

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2023 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1. Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance: Cllrs Bullock, Spencer-Phillips, Pitcher, Devcich, and District Cllr Davies. **Apologies** Cllrs Coombs, Maisey, Linforth, Farnden and County Councillor Jones. **sent** County Cllr Housden. Councillors Spencer, Cozens and Ward were absent. **Also present:** Locum Clerk Julie Flenley and 3 members of the public.
- 2. Declarations of interest or dispensations in items on the agenda:** Cllr Pitcher noted an interest in Nastend Grange at item 6.1.
- 3. Chair's announcements:** Cllr Bullock noted for information that a letter had been received from the owner of The Manse which was to be deliberated at item 6.1 asking for the parish council to support his application. She further noted that Froster Parish Council has spoken out against the solar farm. Cllr Bullock noted that she would get in touch with the solar farm developers with regards to the fund which was being paid out to 3 local councils affected by the proposals – once the fund had been distributed, no further funding would be available. A planning application was due; Cllr Bullock noted that Coley would not engage.
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7pm** were proposed by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Pitcher and Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes.
- 5. To consider changes to the order of business** None required.

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

A resident of Bath Road asked if the parish council had been involved in the Community Fund for a speed camera on Bath Road. The camera had been a joint venture between Gloucester County Council Highways and Gloucester Police and funding had already been approved. Cllr Bullock confirmed that the parish council had not been involved with the scheme. Requested that the Clerk contact the resident who had been involved in the scheme to request the triage form which requires completion to allow the scheme to move forward. Clerk was also to confirm whether the camera would be fixed or moving. Clerk to report back on progress.

A resident also asked whether there was a possibility for the parish council to write to a resident who had parked their van on a layby on Bath Road which was preventing the Police's Traffic Team from setting up a roadside speed control. The resident expressed concern that the police could not access the layby as the van was blocking it. Cllr Bullock confirmed that this was not the remit of the parish council.

Report from the County Councillor

None.

Report from the District Councillors

District Cllr Stephen Davis noted that Stroud District Council has requested a pause for 6 months on their Local Plan, to consider the comments from the Planning Inspector. The Inspector made comments on the Plan with comments on emphasis on Junctions 12 and 14 of the M5. This pause and the Inspector's comments could be problematic for the local villages in the future, particularly with respect to Junction 13 of the M5 which may need to be redesigned should the proposed 5th site go ahead which would take the junction over safe traffic limits. Cllr Davis noted that there was a possibility that SDC may need to start the Plan again, and that should the redesign of J13 prove necessary, that funding from Gloucester Highways and the National Highways Agency would be hard to achieve with the cost being between £100m and £150m.

Cllr Davis also noted that the stadium application at J13 had posted a reduction on car parking places which would have a negative impact on great Oldbury with the possibility of stadium visitors parking there.

6. Planning

6.1 To consider Planning Applications:

Application No.	Address	Details	Councillors Comments
S.23/1372/HHOLD	Fox Run, Bath Road, Eastington	Erection of a rear single storey extension and canopy	Already determined - Permitted
S.23/1398/HHOLD	Copperstones, Claypits, Eastington	Erection of a detached annexe. Resubmission of S.23/0974/HHOLD	Already determined - Refused

