

Eastham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 September 2023

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Matravers, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr S Ward.

In Attendance Clerk and District Councillor L Bruton

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Adams - accepted and agreed by all.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded to keep their Register of Interests updated.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests: As received previously
3. **Dispensations:**
 - a. To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
 - b. **Dispensations requested** – Dispensations as received. – none received

Meeting Adjourned

The Meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time:

The time allocated is at the discretion of the Chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.

Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council Meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoir.

Meeting Resumed

4. **Reports from County Councillor D Chambers and District Councillor L Bruton**, had been received and are included at the end of the minutes. District Councillor L Bruton gave more detail with regard to Flood Defences.
5. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023 , were agreed by all, Resolved and signed by the Chair Cllr Arnold
6. **Co-option of Cllr** – No applications have been received. Agreed Notice of Co-option to be published again.
7. **Finance**
 - a. **Payments to be made**, – C Bunn (LM) Sept 23 £189.00; Agreed by all , resolved.
 - b. **Receipts received** - WCC LM Scheme £189.00
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** - 31 August 2023, Balance of £16383.42.00; All Agreed, Resolved - documents signed.
 - d. **Finance report** - any items to consider for the Budget in November
 - e. **Independent Examiner for FYE 2024** – Agreed to appoint DM Payroll Services Limited
 - f. **Training for Clerk / Councillors** – there is another training session for Councillors being offered at the Pump Rooms, Tenbury on 16 October 2023 starting at 6.30pm
8. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** – LM £189 Aug 2023 invoice and Clerk L Jenkins quarterly pay £907.14
9. **Planning**
 - a. Plans received since last meeting – M/23/01110/HP The Old Flatts
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting – M/23/00402/FUL Eastham Memorial Hall – refused; M/22/01780/HP Hillside Extension – approved.
 - c. Plans for consideration at the meeting - none
10. **Road Report – LM update** - no issues at present.
11. **Progress Reports/ updates**
 - a. **Notice Board** – reassessed and recommendation to source a new notice board – Agreed by all for Clerk to obtain costs for November meeting .
 - b. **Pipers Brook Road/Kerbs** – this is still with the Highways department
 - c. **Eastham Memorial Hall** - an amended planning application is being resubmitted
Mention made of green area and erosion. Request to enquire from Highways for kerbstones and contact County Councillor report at November meeting

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12. **Defibrillator** signage – agreed by all for replacement signs to be purchased
13. **Road Signs** – Signs knocked ‘out of true’ Cllr Arnold will note any requiring attention
14. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk and/or Councillors** – non attended since previous meeting
15. **Laptop** – maintenance/clean up – agreed by all for Clerk to obtain quotes for November meeting
16. **Correspondence for Information: as circulated to Councillors** - WCC; CALC; RSN: HWFire; DMPayroll
17. **Correspondence for discussion**
 - a. **Survey H&W Fire Service** - all agreed for Clerk to complete and submit
 - b. **WCC Street Lighting** – all agreed the parish does not have any street lights.
 - c. **CALC email – D Day** - agreed to be placed on November Agenda
18. **Councillor’s reports and items for the next agenda** – no reports and items as mentioned in minutes
19. **Confirm date of next meeting** Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 7.30pm Eastham Village Memorial Hall.
20. **Meeting closed at 8.10 pm**

Signed-----

Date

Chairman

Public Question Time – No questions were raised

Worcestershire County Councillor Report for Town and Parish Councils in the Tenbury Division

August/September 2023

1. **Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021-2022**

Professor Keith Brown, the Independent Chairman of the Adults Safeguarding Board attended a recent Cabinet meeting and presented the Board’s annual report for 2021-2022. The Annual Report provides an overview of the activity of the Board during the year. This includes safeguarding activity that took place to protect people in Worcestershire with care and support needs, at risk of harm during the period.

Professor Brown emphasised the progress made by the Council in the development of the Complex Adult Risk Management (CARM) framework and noted that the Council was at the forefront of dealing with adults with complex needs.

The Exploitation Strategy was currently out to consultation with the final completion expected shortly. The Board had undertaken a lot of work developing a meaningful approach to the engagement with people with a lived experience. The Board continued to review its policies, particularly to speed up the process of Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

2. **Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) across the County**

In 2022 the Council passed a motion calling for an audit of the availability of CPR training and AEDs across Worcestershire, including in schools. The motion also recommended work to increase access to CPR training and AEDs.

Following the audit conducted by the Public Health team, Cabinet has agreed that all WCC staff and elected members are encouraged to undertake CPR training. Cabinet has further agreed promotional work organised by the Public Health team, aimed at increasing awareness of CPR training and community located AEDs. Public Health are to provide signposting and support to community organisations in obtaining funding for AEDs and a grant scheme is to be created, to assist local organisations to purchase AEDs where alternative sources of funding could not be accessed and where specific criteria are met.

