

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.15pm in Eastham Memorial Hall

In attendance

Cllrs Paul Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Horsfall, Clerk to Eastham Parish Council, Barbara Selkirk (Tenbury Community Pool), County Cllr Ken Pollock

Present - 6 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies** - received from Cllr Worsley.
2. **The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.**
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2018.**
Minutes were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed by Chairman.
4. **Police Report** – Full report at end of minutes.
5. **Presentation by Barbara Selkirk from Tenbury Community Pool** – The Pool is run by Freedom Leisure. In 2019 it is hoped to upgrade the changing rooms to include a disabled changing room. Future work to replace windows and refurbish reception area. MHDC have given a grant of £68k, Pool to be self-funding by March 2020, lots of volunteers help raise funds, some funds from Freedom Leisure. Extension to cost £448k. Tenbury Wells own the Pool as a Charity, over £100k raised so far, grants to be applied for. A few questions were answered. The Chairman thanked Barbara for coming to the meeting and she left.
6. **County Councillors Report** – Report circulated at meeting and will be added to end of Parish Council minutes. Cllr Pollock gave brief report at meeting. He spoke about his Divisional Funding which he can grant to worthy causes. A resident suggested the new Hall at Eastham may need more funds, if a request is made to County Cllr it will be considered. County Cllr does not make the final decision on whether the funds are released or not, it is up to someone at WCC.
7. **District Councillors Report – Apologies received**, report circulated and will be added to end of Parish Council minutes.
8. **Chairman's Report 2018-19** – circulated at meeting and is below.
9. **Welfare Trust Report** – Report circulated at meeting, copy in files and to publish on website.
10. **Memorial Hall Report** – Report circulated at meeting, copy in files and to publish on website.
11. **Matters raised tonight – Eastham Bridge** – junction sign has graffiti, Clerk to report.
Millennium Green - dip where pipe was repaired, Clerk to ask Dist Cllr to contact Housing Association.
12. **Meeting Closed at 8.02pm - Chairman thanked everyone for attending.**

Paul Arnold _____
Chairman of Eastham Parish Council

Date May 2020

Police Report 2018-19 – CSO Vanessa Snape

What Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have done –

Carried out a number of covert operations in the 'wee hours' in an attempt to disrupt/stop Rural Crime

Ongoing

Carried out a number of Property Marking Events - Residential, Business and farming communities.

Utilized Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) which is working very well and helps police a lot (thank you everyone)

Patrols

What can be done

Overtly mark equipment in shed, padlock with an audible padlock alarm, and have sensors inside the sheds which alert the owner to any unwanted presence.

Mark items of value in homes with Smartwater – available online direct sale OR by the Smartwater initiative (65% of the Parish take up Smartwater and receive a bulk discount purchase price)

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List belongings on immobilise.com

Use/set up Whats APP groups – group chats are instant (add SNT)

Call or text SNT on mobiles (if we are not on duty please listen to the message)

SNT Offer

Basic Security advice - homes sheds, cars

Property marking events – on offer throughout the Teme Valley

Stop that Thief – Security advice from an accredited professional technician endorsed by the NFU, If anyone wishes to use this service please call one of the team

To reach the Team

Call landline to leave message for the team 01905 725780

Email – mt.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

CSO Ness Snape – 07814 040 307

CSO Teresa Howells-Brown 07814 041 496

PC Chris Lea 07773 050 598

Call 101 to report non urgent incidents

Cre Mark available from Cre Products online

Smartwater initiative – a presentation is available from Mike Simpson (West Mercia Police) for more details.

If you would like more information contact Ness

Chairman's Report 21st May 2019

I have pleasure in providing a summary of the matters addressed over the past twelve months.

Highways - We continue to monitor and inform WCC on road maintenance issues that arise from time to time such as potholes and new emphasis on the New Road. Damage to Eastham Bridge is to be repaired by the contractors who built the bridge, it is on their work schedule. Dead trees also to be replaced by them.

We thank Ian Mapp for his work in the Parish as Lenghtsman over the last year.

Development - In the past year the council has considered five planning applications, these were - one extension, one conversion, one replacement of a garage and two holiday let applications, one of these has been withdrawn but the other was approved by MHDC despite the PC sending objections in. Each application is considered in detail and the merits or detriments of each development is assessed.

Footpaths, Bridleways, Community and Environment - The Parish Council have an elected Footpaths Officer to monitor the state and accessibility of the footpaths and bridleways serving the village. Where necessary we encourage those responsible to undertake maintenance and clearance of footpaths.

Finance - We are pleased to confirm that the Council's reserves remain safe. An internal audit is undertaken by an independent person who checks to ensure correct financial procedures are followed. Full details will be published on the website in June.

Representatives - We thank our Worcestershire County Councillor Ken Pollock and our Malvern Hills District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe for their work in keeping Eastham Parish Council up to date with what is happening at District and County Council levels.

Acknowledgements - I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors and our Parish Clerk for their hard work and support. We thank Stuart Ward, Jen Jones and Ian Matravers for their work and were sorry to see them step down. I also wish to acknowledge the work being undertaken by Eastham Memorial Hall Trustees and fervently hope that their numbers will increase after some interest at the AGM. We look forward to a positive outcome from the Lottery very soon and will continue to support the Trustees into the future.

Paul Arnold Chairman of Eastham Parish Council

