

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021

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

In Attendance: 2 Clerks, A 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** – None declare
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – none declared
4. **Dispensations** - To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
Dispensations received
5. **Public Question Time** – No matters raised.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes. County Cllr sent apologies.
District Cllrs Reports – Report at end of minutes. Dist Cllr sent apologies.
7. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Minutes of Parish Council meetings held on 28 September 2021 and 2 November 2021 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress Reports** – deferred to next meeting
9. **Reports on meeting attended by Clerk/Cllrs:** - Eastham Resident Association meeting attended by two Councillors and Clerk.
10. **Finances -**
 - a. **Payments made** – MTM Contracting £1242.00, C Bunn (LM) £ 154.00. See item 14a All agreed, resolved.
 - b. **Payments received** – Balance of precept £4200.00
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** (circulated) – September/October 2021 figures were agreed. Balance in Cash book £18754.40 at 31.10.2021
 - d. **Precept 2022-2023** - reviewed an increased by £50.00. All agreed, proposer Cllr Arnold, seconder Cllr Ward
11. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans received since last meeting** – none
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
21/01336/CU - 1 Old School House, Highwood, Eastham, Tenbury Wells WR15 8PB – Refused by MHDC
 - c. **Plans for consideration at this meeting** –
 - d. **21/01479/HP – 2 Hill Top Cottages, Rochford, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8SR – front/side extension, rear single storey extension.** All agreed to support application
 - e. **ENF/21/0255** – Robins End – noise nuisance – Reported to Enforcement, no update received.
12. **Road Report:**
 - a. **Lengthsman** – No areas of concern, LM has white marked the drains for action by WCC.
 - b. **Problems to report** – None raised.
 - c. **Eastham Bridge damage** – update following damage Highways are due to repair.
13. **Eastham Riverside Fete Committee - Donation** of £500.00 to Committee to give to good causes within the Parish of Eastham - agreed by all, Resolved.
14. **Eastham Memorial Hall**
 - a. **Final invoices from funds granted by PC to EMH -**
Mrs S Burrows (Gear4music microphone, CPC, gifted to EMH) £ 112.13, Resolved as all agreed.
Clerk reported funds now fully spent and a letter sent to note that all items gifted to EMH are not the responsibility of the Parish Council
 - b. **Outdoor storage facility on Hall Land**, circulated to Councillors and discussed, insulated container, situated as near to side door as possible. A proviso By Parish Council being subject to approval on colour and overall size, it was agreed by all. Clerk to send letter.
15. **Speeding Concerns within Parish** – discussed, the speed monitor has been requested through County Councillor. Signs require permission. Item to be moved to next meeting agenda
16. **Eastham Bridge** – the road safety due to design of rebuilt bridge and access from B4204, brought up at resident association meeting. It was agreed by all WCC will make no changes due to cost so no further action to be taken by Parish Council
17. **Clerks resignation** – Paid up to 12 December 2021 will act as mentor and handover to new Clerk. Expenses to be Agenda item at next meeting.
Email Account has changed although previous account will be monitored and left open for a year. All agreed, resolved.
18. **New Clerk** – welcomed to the Parish Council
19. **Correspondence for Information:**

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CALC, NALC, MHDC, Police updates/news, South Worcestershire Development Plan – updates

MHDC – consultation on Draft Hackney carriage and private hire Policy- comments by 16 Jan 2022

WCC – Decarbonizing Heat in Worcestershire and the Marches event 20 Oct 2021

WCC – Recruitment information for Lay member of the West Mercia Police & Crime Panel CD 5pm Mon.6 Dec 2021

MHDC – Parish & Town Council Forum – Tackling the climate emergency (Mon 15 Nov)

MHDC – New Grant for early stage business in the Malvern Hills

MHDC – Revised Statement of Principles Under the Gambling Act 2005

MHDC – Town Centre Transformation Plans Survey

MHDC – Christmas Domestic Refuse Collection 2021 – No changes

The Platinum Jubilee – The Queen’s Green Canopy – June 2022

This only applies to Parish Council land it was discussed, noted and recorded not proposed to plan as land owned is to be retained as an open space. All Agreed.

20. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payments made – 7 October Mr C Bunn (LM September) = £147.00.

