

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th AUGUST 2014

Present: Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Horsfall, Cllrs Arnold, Cllr Conway, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Worsley

In Attendance: Clerk

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
 - a. Register of Interests: No changes.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – All Cllrs see item 12 due to paying Council Tax/living in Parish.
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests – See item (b) above.
3. **Dispensations –**
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - b. **Dispensations requested** – All Cllrs requested a Dispensation for Defibrillator Machine, items 12. It was agreed all Cllrs could vote and speak on these items until May 2015.
4. **Public Question Time** – no members of the public present.
5. **Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 26th August 2014 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Apologies received.
County Cllrs report – Apologies received, written report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress Reports for information:**
 - a. **Broadband** – Service working well, no concerns received from Eastham residents.
8. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

CALC – Financial Training Day 19th June, Cilca Training 25th June, Networking/Effective Meetings 2nd July, 15th July Insurance/Risk Training, 23rd July Area Meeting, Clerk attended all meetings. Neighbourhood Planning 8th July, no one was available to attend this meeting.
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made** – LM June/July = £374.40, Information Commissioner (Data Protection) = £35.00, Mrs S Burrows (printer ink) = £47.48, British Heart Foundation (Defib Machine) = £400.00.
 - b. **Payments received –**

Current Account - LM January/February 2014 = £312.00, NALC Clerks training grant = £100.00, VAT Refund = £632.09, LM April 2014 = £156.00, MHDC Clerks training grant = £100.00, LM May 2014 = £156.00, **Investment Account** - Interest May/June/July 2014 = 51p.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** - Current Account – May/June/July 2014 signed, balance agreed as £10809.88, Investment Account – May/June/July signed, balance agreed as £2015.05.
 - d. **External Auditors Report for 2013-14 accounts** (circulated) - Clerk failed to fill in one box on Annual Return which was queried by Auditor, no other concerns. Details on noticeboards/website.
 - e. **To agree on signatories for Investment Account** - After discussion it was agreed to close this account. Balance to be transferred to Current Account with a view to moving in near future.
 - f. **To review signatories for Current Account** - It was agreed that Cllr Norman and Cllr Brookes be taken off the mandate due to them resigning from the Council. Cllr Inge, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Adams to remain as signatories.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 18 below**
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting – **None.**
 - c. Plans to comment on at this meeting – **None.**

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- d. Update on Enforcement Action - 12/01721/FUL – Oaktrees Caravan, Highwood –** Retention and resiting of mobile home (Retrospective) - MHDC have advised this matter is going to court on 4th September.
- 11. Road Report:**
- a. Lengthsman** – no issues raised.
- b. Any problems to report** – Jet patching in Rhyse Lane – complaint had been made to County Cllr on standard of work, see comments in his report. Various potholes for Clerk to report.
- c. Update on outstanding queries** –
- Water on road at Robins End (Rhyse Lane) – Environment Agency have issued a Court Order to householders involved in this matter.
 - Astley Orchard – repairs to road and pavement – Housing Association still to do some repairs.
- 12. Defibrillator Machine and Lifebox to house Defib** – Proposals as follows:-
- a.** To agree to purchase Defib through British Heart Foundation (BHF) at cost of £400.00 total.
- b.** To agree to purchase a Lifebox without a lock at cost of £572.20 plus VAT. (BHF grant is on condition the Lifebox does not have a lock).
- c.** To agree to purchase Defib Machine from supplier at estimated cost of £995.00 plus VAT.
- d.** To agree to purchase a Lifebox with lock at cost of £800.00 plus VAT.
- After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Arnold, seconded by Cllr Horsfall, that the Parish Council accept proposals detailed in item 12 (a) and (b). All were in agreement to this proposal. Clerk had been contacted by Eastham Welfare Trust offering to put money into this project if needed. It was agreed to send letter of thanks to Welfare Trust and to advise them the money was already in the Parish Council accounts so no further funding was required.
- 13. Financial Regulations (circulated)** – Draft document adopted. Clerk to review for next meeting.
- 14. Standing Orders (circulated)** – Draft document adopted. Clerk to review for next meeting.
- 15. Police Commissioners Survey 2014** – Cllr Worsley to complete by October.
- 16. Clerks annual review** – Chairman and Cllr Horsfall to undertake prior to November meeting.
- 17. Correspondence for information:**
Circulation with Clerk, list in minute's folder.
- 18. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** –
Payments made – 15th July 2014 – WCALC Cilca Training (23rd April) + Insurance/Risk Training (15th July) = £65.74, LM May 2014 = £187.20.
Plans – 14/00787/HOU – 2 Old School House, Highwood, Eastham – Conservatory to side of property. Details circulated by email. Comments to support application were made. A letter had been sent to Chief Executive of WCC regarding future funding for WCALC which is being withdrawn.
- 19. Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.**
- 20. Date of next meeting:** 25th NOVEMBER 2014
- 21. Meeting closed 8.40pm.**