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S.23/1413/HHOLD	91 Thomas Tudor Way, Great Oldbury	Installation of air conditioner units. (Retrospective).	Object – complaints from neighbours, unsightly building, overlooks other houses, drainage issues due to roof angle and no downpipes.
S.23/1509/HHOLD	Northend House, Nupend	Erection of a first floor extension.	Support
S.23/1534/LBC	Alkerton Farm, Bath Road, Eastington	Conversion of outbuilding to residential annexe and erection of a single storey extension. Erection of a carport and change of use of land to residential	No comments
S.23/1454/DISCON	Nastend Grange, Nastend Lane, Nastend	Discharge of condition 4 (CEMP) from permitted application S.23/1020/FUL	No comments
S.23/1484/REM	Land At M5 Junction 13 West Of Stonehouse	Application for the approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, external appearance of the stadium and the landscaping of the site) from Outline permission S.19/1418/OUT for 5000-capacity football stadium	Noted that Gloucestershire Highways and National Highways Agency required further information. Several trees were not permitted. Clerk to note previous comments and request further information.
S.23/1533/FULL	Alkerton Farm, Bath Road, Eastington	Conversion of outbuilding to residential annexe and erection of a single storey extension. Erection of a carport and change of use of land to residential.	No comments
S.23/1564/DISCON	Site Of Former Shell Oldbury Chipmans Platt, Stonehouse	Discharge of condition 3 (parts iv & v - contaminated land) from the application S.22/1305/FUL	Support
S.23/1688/HHOLD	The Manse, Alkerton, Eastington	Erection of a garage with home office and driveway extension. Resubmission of S.22/0321/HHOLD.	Object – scale and massing of garage in relation to the house
S.23/1656/DISCON	Phase 1, Land West of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse	Part discharge (Parcels H13 _ H14B only) of conditions 37 (Construction Method Statement) and 38 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) from S.14/0810/OUT (A mixed use development comprising up to 1,350 dwellings and 9.3 hectares of employment land for use classes B1, B2 and B8; a mixed use local centre comprising use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, D1, D2 and B1; primary school, open space and landscaping, parking and supporting infrastructure and utilities; and the creation of new vehicular accesses from Grove Lane, Oldends Lane and Brunel Way)	Object – working hours are too long. Request that the original working hours are kept to avoid disruption to residents.
S.23/1667/MINAM	Phase 1, Land West of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse	Non material amendment to the application S.17/0095/REM - to remove the car ports from plots 9, 10, 11 & 12 and to replace them with parking spaces	Already determined - refused
S.19/0291/FUL	Stroudwater Canal Phase 1B Eastington Gloucestershire	The 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	Noted that the decision had been delayed. EPC support the canal development in principle, but feel that the house, café/pub and leisure facilities should be considered under separate

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			applications.
S.23/1687/FUL	Land At 5 Middlecroft Eastington	Erection of a dwelling.	Support
S.23/1726/HHOLD	91 Thomas Tudor Way Great Oldbury Stonehouse	Installation of air conditioner units. (Retrospective).	Object – complaints from neighbours, unsightly building, overlooks other houses, drainage issues due to roof angle and no downpipes.
S.23/1733/TCA	Communication Station (Orange GLO0106) Eastington Trading Estate Churchend Eastington	Removal of 12 trees: 1 - 8 Crack Willow; 9 - Field Maple; 10 - 11 - Alder; 12 - Field Maple.	EPC requests that the 12 trees are replaced to ensure that there is no biodiversity net loss and request that these trees are maintained until established.
S.23/1752/P3G	Hair And Beauty House Alkerton Eastington Stonehouse	Change of use from business (Class E) to dwelling house (Class C3)	Support

6.2 To note Planning Decisions made by Stroud District Council

Application No.	Address	Details	SDC Decision
S.23/1261/HHOLD	85 Duxbury Close, Eastington	Loft conversion with erection of dormer extension.	Application Withdrawn
S.23/1189/HHOLD	24 Alkerton Road, Eastington	Front porch extension and rear single storey extension	Granted
S.23/1398/HHOLD	Copperstones, Claypits, Eastington	Erection of a detached annexe. Resubmission of S.23/0974/HHOLD.	Refused
s.23/1141/HHOLD	Hill View, Bath Road, Eastington	rection of a single storey side extension	Permitted
S23/1372/HHOLD	Fox Hill, Bath Road, Eastington	Erection of a rear single storey extension and canopy	Permitted

6.3 Update on the Stroud District Council Local Plan Review Examination. Noted in the District Councillors report above.

7. **Groups / Reports**

7.1 To Receive a report from the Getting Around Group.

Cllr Devcich noted that the Eastington House Show folded last year and that remaining funds had been divided between several causes in the area. £835.97 will be held by Stephanie Devcich for equestrian PROW maintenance, such as easy opening/closing gate latches within the surrounding Parishes.

. Cllr Spencer-Phillips noted that the kissing gate at Nupend had been repaired. Cllr Pitcher noted that the roundabout was unsightly and required works to improve it. Cllr Bullock requested that Cllr Pitcher seek quotes and return to a future meeting.