21 November – Complaint from public regarding planning issue – Resident advised to report matter to MHDC Enforcement Team

21. Councillor’s reports and items for the next agenda.

Agenda items – Speeding, Clerks Contract

22. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 25 January 2022 AT 7.30PM in Eastham Memorial Hall

23. Meeting closed 8.10 pm.

Signed P Arnold

Date 8 February 2022

Chairman

Public Question Time – no items raised

District Councillors Report

Very important: Ward budget: There is still a small amount of my allocation left and I am keen to support as many local community projects as possible. Please promote as the deadline for applications is 17th December.

District wide information: More electric vehicle charging points in the Malvern Hills district: An additional 20 electric vehicle charging points will be installed in Malvern Hills District Council owned car parks across the district.

For more details click on the link below <https://www.malvernhills.gov.uk/news-alerts/council-set-to-install-20-more-charging-points-for-electric-vehicles>

The new additions, approved at an Executive Committee meeting on 19 October, will include four in The Council House car park off Avenue Road, six in Link Top, off Newtown Road, in Great Malvern. There will also be four in New Street, Upton-upon-Severn, and **six in Teme Street, Tenbury Wells**. The council currently has eight charging points in its Priory Road car park in Great Malvern. Malvern Hills District Council has a commitment under both the 5 Year Plan and Destination Zero report to install electric charging points in its public car parks.

New route for Tenbury Transport Trust: A new community bus service has been launched between Clifton-Upon-Teme and Malvern. Tenbury Transport Trust's new route connects the village of Clifton upon Teme taking in Martley, Berrow Green, Knightwick, Suckley, Leigh Sinton, Great Malvern and ending in the Malvern Retail Park for a spot of retail therapy before the return journey home. If residents have a concessionary bus pass the cost of a return ticket is £6 and without the cost is £10. Call Tenbury Transport Trust on 01584 810491 or visit www.tttrust.org.uk for more information on the services and how to volunteer. Watch our Tenbury Transport Trust video.

Christmas Santa Needs You Trail: Children and young people will soon be able to take part in a free adventure trail to track down ten Christmas animals across the Malvern Hills District. The “Santa Needs You Trail” will run from Saturday 20 November to Friday 31 December within the high streets of Great Malvern, Malvern Link, Barnards Green, Tenbury Wells and Upton upon Severn. The Christmas characters will be hidden in shop windows in 3D Augmented Reality. Anyone with a smartphone can take part, the trail is completely contactless using a QR code. The trail aims to help families go out and explore the towns within the district, get some exercise and have fun. Visit our website for more information

Local upcoming events: 2 December - Tenbury Late Night Shopping every Thursday, 4 December - Mistletoe Festival, Tenbury 4 December - Santa Parade, Tenbury, To find additional events happening in the district, go to the Visit the Malverns events webpage.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

1. Latest Covid Figures as at 29th November are:

- a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 490 cases per 100,000.
- b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 423 cases per 100,000.
- c. The direction of travel is up with the exception of Redditch and Bromsgrove within Worcestershire.
- d. Wyre Forest has the lowest infection rate in Worcestershire with Worcester City District the highest rate at 620 per 100,000.
- e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 438 cases per 100,000.

2. The vaccination of children aged 12 and over is now progressing well, in schools and elsewhere, with Booster jabs being offered to those over 40 and the otherwise vulnerable. Vaccination of children over 5 is now under consideration

3. Please encourage everyone you know who is eligible, to take their booster jab as soon as possible. At a meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee recently, the Chief Executive of the Acute NHS Trust reported, that many of the new Covid patients are now double vaccinated but have not yet taken up their booster jab.

4. With all the pressures the Acute NHS Trust currently finds itself in, with winter still approaching and attempting to bring forward delayed operations due to the pandemic, I personally was very disappointed that on 3rd November, the Planning Committee at MHDC refused to allocate the requested £1.8 million to the Acute Trust, as part of Section 106 monies coming forward from the South Worcestershire Urban Extension.

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5. Worcestershire County Council have put in a bid to the Department of Transport totalling £86 million for Bus Service improvements. The aim is to completely transform the bus network across the county, looking to improve service frequency, punctuality and reliability. An enhanced partnership with the bus operators will start in April 2022.

David Chambers - County Councillor, Tenbury Division