

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th August 2013

Present: Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Horsfall,
Cllrs Arnold, Cllr Worsley, Cllr Moseley

In Attendance: Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
 - a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Moseley item 10(e) Bine Farm plans due to having a family interest. Cllr Inge item 12 Eastham Memorial Hall due to being on Committee.
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests – see above.
3. **Dispensations –**
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - b. Cllr Inge was granted a Dispensation until May 2015 at the meeting held on 26th March 2013 regarding item 12 Eastham Memorial Hall.
Cllr Moseley requested a Dispensation for item 10(e) Bine Farm plans. All agreed to grant a Dispensation to Cllr Moseley until May 2015.
4. **Public Question Time –** No Members of the Public attended the meeting.
5. **Minutes of last Meeting –** Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2013 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report –** None given.
County Cllrs report – None given.
7. **Progress Reports for information:**
Broadband – The offer to residents will end this month. Cllrs who have the new service were very pleased with the speeds etc.
8. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
Clerks Gathering (Insurance) – 23rd May – lower insurance found, see item 16. WCC Conference 4th June – interesting. CALC Area Meeting (Highways) 19th June – complaints were passed to John Fraser but to date no response has been received. Clerks Gathering - (General Power of Competence) 2nd July – interesting.
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made –** WCALC (Clerks Gatherings 28th February & 23rd May) = £20.00, Eastham PCC (mowing of Church Yard see item 9d) = £500.00, Clerk Printer ink = £20.00.
 - b. **Payments received –** Current Account – WCC LM Jan/February/March 2013 = £894.00, MHDC Precept £2950.00, VAT Refund 12-13 = £606.90, WCC LM April/May 2013 = £312.00. Investment Account interest April/May/June/July 2013 = 68p total.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation –** April/May/June/July 2013 signed. (Investment and Current Accounts). Balance in Lloyds Acc = £8114.16, Santander = £2012.86.
 - d. To agree to grant Eastham PCC £500.00 towards mowing of Church Yard – all agreed to grant £500.00 to help with mowing costs.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 16.**
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting –
13/00609/TEL – Hill Top Farm, Eastham – Communications Mast – Approved by MHDC.
 - c. Plans to comment on at this meeting – **None.**

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- d. **UPDATE - 12/01721/FUL – Oaktrees Caravan, Highwood** – Retention and resiting of mobile home (Retrospective). – Clerk has contacted Planning Office and District Cllr to ensure Enforcement Action is taken as soon as possible. Awaiting update.

UPDATE – 13//00499/HOU – 13/00500/LBC - Bine Farm, Highwood – Major repairs on this property – District Cllr was aware of the delays on this application. It was agreed that letter of complaint be sent to MHDC regarding the way the Conservation Officer has dealt with this matter causing considerable delays and difficulties for the applicant and their agent.

11. Road report:

- a. Lengthsman – Drains have been jetted, no problems to report.
- b. Any problems to report – New Road between Grange and white railings sides of road worn away by water - pot hole Eastham Bridge - Robins End road breaking up – Highwood damage caused by gritting lorry. Bine Farm owners have been advised a curb will be put in to stop water running onto their land. Clerk to enquire when this will be done.
- c. Update on outstanding queries –
 - Water on road at Robins End (Rhyse Lane) – water still running onto road – it was agreed to write to residents asking them to resolve issue or matter would be reported to Environment Agency.
 - Astley Orchard – repairs to road and pavement – Housing Association still to do some repairs.
 - Drains update – jetting lorry has worked on drains, no rainfall since this work was done.

12. **Eastham Memorial Hall** – Hall have asked if Parish Council can fund a Structural Survey of Hall. Due to rethink on future plans for hall this may not be required. Cllr Inge to enquire.

13. **Police & Crime Commissioner Annual Parish Council survey** – Chairman and Cllr Worsley to fill in and pass to Clerk. It was agreed speeding traffic is main issue within Parish.

14. **Clerks Review** – Chairman and Cllr Horsfall to meet Clerk before start of next meeting.

15. Correspondence for information:

Circulation with Clerk, list in minute's folder.

Tree Preservation Order No 520 (2013) Eastham Memorial Hall for Oak Tree.

CALC - Networking Meeting for Cllrs 26th September - County Hall – no interest shown by Cllrs.

Defibrillator Machine in rural Parishes - West Midlands Ambulance Service at Bayton 10th September 7.30pm to give talk – Chairman and Cllr Horsfall to attend.

Neighbourhood Plans – Meeting 6th September 2-4pm at Malvern – no Cllrs could attend.

Energy Efficiency Survey – needs within community – for solid brick houses. Clerk to look in more detail.

16. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** –

Payments – LM Jan 2013 = £288.00, Internal Auditor = £50.00, LM April/May =£374.40.

Broker Network Ltd Insurance 13-14 = £159.00 (cheque 000519 to AON = £201.03 cancelled as cheaper quote for same cover. Email details sent to Cllrs to approve change).

PLANS - 13/00609/TEL – Hill Top Farm, Eastham – Communications Mast – it was agreed by email that due to all Cllrs having interest in this matter no comments would be made.

17. **Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.**

Clerks Review, Memorial Hall, Precept 2014-15.

18. **Date of next meeting: 26TH NOVEMBER 2013**

19. **Meeting closed 8.30pm.**

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Chairman

Date 26th November 2013