

## EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**Present: Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Norman, Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Adams, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Dowling.**

**In Attendance:** Clerk and one member of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Accepted from Cllr Brookes.
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
  - a. Register of Interests - No changes reported.
  - b. To declare any Personal interests – Cllr Horsfall declared an interest in item 9(e) due to owning the neighbouring property.  
Cllr Moseley declared interest in item 6(b) due to wanting to purchase BT Box.
  - c. To declare any Prejudicial Interests – Cllrs Horsfall item 9(e) see above.
3. **Public Question Time –** See notes at end of minutes.
4. **Minutes of last Meeting –** Minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
5. **County and District Cllrs Report –** Unable to attend but had telephoned Clerk regarding road issues see item 10(c) below.
6. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Freedom of Information –** details to be posted on notice board, costs agreed as 10p per photocopy plus cost of postage. Clerk's time cannot be taken into account.
  - b. **BT Telephone Box –** Contract received from BT and they have confirmed they will be disconnecting telephone soon. Clerk to then arrange disconnection of electric.
7. **Reports on meeting attended by Clerk: -**  
CALC meeting regarding WCC website – see item 12 below.
8. **Finances –**
  - a. **Payments made –** See item 14 below.
  - b. **Payments received –** None.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation –** Oct, Nov and Dec 08 signed for Current Acc and Investment Acc.
  - d. **Precept for 09/10 -** Budget circulated, after discussion all agreed to increase precept by £250.00 to £4750.00 for 2009/10.
9. **Planning:**
  - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting –** None.
  - b. Decisions received since last meeting –  
**08/01481/FUL –** The Old Forge, Eastham – Proposed detached double garage with workshop. Plans viewed by all. **Approved.**  
**08/01651/FUL – March End, Eastham –** Rear two-storey extension and front porch. **Refused.**
  - c. Plans for consideration tonight – None.
  - d. **Caspian Lodge (farm buildings) –** Enforcement Officer had telephoned Clerk and he stated landowner had wanted to build dwelling on this site but was advised this would not be allowed. Sign on gate to be removed and land to be sold eventually. (Sign has already been removed).
  - e. **Millbrook –** Enforcement Officer had been contacted and enquiries are continuing.

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### 10. Road Report:

- a. **Lengthsman** – No Timesheets submitted, see item 17.
- b. **Any problems to report** –
  - Grit on road at Robins End Corner, stones on Highwood Road.
  - Water still running down Robins End corner, land owner details now with Clerk. It was decided Clerk contact WCC for drain to be inspected and for advice on source of water.
  - Water damage to sides of New Road between Grange and Hanley Mill.
- c. **Update on outstanding queries** –
  - Astley Orchard signs – new signs up.
  - Highwood Road resurfacing – Still waiting, some of the worst potholes filled Dec 08.
  - Landslide at Highwood – Website states repairs now Oct 08 – March 09 for 4 weeks.
  - Gritting – Clerk in contact with County Cllr, see notes for Public Question Time below.
  - Corner by Memorial Hall – Corner being cut up by HGV. Bollards can be put up but PC would need to fund the work. Due to parking opposite this junction HGVs have a problem with this corner and bollards could cause more problems. Clerk to seek advice from WCC regarding filling of hole to tidy area up.

11. **Mowing** – Clerk to obtain quotes for 2009/10 mowing contract from usual people.

12. **WCC Website** – Clerk to give Cllrs link for this site so details put on by WCC can be checked for accuracy. PC needs to decide what they want to put on at next meeting. This is a free site for Parish Councils funded by WCC.

### 13. Correspondence for information:

Items given to Cllr for circulation.

Various items brought to attention of Cllrs.

See list attached.

14. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** –  
**Payment of mowing costs for Green** - £977.60.

15. **Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.**  
Housing Needs Survey, Website, Mowing quotes.

16. **Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Member of the Public left and meeting continued to discuss Lengthsman Contract.**

17. It was agreed to cancel the contract which is held with the current Lengthsman. One months notice needed. Clerk to enquire regarding any local Lengthsman looking for more work. If necessary PC to meet and interview in February. Clerk to advise.

18. **Meeting closed 9.10 pm.**

Signed-----  
Chairman

Date 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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One member of the public was present. Concerns raised by public regarding lack of grit bins and gritting on Eastham Roads. Clerk had contacted County Cllr today and he advised PC write to Highways requesting bins. Not policy to use them now. Website shows gritting route as A and busy B roads, plus regular bus routes. No advice shown regarding school bus routes. Areas of concern Pipers Brook, Highwood, New Road (all hilly areas). (Also Orleton Court and Wallshill but these are Stanford PC area). These roads all take school buses for junior (3 minibuses) and senior (1 large bus) schools.