be circulating periodically over the coming twelve months. Wishing you well from us all at Smiths Waste Management.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Broomfield

Divisional Commercial Manager – Skip Hire Division

Dear Sir or Madam

As Armed Forces Champion for the County Council, on 8th December 2021 I proposed a motion that on the 10-year anniversary of the original signing of the Gloucestershire Armed Forces Covenant, all original signatories, or their replacement bodies, re-sign the Covenant to reaffirm our continued commitment to honouring the Armed Forces Community. The motion was agreed unanimously.

The Covenant is a promise from Government and those who sign up to it to ensure that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated with fairness and respect, and do not face disadvantage as a result of their service. The aims of the Covenant are to:

-) Encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces community in their areas.
-) Encourage the Armed Forces community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects or other forms of engagement.
-) Promote understanding and awareness among the public of issues affecting the Armed Forces community.
-) Recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces community.
-) Encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces community into local life.

The Community Covenant also presents an opportunity to bring together knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces community to make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available to them. It is intended as a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

Gloucestershire County Council signed the Covenant in 2011, along with its partners including District councils, local NHS representatives, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue, and many others (the Armed Forces Community Covenant can be viewed [here](#)). A number of Gloucestershire's Town and Parish Councils signed the Covenant a few years later. This time we hope that more of our partners will join us in showing our commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community, particularly Gloucestershire's parish and town councils.

We are inviting you or a representative from your council to join us in signing the Covenant in a virtual event to be held on the **16th March at 2-4pm**. I would be grateful if you could confirm attendance. A calendar invitation and more details on the event will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely

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