

# EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council  
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Matravets,  
Cllr Adams, Cllr Worsley

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr Ken Pollock, one Member of Public.

1. **Apologies:** Received and noted from Cllr Horsfall.
2. **Co-option of Cllr** – No applications received.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – All Cllrs reminded to keep their registers updated.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
4. **Dispensations** - To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –  
**Dispensations received** – None.
5. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
6. **County Cllr Report** – See report at end of minutes.  
**District Cllrs Reports** – Apologies received, see report at end of minutes.
7. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Defibrillator Training Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm to 9pm** – Twelve residents attended. Eastham Residents Association provided refreshment, further dates to be arranged.
9. **Reports on meeting attended by Clerk/Cllrs:** -  
Clerk attended – **MHDC Conference** – 21<sup>st</sup> October, **WCC Conference** – 17<sup>th</sup> October – brief report given details circulated on email
10. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Glasdon UK Ltd (gritbin Highwood) = £119.34, MTM Contracting Ltd (mowing contract 2019-20) = £1479.60, Mr I Mapp (LM September/October 2019) = £468.00, Tenbury Community Pool Ltd (donation see item 13) = £50.00.
  - b. **Payments received** – MHDC Precept = £4050.00, WCC LM June/July/August 2019 = £585.00.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – September/October 2019 signed, Balance in cash book agreed as £21381.79.
  - d. **Information Commissioners Office** - DD payment of £35.00 taken 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
  - e. **Budget 2020-2021** (circulated) – It was agreed to approve the budget. A provisional precept figure of £8300.00 was agreed for 2020-2021. The final precept figure to be agreed at January meeting or by email if meeting cancelled due to bad weather.
  - f. **Appointment of Internal Auditor** – It was agreed to appoint D M Payroll Services Ltd at a fee of £70.00.
11. **Planning:**
  - a. **Plans received since last meeting** – See item 16.
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –  
**19/00777/FUL** – Hanley Mill, Hanley William, Tenbury Wells WR15 8QT – 3 Timber lodges for use as holiday accommodation. **Approved by MHDC.**
  - c. **Plans for consideration at this meeting** – None.
  - d. **Outstanding issues** -  
**19/00190/FUL** – Oaktrees Caravan, Highwood WR15 8PB – Update on compliance with conditions of Planning Approval dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. MHDC are looking into the matter and will update PC in due course.
12. **Road Report:**
  - a. **Lengthsman** – continuing work to ensure drains/grips are clear.

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- b. **Problems to report – Astley Orchard slippery pavement** – Reported to WCC. Water on road by Eastham House – Cllr had worked on pipes in field below this site but the water is still pooling. Dryer weather needed to do further work.
- c. **Outstanding queries -**
- **New Road subsidence** – Work has been completed and it was agreed much improved; Clerk passed email of thanks from a resident to WCC. Some residents are concerned about their access to driveway having been altered, Clerk to take photos and report to WCC.
  - **Eastham Bridge damage/dead trees** – Damaged brickwork has fallen into river. WCC have been informed. Dead trees not yet replaced but new native trees are growing in the area.
  - **Orleton Road blocked drains** – WCC to jet.
  - **Orleton Road** – collapse of road verge opposite Nashfield – WCC are aware of the issue, no update given.
  - **Memorial Hall corner drain** – WCC have done work to improve the drains in this area.
  - **Astley Orchard pavement issues** – Pavement resurfaced by WCC.
  - **Highwood Gritbin** – Clerk had ordered bin and it was agreed to pay £119.34. Bin has been given to resident on Highwood who is placing it on his land. He will obtain grit from the PC bags held in the area. Clerk to write to resident confirming the above siting of bin and use of the grit for highway only.
13. **Tenbury Swimming Pool** – It was agreed by all to donate £50.00 for 2019 as a thank you for the talk given at Parish Meeting in May 2019.
14. **Eastham Memorial Hall (Charity 1177355) –**
- a. **Consent to Carry out Works** – It was agreed by all to extend the date of starting work from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as per Clause 2.2 of License for Alterations dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Clerk will draft a letter to be sent to Trustees to be held with original Licence.
- b. **Minor Alterations to Planning Consent 17/01214/FUL** – Clerk had informed Trustees the PC could not look at any alterations to plans until MHDC have considered them. When the matter has been agreed with MHDC the PC will be able to discuss the matter at a PC meeting.
15. **Correspondence for Information:**
- MHDC Protect your Business, Protect your Staff** – 28<sup>th</sup> November 4-7pm at Sixways, Worcester
- MHDC Planning Training Dates** - Invitation to training. Presentations given to meetings for information
- CALC AGM – County Hall** – 30<sup>th</sup> November – Market Place 5pm – AGM 6.30pm - cancelled
- Community First AGM** – 14<sup>th</sup> November – 4.30-6.45pm - Bishops Frome
- Came & Company** – Insurance Matters Autumn Newsletter
- Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership** – 8<sup>th</sup> November – 10.30am – Guild Hall, Worcester
- Police Commissioner** – Consultations and Visit to Tenbury – 11<sup>th</sup> November 4-6pm
- NALC** – Guide to Tackle Loneliness
- District Cllrs information for any residents who suffered flooding**
16. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**
- Omitted from minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 – Plans circulated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 –**
- 19/00777/FUL – Hanley Mill, Hanley William, Tenbury Wells WR15 8QT** – 3 Timber lodges for use as holiday accommodation. **It was agreed by all to support this application, a comment regarding the bridleway was made.**
- Plans circulated on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 –**
- 19/01538/HP Associated Ref: 19/01539/LB – Old Farm, Eastham, Tenbury Wells WR15 8PA** – Internal and external alterations including conversion of attic to create two bedrooms and a bathroom with new rooflights, new bathrooms on first floor, removal of partition and staircase on ground floor, new windows and external doors; new tiled roof slopes incorporating insulation between rafters. Amended plans were submitted, the changes were noted by Cllrs. **It was agreed by all to support this application as amended.**
17. **Councillor’s reports and items for the next agenda.**
- Agenda items – Eastham Memorial Hall, Budget
18. **Date of next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 at 7.30pm – EASTHAM MEMORIAL HALL**
19. **Meeting closed 8.18pm.**

