

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th July 2021

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

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr David Chambers, one Member of the Public

1. **Apologies:** None.
 2. **Co-option of Cllr** – No applications received.
 3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs reminded to keep their registers updated.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – All Cllrs Item 15 - Eastham Memorial Hall, item 13 – Loud music and Fireworks in Parish.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – Item 15 as above.
 4. **Dispensations** - To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
Dispensations received – All Cllrs Item 15 Eastham Memorial Hall. Dispensation granted at previous meeting for this item until May 2023.
 5. **Public Question Time** – No matters raised.
 6. **County Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes. County Cllr left meeting.
District Cllrs Reports – Report at end of minutes. Dist Cllr sent apologies.
 7. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting held on 25th May 2021 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
 8. **Reports on meeting attended by Clerk/Cllrs: - None.**
 9. **Updates -**
 - a. **Noticeboard** – To be installed beginning of August by LM at a cost of £75 as agreed by email.
 10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mrs S Burrows (Clerk Expenses 2020-2021) = £139.29.
 - b. **Payments received** – WCC LM January/February 2021 = £360.00, Signtech (Midlands) Ltd = £120.00 (refund of payment for sign at EMH), WCC LM March April 2021 = £168.00, WCC LM May 2021 = 154.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** (circulated) – May/June 2021 figures were agreed. Balance in cash book £18228.10.
 - d. **Clerks Expenses** – It was agreed by all to pay expenses of £139.29 as circulated.
 - e. **Budget to 30/06/2021 (circulated)** – It was agreed by all no changes to be made.
 11. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans received since last meeting** – See item 17.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
21/00262/CLE - Former Pool House At Eastham Grange Eastham - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the established use of the former Pool House building at Eastham Grange as a single Residence. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for consideration at this meeting** –
21/00990/LB Associated Ref:21/00991/HP - Lower Bank Barn, Eastham – Conversion of existing car port to lounge, and garden store to utility room and study. Minor internal amendments and erection of garage outbuilding. It was agreed by all to make no comments.
 12. **Road Report:**
 - a. **Lengthsman** – No areas of concern, blocked drains reported for jetting.
 - b. **Problems to report** – Visibility concerns regarding trees on Fisherman's carpark, Clerk to action.
 - c. **Outstanding queries** –
Eastham Bridge damage – Repairs have now been completed.
Eastham Bridge dead trees – County Cllr is making enquiries.
- The Chairman agreed to suspend the meeting at 7.47pm to allow a Member of the Public to speak.
The Chairman agreed to return the Meeting to closed session at 8.10pm.

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CLr Ward joined the meeting.

13. Loud music and Fireworks in Parish – After much discussion it was agreed by all to send a letter to Enforcement at MHDC to investigate the concerns raised by residents. Clerk to draft a letter to be approved by email. See also notes at end of minutes.

14. Ward Boundary Review for Malvern Hills District Council – Consultation ends 20th September. It was agreed by all agreed to comment at next stage of process when suggested changes will be known. The changes will not affect Parish Boundaries.

15. Eastham Memorial Hall –

a. **Purchase of items for Hall from Grant held in budget (circulated)** – Revised figures received today. It was agreed by all to purchase of items for Hall at cost of £695.68 for speakers etc. and £1896.00 for projector and screen, these figures include vat.

b. **Oak Tree** – Resident has asked for tree to be cut back due to causing a nuisance to their property. It was agreed by all Clerk to contact MHDC to arrange a site visit to discuss with the resident. Trustees have responsibility for tree and are aware of the issue.

16. Correspondence for Information:

COVID 19 updates from CALC, NALC, WCC, MHDC, Police

South Worcestershire Development Plan - updates

WCC - Update on Minerals Local Plan and Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan Document

Superintendent Brighton to Brief Parish Councils on West Mercia Police's Local Policing Charter- Zoom Meeting 19th July – 6.30pm

Police and Crime Commissioners Survey (circulated) - reply by August 2021.

Police request for Chairman/Clerks contact details – returned July 2021.

17. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Plans circulated at close of May meeting -

21/00069/OUT Land At (Os 6578 6730) Eastham – Outline planning permission for the erection of new dwelling with all matters reserved expect for access. It was agreed by all to make no objection, comment to be made regarding the applicant being a local family member who wishes to live in the Parish.

Payments made – 1st July – Mr C Bunn LM May = £154.00, June =£147.00.

21st July – KBS Depot (Noticeboard) = £994.20.

Complaints received -

31st May, 23rd June, 17th July - Complaints regarding fireworks/loud music in Parish – Residents advised to contact Police and Environmental Services (see agenda item 13)

12th June – Complaints regarding gates on bridleway – Reported to FP Officer.

18. Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.

Agenda items – Eastham Memorial Hall.

19. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM in Eastham Memorial Hall

20. Meeting closed 8.23pm.

Signed-----

Date 28th September 2021

Chairman

Public Question Time –

Loud music and Fireworks in Parish (item 13) – Residents are keeping a record of incidents and were looking to seek their own advise on the matter. One of the incidents involved a party organised by the property owner, Clerk did speak to owner who did not realise the problems fireworks can cause. Most incidents have been when the property has been rented out which owner said he could not totally control. A Manager lives on the site to look after the property, the Manager stopped the latest fireworks. Animals are being frightened; horses have been injured. Residents have reported incidents to Police and Worcester Regulatory Services. Fireworks are usually let off between 10 and 11pm, music can go on into early hours, 15 cars/20 people at times when hired out. The owner does reside at the property sometimes when it is not being hired out. Residents feel the enjoyment of their own properties is now being spoilt by the noise from the lettings of this property. The fireworks are unacceptable in an area that is used to farm livestock. One firework is all it takes to have an injured animal. Hot weather has meant residents have had to close windows due to noise, children are being woken up, cannot settle as fireworks have upset them, when that stops the music continues.

Footpaths – Comments made regarding signage of footpaths and vegetation on paths. Gates have been left open by walkers, Clerk to ask FP Warden to put signs up asking walkers to close gates.

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District Councillors Report

Ward Budget: Please do let me know if there are any local community projects that would benefit from a small donation. I do have a little of the ward budget left.

Launch of the “Your Future Workforce Programme: The Future Workforce Programme pulls together the council’s activity around skills and training to make it easier for people and companies to find the help they need to meet their ambitions. As part of the scheme, a new Upskilling Grant has been created offering businesses up to £1,000 a year from the council to support the training of staff. Unlike previous grant schemes, this grant is not ringfenced to be spent just on apprentices but can be used for graduate placements and other types of traineeships. The money is on top of any other funding available from the Government. The council has also created a bursary scheme offering money to apprentices and trainees to help them with travel and other costs, after research found this could be a barrier to people taking up “on the job training”. A new dedicated skills section of the council’s website has also been created bringing a wide range of information into one place so businesses can find the help they need to grow their own workforce and fill skills gaps.

www.malvern hills.gov.uk/skills It also provides clear information to anyone considering an apprenticeship or other on the job training and advice for parents and guardians so they can give informed advice to their child. A survey the council carried out of school pupils found 15% of those questioned would not even consider an apprenticeship because of the views of their parents.

Futureproof to return to help young people gain life skills: Young people had an opportunity to gain valuable life skills over the past two weeks with the return of the Futureproof campaign. Now in its second year Futureproof provides opportunities for young people aged between 11 to 17 years old to try a range of different topics, such as tips for coping with anxiety and mindfulness to cooking healthy meals and support with working out your next steps after school, aimed at building resilience and feeling a sense of belonging in their community. A number of local organisations were involved and provided a mix of both online and face-to-face activities. Pupils at Tenbury High worked with an artist to create a mural depicting what community meant to them. The final piece will be displayed in a central space in town in due course.

Please find attached a link to TNLCF’s Local Connections Fund (round 2) which may be of interest to local groups. Please share as appropriate. Closing date is 6th August at 5pm.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/local-connections-fund-round-2>
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COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Latest Covid Figures issued to County Councillors show a substantial increase in the number of cases.

a - Some post codes in Worcestershire are showing an infection rate above 400 per 100,000.

b - One care home in Worcestershire has more than two cases.

Vaccinations continue to progress well in Worcestershire although the number of young people coming forward is not as positive as we would like. As we know, all adults over 18 years of age are being called for their first vaccination. Last weekend saw a further “Grab A Jab” weekend in Worcestershire, to encourage hesitant groups to come forward. The event was again successful with good take-up. A number of venues and outlets in Worcestershire will continue to encourage mask wearing.

New Secondary School – has been approved in Worcester, it will take 600 pupils and will operate as an Academy. No site has yet been agreed.

Children’s Services – Demand continues to increase in the County.

My Appointments - I have been appointed to the Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority. It is clear that the Police and Crime Commissioner is determined to proceed with his aspirations to incorporate the Fire Authority, together with Shropshire Fire Authority, with West Mercia Police. The PCC would then oversee both Police and Fire & Rescue Services.

Other Committees and Panels to which I have been appointed:

- a.** Vice Chairman of Standards & Ethics Committee
- b.** Member of the Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel
- c.** Member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- d.** Member of Adult and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Road “Surface Dressing” is taking place across the County. Structural repairs are completed first followed by an application of hot bituminous binder to the surface, followed by one or two layers of chippings. After about a week the road is then swept and road markings re-painted. There have been a number of cases of verbal and physical abuse of workers; three cases are being investigated by the police, following a number of arrests.

Government Grant – WCC have been given a grant of £1.5 million to provide free school meals, activities and support to families over the summer holidays. This support will be available to children from nursery to teenagers. It will enable schools and providers across the County, to run exciting and enriching summer holiday activities with meals provided for disadvantaged children.

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Safe Place for victims of abuse - TSB are offering a “safe” place for people who are victims of abuse in the home. If such a person visits a TSB and asks, “ Can I use your facilities”, they will be escorted to a safe place within the bank and given further assistance.

David Chambers - County Councillor, Tenbury Division

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