

EASTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Eastington Village Hall

- 1. Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance: Cllrs Bullock, Pitcher, Devcich, Cozens, Linforth, Spencer, Ward and District Cllr Davies. **Apologies sent:** Cllrs Coombs, Maisey, Spencer-Philips, Farnden and County Councillor Jones. **Also present:** Locum Clerk Julie Flenley and 6 members of the public.
- 2. Declarations of interest or dispensations in items on the agenda:** Cllr Linforth declared an interest in item 6.1. Clerk noted for the record.
- 3. Chair's announcements:** Cllr Bullock noted for information that the Clerk required notice of attendance at meetings in order to prevent unnecessary travel to meetings.
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7pm** were proposed by Cllr Pitcher, seconded by Cllr Devcich 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 noted that the grass on the High Path by the School was overgrown and required a cutback and asked about progress on tidying up the Memorial roundabout. Cllr Bullock noted the comments and that discussion on the second item was on the agenda for discussion for the October meeting. A further resident asked about progress on the triage form for a speed camera on Bath Road. The Clerk noted that she had been in touch with Gloucestershire Police to obtain the form and complete it on behalf of EPC.

Another resident noted that his application for planning permission was heard at the September meeting and requested that the Council reconsider their objection to the application (based on a number of further representations at this meeting) and resubmit further comments to Stroud District Council. Cllr Bullock noted that comments had already been submitted to SDC, and that we could not change them at this point; the case officer would consider the application on it's merits and material planning considerations. District Cllr John Jones reported that he was minded to bring planning application S.23/1688/HHOLD to Committee via call in and legal advice may be needed. There may be a possible bounce back from SDC Committee which may require further comments.

Cllr Ward left the meeting at 19.19.

A resident noted their planning application for Copperstones which was to be heard by EPC. Noted that this was the third application and that extra accommodation was required due to a change in family circumstances. The property now had a glass corridor between the buildings, which was on the advice of SDC planners. Cllr Bullock noted that it was the decision of the council in relation to the application.

Cllr Ward rejoined the meeting at 19.21.

Report from the County Councillor

None.

Report from the District Councillors

District Cllr John Jones reported that there was no movement in the Local Plan (Stroud District Council has requested a pause for 6 months on their Local Plan, to consider the comments from the Planning Inspector). Junctions 12 and 14 of the M5 are the major stumbling blocks due to traffic volumes on vehicles utilising the junctions.

Cllr Jones further noted that Tricorn House in Cainscross had progressed after 20 years of nothing happening. A number of flats had been put in, and that there were a number of open market houses. Enforcement Officers had been involved to move it along and new planning applications had been received for the site.

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6. Planning

6.1 To consider Planning Applications:

Application No.	Address	Details	Councillors Comments
S.23/1793/FUL	Land At Middle Hall Farm Middle Street Eastington Gloucestershire	Retention of a static mobile home for the purposes of an agricultural workers dwelling. (Retrospective).	No objection.
S.23/1831/HHOLD	Copperstones, Claypits, Eastington	Erection of a detached annexe. Resubmission of S.23/0974/HHOLD & S.23/1398/HHOLD	No objection.
S.23/1849HHOLD	61 Bath Road, Eastington	Erection of a two-storey side extension.	No objection.
S.23/1856/DISCON	Phase 1, Land West of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse	Discharge of condition 47 (travel plan) of outlined permission-S.14/0810/OUT	No comment.
S.23/1887/HHOLD	12 Great Oldbury Drive, Great Oldbury, Stonehouse,	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	No objection.
S.23/1941/TCA	2 Millend Row Millend Lane Eastington Stonehouse	T1 Ash - fell.	Council requests that a new, native tree is planted and maintained until established to achieve a biodiversity net gain.
S.23/1942/TCA	The Yellow House, Spring Hill, Eastington, Stonehouse	T1 Sycamore - fell.	Council requests that a new, native tree is planted and maintained until established to achieve a biodiversity net gain.
S.23/1911/VAR	Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse	Update planning layout approved under S.17/0095/REM to replace the car ports for plots 9,10,11 and 12 with parking spaces	No comments.

6.2 To note Planning Decisions made by Stroud District Council

Application No.	Address	Details	SDC Decision
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	Permitted
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	Refused
S.23/1545/DISCON	Nastend Grange, Nastend Lane, Nastend	Discharge of condition 4 (CEMP) from permitted application S.23/1020/FUL	Permission
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	Permission

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S23/1733/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.	Permitted
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Councillors noted the above for the record.

7. Groups / Reports

7.1 To Receive a report from the Getting Around Group.

Cllr Devcich noted that the bridleway adjacent to the sports pitches and park in Great Oldbury (Hitchens) was unfit for use. It was further noted that the fields were for recreation and not just football so should be able to be used by riders, around the outside to ensure that there is no disruption to ongoing games and walking/trotting only to avoid churning up the grounds. Cllr Bullock requested that Cllrs Devcich and Ward work together to contact local interested parties about perimeters/rules for using the open space to garner opinion and return to a future meeting with a proposal for Hitchens.