Signed-----
Chairman

Date 25th November 2014

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT
26TH AUGUST 2014

1. Government Response to Strategic Economic Plan

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At the end of March the Worcestershire LEP submitted a Strategic Economic Plan (a SEP) to government as a competitive bid for part of a massive £2billion allocation to promote growth around the country. The WLEP projects amounted to some £280 million of projects from the Cyber Security centre in Malvern, to the Worcester Business Park and Agri-Tech support to all sorts of infrastructure developments including road improvements and the Worcester Parkway station at Norton.

The government announced the results of this fiercely competitive process to day and Worcestershire has gained £47 million, £13 million of that will be for the coming financial year. This will allow WCC to go ahead with its top priority items, including the Worcester Tech Park, Malvern Hills Science Park, The Southern Link Road, the Hoobrook Link road in Kidderminster and the Broadband extension to cover 95% of the county's residences by 2017. (see below)

Given that Worcestershire normally receives about 1% of such allocated funds, it is very encouraging to see that the Worcestershire LEP has gained about 2.5% on this occasion, due in no small part to the efforts of the County Council Economic Development department.

2. Public Realm in Tenbury

The first phase of the public realm work in Tenbury will now start in the second week in January next year and extend from outside Bowketts to Crow corner. The footways will be re-laid in sandstone and the carriageway repaired, with raised tables at the two ends of the section.

The second phase will take place when Tescos are carrying out their supermarket construction, as they are contributing towards the cost. As this may not be for a year or so, temporary repair work to Teme Street will take place in the next couple of weeks.

3. Care Act

In the light of the budget cuts, the County is concerned about the cost of implementing the Care Act, which seeks to combine aspects of the NHS and the Adult Social Care, administered by the County. It is admirable in intent, but very complicated and could leave us with an extra bill of around £13-15million.

4. Positive Activities for Young People

The current arrangements for funding activities for young people involve decisions by County councillors in each district. Under this scheme Cafe 27 in Tenbury received an adequate grant. Such grants were to finish at the end of this financial year, but that date has now been put back a year, to give more time for alternative funds to be found.

5. Worcestershire Councillors Divisional Fund

I would be grateful if you could spread the word about the fund, particularly to groups like the scouts and sports bodies, so that the most deserving should have the benefit of a small amount of financial support. My principle is to give relatively small sums to as many groups as possible, ideally involving a large number of beneficiaries and for projects that can be self-sustaining in the long term.

6. CALC

There is some concern about the fact that the County has decided to no longer support CALC financially. Should you share this concern, I would suggest making this known to the officers.

7. Road problems

Recently there has been extensive work on Rhyse Lane, with the potholes treated with jet patching. This is not as attractive as a full surface dressing, but the repairs are long-lived and cheaper than the full works. The loose aggregates will be cleared through the passage of traffic to leave a better surface. It is worth reporting any remaining surface breakup, between Highwood and the end of the lane through the on-line reporting system.

I am aware of the drainage problems from Robins End Cottage and its neighbour. I will endeavour to facilitate a satisfactory solution, with full sewage treatment close to the premises and a satisfactory outlet, probably to the public drains.

Cllr Ken Pollock
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Worcester