

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held on Tuesday 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm in Eastham Memorial Hall

In attendance

Cllr Paul Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Matravers; Cllr Ward; Cllr Lewis
Clerk to Eastham Parish Council and 1 Member of the Public

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Wordsley
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May 2022**
Minutes were read and all agreed for them to be signed by Chairman.
4. **Police Report** – Report at end of minutes.
5. **County Councillors Report** – Apologies received, report read and at end of the minutes.
6. **District Councillors Report** – none received (changes due to Election year)
7. **Chairman’s Report 2022-2023** – given at meeting and is below.
8. **Welfare Trust Report** – Reports available at meeting of the Income and Expenditure, Balance sheet and Bank Rec.
9. **Memorial Hall Report** – Report available at meeting, the AGM for the EVMH is on the 16 May 20223
10. **Matters raised tonight** – none
11. **Meeting Closed at 7.50pm - Chairman thanked everyone for attending.**

Paul Arnold _____
Chairman of Eastham Parish Council

Date

Item 4. Parish Report Eastham 2023

There has been some significant changes to the Martley and Tenbury SNT and the leadership team in recent months. Inspector Alex Warner has left West Mercia Police, PCSO Ness Snape has taken retirement, PC Jack Sykes has secured his promotion to Sergeant and is now based in Worcester and Sergeant Sarah Kent has retired.

The new team consists of Inspector Dave Wise, Sergeant Jason Maiden, PC Paul Lawman, PCSO Teresa Howells-Brown, PCSO Nathan Drew and PCSO Deb Abbott.

Martley and Tenbury SNT are committed to addressing rural crime, thefts, speeding, and road traffic offences. Advice on how to protect your business or home can be found on the West Mercia Police website. The team are able to give general security advice, but for more specialist advice we can signpost to, Mike Simpson, Business and Crime Prevention Officer, P C Nigel Bolton, We don't Buy Crime Officer and Residential Security and Crime Prevention Officer, Jacqueline Godfrey Hunt. Eastham highlighted speeding, theft outbuildings, theft farms as priorities as part of the Parish Contract Contact Charter.

Speeding: Once again Martley and Tenbury SNT has carried out a speed data survey in 2023, the results showed a low volume of traffic travelling at an average of 26mph. The results would not support enforcement or the option of a Community Speed Watch. Targeted patrols will be carried out to show a visible presence where possible.

Theft: There has been 4 thefts reported in the parish of Eastham in the last 12 months.

Theft farms: We have not received any reports of farm thefts in the past 12 months.

Whilst the numbers for crime in this area remain relatively low, no crime is acceptable and we continue to patrol the rural areas.

We remain committed to engagement with the community with visits to the local coffee mornings, and Parish Meetings; Martley and Tenbury SNT are always available by email for questions, queries, etc.

We are available via email: mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk, or mobile phones

PC Paul Lawman 07967 302038

PCSO Nathan Drew 0777 3054306

PCSO Deb Abbott 07890 535960

Teresa Howells Brown 07814 041496

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You can also reach us via Tenbury Cops on Face book

We are increasingly using Neighbourhood Matters to send out alerts and messages etc., so if you haven't yet signed up, please head to either West Mercia Website to do so, or Neighbourhood Matters directly online.

Please contact us if you need any help or information with any of the above.

Item 5. County Councillors Report for Eastham Annual Parish Council Meeting

The County Council is now halfway through its four year term, with County Council election to be held in May 2025. This has been a very difficult two years for all councils in Worcestershire, the six District Councils and the County Council, not least because of Covid but also difficulties including inflation and the like.

Despite these difficulties, the County Council is on track to compete its agenda. Services are being maintained and investment promises are being kept. Worcestershire County Council continues to have one of the lowest council tax rates in the country, something it hopes to maintain for the remainder of this four year cycle.

The recent District Council Elections in Worcestershire have seen changes in boundaries, Councillors and Administration. The County Council will however, continues to work with all its partners, for the benefit of the residents we serve.

In May 2025 when the next County Council Election will be held, the election will be held following boundary changes from a County perspective. Currently the Boundary Commission is beginning consultations to determine what changes may be made. Their decision is independent and final but the consultation will include submissions from various councils within the country; County, District, Town and Parish Councils; submissions from political parties, councillors, charities, companies, organisations and individual members of the public. The Review will determine any changes in the number of "Divisions", any boundary changes which will be necessary to create these new Divisions and the Commission will also determine any changes which may be necessary regarding the number of Councillors.

As previously referred to, April and early May have been taken up with District Council elections which inevitably have an impact on the work of the County Council. I will give a more detailed report for your next meeting.

David Chambers, County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

Item 7. Chairman's Report 24 May 2022

This is a summary of the matters over the past year

Uncontested election for Parish Councillors returning the present 6 Councillors

Vacancies for Cllrs – There is a vacancy for a Councillor that can be filled by co-option if you are interested please contact the Clerk.

Road Issues - please contact the Clerk if you have any concerns.

Thank you to Parish Councillors, Lengthsman Chris Bunn and Worcestershire County Cllr David Chambers and Malvern Hills District Councillor (to May 2023) Caroline Palethorpe for their support for the Parish over the last 12 months.

Various reports have been received and will be dealt with in the Agenda Items.

Paul Arnold

Chairman