Cllr Bullock also noted that there was a meeting on 23rd October with Gloucestershire County Highways to discuss the complaint about the placement of the Spring Hill bench. A petition had been raised by residents to keep the bench in it's current location. Cllr Bullock to update at the November meeting.

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

Cllr Spencer-Phillips had informed the council over email that works needed to be carried out on a plot which had become overgrown. Clerk to check plot number and contact relatives. If no response, EPC to arrange clearance of the graves. The burial ground bins had been emptied and the council invoiced.

7.3 To update on the bench at Spring Hill.

Cllr Bullock confirmed that there was a scheduled meeting on 23rd October with GCC Highways. A significant number of Riverside residents were opposed to the bench being moved from it's current location which GCC Highways were aware of.

7.4 To update on solar farm application at Frocester

Cllr Bullock also noted that the Frocester Solar Farm application had been quiet – no application had been received yet.

7.5 To update on speed cameras on Bath Road

The Clerk noted that she had been in touch with Gloucestershire Police and requested a copy of the triage form for consideration and completion by EPC. Updates to follow.

7.6 To consider a quote received for tidying up the roundabout Bath Road/Alkerton Road

Cllr Pitcher noted that the quote received was for £700 to clear the Memorial Roundabout. An expression of interest had been received from the owner of the Kings Head in relation to funding a landscaper to complete the works on the proviso that a plaque would be erected to note the works. Cllr Spencer to check whether the contractor had the correct waste disposal licence for the works to deal with any arisings. Cllr Spencer to speak to the Kings Head owner to establish the situation and report back at the November meeting.

7.7 To receive a report from the Great Oldbury Group.

Cllr Ward noted that Great Oldbury Parish Council was going ahead. A number of events had been organised including a Christmas Extravaganza, to which all were welcome. Funds are being raised for a trim trail at the school. Cllr Ward also noted that Hitchens Road was being completed in stages. Cllr Devcich requested that Redrow remove the Herras fencing on the bridleway. Cllr Ward noted that there were no safety signs around the attenuation tank and a request would be made to have them installed. The sports pitch surface was also poor and should be addressed by the developer soon. Cllr Ward noted that the ground breaking for the community centre commences on the 16th Oct and a ceremony is planned shortly after and councillors will be invited.

8 Finance / Procedures

8.1 Council approved the September's bank reconciliation and budget vs spend. Agreed unanimously.

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

8.3 To consider completion of burial grounds path. Councillors noted that Cllrs Maisey and Spencer had not spoken to the contractor as yet, but an update would follow. The surface needs to be put right with estimated costs around £4,000. Councillors Maisey and Spencer to request that the rubbish is removed from the burial ground entrance as soon as possible.

8.4 To consider budgets for 2024/25 (budgets circulated). Councillors agreed to defer to November's full council meeting.

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

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
25/09//2023	Staffing Costs & Expenses	Staffing Costs	£1,382.96	£0	£1,382.96	Salary

Councillors agreed to the above payment unanimously.

8.6 To approve the accounts/invoices for payment:

Inv Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
04/10/2023	Alice Loveridge	Grass cutting, September 2023	£1185.00	£0	£1185.00	Grounds Maintenance
20/09/2023	SLCC	Locum Fees – August 2023	£2,931.00	£586.20	£3,517.20	Admin
08/09/2023	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fees 2022/23	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00	Audit/Legal Fees
18/09/2023	Community Heartbeat	Annual Support Costs x4 Defibs	£540.00	£108.00	£648.00	Defibs
25/05/2023	Iain Selkirk	Internal Audit Fees	£145.00	£0	£145.00	Audit/Legal Fees
12/09//2023	PATA	Payroll Fees July – Sept 2023	£32.85	£0	£32.82	PATA
30/09/2023	Smiths	Bin emptying	£12.42	£2.48	£14.90	Buriel Ground
DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS UPDATE						
22/09/2023	Microsoft 365	Microsoft 365 License – Sept 2023	£54.40	£10.88	£65.28	Admin
01/10/2023	Grapevine Telecom	Office mobile	£49.10	£8.18	£49.10	Admin

Councillors agreed the above payment of invoices unanimously. Cllr Devcich noted that the defibrillator at OHMG was displaying an error message and resolved to contact Community Heartbeat to ask why this was not picked up in its annual review of defibrillators in Eastington. Cllrs Devcich and Spender to check defibrillators to ensure they are all working.

9. To Note payments received: Second instalment precept - £48,540.00 Councillors noted for the record.

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

11. To note the next meeting date: 9th November 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 9th November 2023.

Meeting closed at 20:36 pm.

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