

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 February 2022

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Matravets, Cllr Adams, Cllr Ward, Cllr Worsley

In Attendance: Clerk, 2 Members of the Public, District and County Councillors

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Co-option of Cllr** – No applications received.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs reminded to keep their registers updated.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None declared
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – none declared
4. **Dispensations** - To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
Dispensations received
5. **Public Question Time** – matter raised item 11e. ENF/21/0255 – Robins End noise nuisance. Agreed to discuss by Councillors

Resolved and Agreed by all to move point 11.e for discussion to this section of meeting
11.e ENF/21/0255 – Robins End – noise nuisance – Reported to Enforcement and response received for meeting
Discussion held, resolved by all for a letter to be written to MHDC to expedite matter by the Clerk and to be looked over by a Councillor prior to submitting to MHDC.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes in attendance.
District Cllrs Reports – Report at end of minutes in attendance.
7. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Minutes of Parish Council meetings held on 30 November 2021 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress Reports** – none to report
9. **Reports on meeting attended by Clerk/Cllrs:** - none attended
10. **Finances** -
 - a. **Payments made** –, C Bunn (LM) £ 154.00. All agreed, resolved.
 - b. **Payments received** – Lengthsman scheme £588 during November/December
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** (circulated) – November/December 2021 figures were agreed. Balance in Cash book £16049.57 at 31.12.2021
 - d. **Mowing Quotation** – MTM Contracting Ltd £1382.40 quote received, Resolved all agreed to this for year 2022-23.
 - e. **TSB Mandate** – for the purposes of enquiry Clerk to be added to mandate, will not undertake to sign any cheques. Resolved all agreed
 - f. **Appointment of Independent Examiner** of DM Payroll Services Ltd £75.00 Resolved all agreed
11. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans received since last meeting** – 21/02009/CU Eastham Court – All agreed to support
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
21/01387/HP Lower Bank, Eastham, WR15 8PA – approved 23/12/21
21/01/HP - 1 Hill Top Cottages, Rochford, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8SR – approved 08/12/21
 - c. **Plans for consideration at this meeting** – none
 - d. **ENF/21/0255** – Robins End – noise nuisance – update – This was discussed after point 5.
12. **Road Report:**
 - a. **Lengthsman** – No areas of concern
 - b. **Problems to report** – None raised.
13. **MHDC Boundary review** – circulated to Councillors, the review points are detailed in District Councillor C Palethorpe’s report below.
The deadline date for comments is the **21 March 22**
14. **Speeding concerns within the Parish** - confirmation has been received that monitoring will be conducted.
15. **The Queens Green Canopy** – Tree planting project to celebrate Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee. Local Landowners can apply direct to place trees upon their land
16. **Policies to be updated**
Privacy notice - change of data controller details – resolved agreed amendments
Risk Assessment review – carried forward to next meeting
17. **Correspondence for Information:**
CALC, NALC,
CALC – Executive officer report – previously circulated
MHDC – Caravan sites and occupancy restriction – previously circulated
MHDC – Dog Control – previously circulated
MHDC – Electoral Review until 21 March 2022

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WCC – Draft budget proposals

MHDC – Bike marking event at Tenbury Swimming Pool Monday 21 February 2022, 1.30 to 3.00pm

18. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payments made – 25 January - Mr C Bunn – December 21 (LM) = £147.00. HMRC £27.70

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19. Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.

20. Clerks Contract – Resolved agreed by all Cllr Worsley peruse , agree with Clerk and sign on behalf of the Parish Council

21. Dates for meeting: TUESDAY 29 March 2022 and 24 May both AT 7.30PM in Eastham Memorial Hall

22. Meeting closed 8.00 pm.

Signed-----

Date

Chairman

Public Question Time – Robins End Noise Nuisance suggestion by Public for Parish Council to request MHDC keep them well informed of developments. Specialist advice and opinion had been sort by individuals, as to the breaches/non-compliance.

District Councillors Report

Have your say on a new political map for Malvern Hills District Council: New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in Malvern Hills District Council. The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A 10week week consultation on the proposals will run until 21 March 2022.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Malvern Hills to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

It is proposed there should be 31 councillors, with 13 single-councillor wards, six two-councillor wards, and two three-councillor wards.

Proposed changes include:

· Significantly altered wards for Malvern to unite key centres within the town

· New wards in the north east of the district based on responses from parishes and councillors How can I comment on the proposals?

To have your say all you need to do is tell the Local Government Boundary Commission what you think of the proposals and your reasons why. You are also welcome to put forward alternative proposals. Have your say on the new Boundary Review proposals.

You can also: · Email reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Write to: Review Officer (Malvern Hills), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE

Support for energy prices – the council tax rebate: On 3 February, the Government announced measures to help protect millions of households from rising energy costs. This includes a £150 council tax energy rebate. Detailed guidance and funding allocations will be published in the week beginning 7 February.

The Government will provide funding for billing authorities to give all households in England whose primary residence is valued in council tax bands A – D a one-off council tax energy rebate payment of £150. This payment will operate outside of the council tax system, using council tax lists to identify eligible households. For more information, follow the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-to-receive-350-boost-to-help-with-rising-energycosts>

Youth Chair Fund: Young people can now apply for up to £500 to fund projects that will benefit communities within the Malvern Hills district. Our Youth Chair Fund will fund upcoming projects designed by the district's young people aged between 11 to 17, the deadline to apply is 4 March 2022. The fund will help support a wide range of ventures such as short-term projects, celebrations, trips, and equipment. Local projects that have already gained from the fund include Tenbury High Ormiston Academy's Time to Talk cabin, which provides a safe space for students to talk about and seek support with their mental health and wellbeing.