7.2 To Receive a report from the Churchyard & Burial Ground Group.

Cllr Spencer-Phillips noted that a stump had been removed in the graveyard. Bins had been emptied and dead flowers had been dumped. Cllr Bullock noted that at the end of the month, the flowers needed to be sorted out in the Conservation Area. Cllr Bullock to speak to the contractor and report back.

7.3 To update on the bench at Spring Hill.

Cllr Bullock confirmed that the Locum Clerk had received a complaint about the bench at the top of Spring Hill from a resident and that the Locum had been in touch with Gloucestershire County Council Highways department on the removal of the bench. The Locum Clerk had requested that the Highways team confirm the number of complaints received and would report back when she had a response on both the Spring Hill bench and the Co-Op benches.

7.3 To consider the issues of parishioners living adjacent to the canal.

Noted that Cllr Maisey had written a letter – no further updates.

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7.4 To receive a report from the Great Oldbury Group.

The council noted that an email had gone out from Cllr Ward. There had been a number of planning applications in the area, which the parish council had objected to. The council further noted that there had been issues surrounding car parking and speeding in the vicinity of Great Oldbury. It was also felt that the management of commercial lands in the development were unsatisfactory, and that there was a sway towards profit over community in the commercial development of Great Oldbury. Councillors discussed the issue of grit bins but it was felt that it could be taken over by the new parish council next year after the Community Governance Review.

8 Finance / Procedures

8.1 Council approved the August bank reconciliation and budget vs spend. Agreed unanimously.

8.2 To receive the Locum timesheets for August 2023 (confidential and not for circulation). Agreed unanimously.

8.3 To consider completion of burial grounds path. Councillors unanimously agreed that Cllrs Maisey and Spencer would have a discussion with the contractor to request that the unfinished path be completed and report back on progress to a future meeting.

8.4 To consider a defibrillator in OHMG after comments from service provider. Councillors agreed to move item to a future agenda.

8.5 Council ratified the payments made between meetings, detailed beneath:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
28/08/2023	Staffing Costs & Expenses	Salaries & Expenses July & August 2023	£1376.56	£0	£1376.56	Admin
07/08/2023	Alice Loveridge	Grasscutting – July 2023	£1185.00	£0	£1185.00	Grounds Maintenance

Councillors agreed to the above payments unanimously.

8.6 To approve the accounts/invoices for payment:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
25/04/2023	Community Heartbeat	Annual subscription	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00	Subs
01/08/2023	Town & Parish Council Websites	Annual website hosting	£230.00	£0	£230.00	Subs
30/7/2023	Gloucester Association of Parish Councils	Internal audit services	£275.00		£275.00	Subs
06/08/2023	Eastington Village Hall	Hall hire on 13/7	£16.00	£0	£16.00	Admin
08/08/2023	Easy Window Cleaning	Bus shelter cleaning	£62.49	£12.51	£75.00	Grounds maintenance
03/09/2023	A Loveridge	Grass maintenance & weedkiller in August	£1215.00		£1215.00	Grounds maintenance
01/09/2023	Muriel Bullock	Postage Expenses – refund	£6.85	£0	£6.85	Office
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS UPDATE						
21/07/2023	Microsoft 365	Microsoft 365 License – July 2023	£56.20	£11.24	£67.44	Admin
21/08/2023	Microsoft 365	Microsoft 365 Licenses - August 2023	£54.40	£10.88	£65.28	Admin
16/08/2023	Grapevine Telecom	Office mobile	£39.99	£7.99	£47.98	Admin
14/07/23	NEST	Staff Pension Contributions	£143.61	0	£143.61	Pensions

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		July 2023				
14/07/23	NEST	Staff Pension Contributons August 2023	£136.32	0	£136.32	Pensions

Councillors agreed the above payment of invoices unanimously.

9.11 To Note payments received: Memorial Fee - £50, Plot B90. Councillors noted for the record.

10. To note correspondence. Council noted correspondence previously circulated.

11. To note the next meeting date: 12th October 2023

Notice: 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, one week before the meeting. Next meeting is Thursday 14th September.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

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