3. **Transfer of coroners officers to Worcestershire County Council**

Coroners are independent judicial officers who are appointed and funded by local authorities. They determine how they discharge their functions within a statutory framework. Worcestershire is designated as a Coronial area and as such is required to have a Senior Coroner appointed (not employed) by the local authority and agreed by the Chief Coroner and Lord Chancellor.

Coroners are supported by Coroners Officers and within Worcestershire these roles have historically been provided and funded by West Mercia Police. The current division of accountability does not sit well with a modern Coroner’s Service, hence the request to transfer to the County Council which has been approved by Cabinet, resulting in the management and future funding of Coroners Officers passing to Worcestershire County Council.

4. **Health of young people**

Public Health is working closely with schools and other education settings as young people continue to face a variety of health challenges and WCC believes that schools are well placed to create healthier environments within which children can thrive. The Cabinet members for Health and Education are working together and a Public Health grant scheme for schools is to be created which will help enable schools to innovate and create new ways of improving physical and mental health within their communities.

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Schools are increasingly forced to deal with the rise in vaping among young people and accompanying anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, illicit vapes may have higher than the legal dose of nicotine or oversized tanks, causing even more harm if smoked by under-18s. Public Health is working with Worcestershire schools and other partners to explore messages children receive about vaping and our Trading Standards team continue to work hard to remove illegal products from the local marketplace.

5. Worcestershire's Children Services rated "Good" by OFSTED

A full inspection of Worcestershire Children's Services has graded the overall effectiveness of the service as "Good". This follows a three week inspection in May 2023. OFSTED inspectors noted there has been continued progress since the last inspection in 2019 and found that "the senior leadership team in Worcestershire Children First has continued to work effectively with political leaders to improve outcomes for children" and that "there is a coordinated drive to continue to improve children's experiences and relationships with key partners are effective".

The report recognised that children's outcomes have improved as a result of a family focused, child centred, early help and proportionate statutory intervention, when in the best interest of children.

6. Boundary Commission Changes

The Boundary Commission is currently reviewing boundary changes within the county, which will come into effect for the May 2025 County elections. Though at the early stages of the process, it looks at present as though there will be limited or possibly no changes to the boundaries relating to the Tenbury Division. I will update you further in due course.

David Chambers

County Councillor for the Tenbury Division

Malvern Hills District Council Report (September 2023)

Clr Lesley Bruton (Tenbury Ward)

Annual Residents' Survey

This year's Residents' Survey went live on 17 September and residents are invited to have their say on what is important to them.

The District Council wants residents' views on a variety of different topics, including what they think of their area and the services the Council provide.

The deadline for the survey will be 15 October.

To take part in the survey and have the chance to win £75, please click on the link below.

<https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/news-alerts/take-part-in-residents-survey-and-have-your-say>

Spacehive Crowdfunding

Working with crowdfunding platform Spacehive, the District Council have launched Crowdfund Malvern Hills, which gives local people the opportunity to create and deliver projects that aim to enhance the district with a particular focus of making it greener, healthier and connected. The platform is a place to connect with businesses, residents, organisations and communities to showcase ideas and to attract funds to make the ideas a reality.

For further information, please visit the link below.

<https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/community/connected-communities/crowdfunding>

Malvern Community - Business Breakfast

On 7 November the District Council will be holding a second Malvern Community and Business Breakfast.

In April, the Community Services Team brought together local businesses, community groups and charities to network and to see how they could benefit each other. Discussions were held around sponsorship, volunteering, Crowdfunding and how groups and businesses can collaborate to effect change locally. If you are interested in attending in November, please email Community Services on communityservices@malvern hills.gov.uk

Voter Registration

Residents are urged to check their electoral registration details or risk losing their chance to vote on decisions that affect them. The annual canvass allows the District Council to ensure the information on the electoral register for every address is accurate and up to date.

Residents with questions about their registration status can contact the District Council's Electoral Services Team on 01684 862200 or elections@malvern hills.gov.uk

Malvern Hills Rural Fund - A new fund of £500k has been launched by the District Council to help support rural

businesses and communities. The fund is available to support new small or micro businesses in rural areas, including helping farmers to diversify into other sectors and growing tourism. The money can only be used to fund physical projects such as new buildings or renovations and not for staff or day-to-day running costs. The fund will be released in stages over the next two years. Individual grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 are on offer, but businesses will be expected to match 50% of the total cost of a project.

The funding comes from the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

More information about the qualifying criteria for the fund and how to apply can be found at www.malvern hills.gov.uk/rural-fund

Communities Panel

The Communities Panel, which I Chair will be reviewing the current Sport and Leisure Strategy with a view to developing a Wellness Strategy that will look at ways to work within communities to integrate services to support all aspects of wellness: mental, physical, emotional and social.