Signed-----  
Chairman

Date 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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Public Question Time –

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Resident was concerned about a car parking on roadside in centre of Eastham with no lights, could it park on hall car park. Cllr to ask Hall Trustees.

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### District Councillors Report

**Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils are organising the Protect Your Business, Protect Your Staff event** in association with Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce, taking place at Sixways Stadium, Worcestershire on Thursday 28 November, 16.00 – 19.00. All members of the business community are invited to the free marketplace event, where they will have the opportunity to ask any questions and receive advice from key organisations on a number of issues, including:

- ☑ Business Crime
- ☑ Cyber Security
- ☑ Modern Slavery

The audience will also have the chance to ask the experts with our live Q&A session hosted by Jack Hegarty, Chief Executive of Malvern Hills District Council and Managing Director of Wychavon District Council. Attendees are able to book their free space through the following link:

<https://protectyourbusinessprotectyourstaff.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**Flooding update:** Officers have been working with other local agencies to deal with flooding across the district over the last few days. Our thanks go to all the officers involved. Hopefully residents in Eastham and surrounding area were not badly affected. I did send an email to all Clerks within the Teme Valley ward requesting any updates of businesses or domestic properties affected.

**County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation School Performances:** The shared Community Safety Service has organised a series of 10 school performances on the issue of County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation. The productions are aimed at school years 7-9 and are performed within middle and high schools across the Malvern Hills and Wychavon areas. I requested this production to be shown at Tenbury High. This will be performed on Wednesday 27th November.

Christmas Bin Collection Dates: Sorry to mention the C Word in November. I thought you might like to promote this year's Christmas Bin Collection Dates.

<https://www.malvernhillsgov.uk/documents/10558/9341754/Christmas+Domestic+Collection+2019.pdf/c19a936c-1096-00ab-6e57-b0c9d0e7719f>

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### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**Local matters** - In the last few weeks we have experienced flooding in Tenbury, and elsewhere. There is no easy answer to the dangers of such events, and we cannot expect huge sums of money being spent to guard against such flooding. You will know that the floods were widespread throughout the county, along the rivers Teme, Severn and Avon.

Our officers worked very hard to mitigate effects as much as possible, but as you will know there was extensive flooding on the A443 at Lindridge, on one occasion on the A456 at Newnham Bridge as well as closing both bridges across the Teme just downstream of Shelsley Beauchamp.

I hope there have been no lasting effects of the damage caused and that we can be sure that effective systems are in place for future occurrences.

You may also know of the flooding in the dip just before the Elms Hotel. This covered the road for some time and one car at least was stuck there, before the water drained away.

I hope there were not any more serious problems in the Eastham area, but please let me know of any difficulties.

**County Matters** - In the recent full council meeting, Hereford and Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Authority reported on their year. I have been pleased to be a member of FRA for the last two years, and it was good to see the Tenbury appliance deployed on two occasions recently when I was in the town, to assist with mitigating the effects of the flooding.

You may know that there is a plan to put the Fire and Rescue Authority under the management of the Police and Crime Commissioner. While this makes good sense, in combining such blue light services, we have voted against it, partly on the grounds that cooperation works very well at present. We await the outcome of an appeal against a judicial review that approved the amalgamation.

Among the several other reports on the agenda, there was a detailed account of the capital projects to be undertaken or continued in the coming months. Among these are the various town centre improvements, along the lines of the Public Realm work in Tenbury. Then there are the developments of the rail stations, including the rebuilding of Kidderminster and the new Parkway station at Norton.

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As part of the commitment to encourage walking and cycling, there is provision for work in refurbishing the Sabrina Bridge in Worcester, as well as providing a further walking and cycling bridge to the north at Keepax, leading to Gheluveld Park. I reported on the latter in Cabinet recently.

**Extinction Rebellion** - Many of you will have read the two page spread in a recent copy of the Tenbury Advertiser, recording the demonstration in London by over 100 Shropshire residents, as part of the Extinction Rebellion protest. While the report illustrates very effectively how the event caused a deal of disruption and could have left no-one doubting the sincerity and passion of the protesters, the report was short on actual policies that they wish to see followed.

In that regard, I would like to be bold enough to suggest that the “emergency” is not as urgent as many would have us believe. I will attach to this report a short exposition by Paul Homewood, who writes a blog entitled “Not a lot of people know that”, criticising the recent BBC TV programme “Climate Change – the Facts”. He and others protested that the programme did not live up to its title. From the information in the supplementary report, you may also come to believe that the problem is exaggerated, at least in terms of how urgent it is for us to take action. Indeed, I wrote a 10 page critique of the programme myself, and I would be happy to send that to anyone who may be interested.

**Cllr Ken Pollock, 49 Gratton Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2BZ – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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