Perfect Circle Youth Theatre group also created a short film based on their ideas and projects, teaching them how to film and edit, and Upton Young Farmers received funding to support a new member's day to encourage new people to join. This is a great opportunity for young people, please pass on to your local community groups and mailing lists. Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/youth for more information.

Malvern Hills businesses could benefit from £2,000 upskilling grants: Local businesses could receive up to £2,000 towards the cost of taking on a new apprentice or trainee thanks to a new Upskilling Grant. Malvern Hills District Council has introduced the grant as part of the Upskilling Project, which is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund.

The £283,000 project involves a range of activities designed to boost skills, help businesses grow and support people into work. Businesses in any sector can apply for up to two upskilling grants, as long as the trainees started after 1 April 2021 and before 31 March 2022.

To qualify, businesses need to be based in the Malvern Hills district postcode area and employ fewer than 250 people. They must pay at least the minimum wage to the trainee for a post of at least 20 hours a week, including training, over a minimum of three months. They must also provide for the trainee to gain a recognised qualification.

Grants are paid on a first come first served basis and will only last for as long as the funding does. Businesses are urged to apply early, so they don't miss out. Grants are paid after the apprentice or trainee has completed three months of their course.

Businesses can find out more about the grant, and how to apply, by visiting www.malvern hills.gov.uk/skills

Malvern Hills offers £500 incentive to new apprentices and trainees: Payments of £500 are on offer to anyone starting an apprenticeship or training course as part of a new incentive scheme. The 'golden hello' has been introduced by Malvern Hills District Council to encourage the take up of apprenticeships and trainee programmes, which help many people take their first steps in the world of work or embark on new careers.

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This incentive forms part of the Malvern Hills and Wychavon Upskilling Project, which has been given £283,000 from the UK Government's UK Community Renewal Fund. To qualify, they must live or work in the Malvern Hills area, earn less than £15,000 a year, complete the first three months of their courses and claim the payment themselves.

Support payments of up to £1,000 are also available to help apprentices and trainees cover the cost of travel, equipment, clothing and other associated expenses.

Applications for this scheme must be made by 31 March 2022. Other funding schemes to help with training costs will still be available after this date. People can apply for the payment, and find more details, including full terms and conditions, online at www.malvern hills.gov.uk/skills

Commonwealth Games baton-bearers: The excitement is building for this year's Commonwealth Games, taking place in Birmingham from 28 July to 8 August, and bringing an economic boost to the whole of the West Midlands.

The anticipation has stepped up a gear this week with the opening of nominations for baton-bearers for the Queen's Baton Relay in England.

The 294-day relay is already under way, with the baton – containing a message to the

Commonwealth from Her Majesty The Queen – set to visit every corner of the Commonwealth.

The relay arrives in England in early July and thousands of people will then carry the baton around the UK during the final 25-day leg before the games begin in Birmingham.

This is your chance to nominate someone who you'd like to see carry the baton as part of the relay. The Birmingham 2022 organisers are looking for individuals who:

- are always willing to take on a challenge and has a unique and inspiring story;
- has made a meaningful contribution to sport, education, the arts, culture, or charity;
- is a figure of inspiration who positively challenges others to achieve their best;
- has taken on a challenge or cause and made a positive impact within their community. You can make a nomination here. The deadline is 14 February 2022.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. Latest Covid Figures as at 7th February 2022 are:
 - a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 1,115 cases per 100,000.
 - b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 1,202 cases per 100,000.
 - c. The direction of travel is down in Worcestershire as a whole, with only Malvern Hills District seeing an upward trend.
 - d. Worcester City has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 1,378 cases per 100,000. Bromsgrove has the lowest infection rate.
 - e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 973 cases per 100,000.
2. The message from the Director of Public Health at the County Council remains the same: Adhere to Government guidelines, ensure you are fully vaccinated, use doctors surgeries, pharmacies, Minor Injury Units, NHS111 etc., wherever possible and only call an ambulance or visit the Acute Hospital if it is absolutely necessary, in order to keep pressure off these two key services, as far as possible.
3. A full programme of events is being planned by the County Council, to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, and in particular, over the Bank Holiday weekend in June. Over 5,500 trees have already been planted in Worcestershire as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, with many more being planted during the course of the year.

4Worcestershire County Council have received £52million of Government Grants for Covid support, including:

 - £21million for the most vulnerable in our communities.
 - £9million on testing, tracing and support for outbreak control.
 - £3million on support for free school meals. £3million support of businesses.
4. The final touches to the Council Budget for 2022/23 are being made and I will update you, following the next Full Council meeting, when the Budget is agreed.
5. It has already been agreed that Local Members' Highway Fund of £22,000 and Councillor's Divisional Fund of £10,000 will be extended to the next financial year. If there are any community projects that you believe would benefit from financial support, then please let me know from April onwards.
6. Out of my current Divisional Fund, I am pleased to have been able to assist the following projects in Eastham:
 - £1,500 to Eastham Memorial Hall to purchase a security and surveillance system for the Memorial Hall.
 - £600 to purchase a celebration Jubilee tankard for every child in the village as part of Eastham's Jubilee celebrations in June.

David Chambers - County Councillor, Tenbury Division