

**EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 7.15pm in Eastham Memorial Hall**

**In attendance**

Cllr Paul Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Worsley,  
Clerk to Eastham Parish Council.

**Present** - 3 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Matravers & Cllr Ward
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 May 2021**  
Minutes were read and all agreed for them to be signed by Chairman.
4. **Police Report** – Report at end of minutes.
5. **County Councillors Report** – Apologies received, no report for this meeting
6. **District Councillors Report** – Apologies received, report read and at end of the minutes.
7. **Chairman's Report 2021-2022** – read at meeting and is below.
8. **Welfare Trust Report** – Reports available at meeting, copy in files.
9. **Memorial Hall Report** – Report received as given at Hall AGM
10. **Matters raised tonight** – Speed Check was conducted outside of commuting time, could another be done at commuting hours?.
11. **Meeting Closed at 7.30pm - Chairman thanked everyone for attending.**

Paul Arnold \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman of Eastham Parish Council**

Date 24 May 2022

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**Chairman's Report 24 May 2022**

This is a summary of the matters addressed over the past year

**Vacancies for Cllrs** – There are vacancies for Cllrs that can be filled by co-option if you are interested please contact the Clerk. 2023 is Election year so all Cllrs will resign and a new PC will be elected.

**Planning** – There have been twelve planning application this year, two were refused, 4 were approved and six are awaiting for MHDC to make a decision. It has been a busy year.

**Eastham Memorial Hall** – The PC brought items for the hall to the value £7,000.00 these items have been gifted to EMH and they will be responsible for insuring them for the future.

**Noticeboard** – A new metal noticeboard was installed by the Hall.

**Eastham Bridge** – Damage was repaired but within weeks further damage occurred. We are still waiting for WCC to complete repairs.

**Drains** - WCC have been jetting drains, please contact the Clerk if you have any concerns.

**Footpaths** - WCC elect the Parish path Warden (PPW) for the Parish. Concerns can be passed to the Clerk who will then contact the PPW. Please note stiles are the responsibility of the landowner, not WCC. The PPW is responsible for marking the paths and keeping paths passable.

**Finance** – 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. The PC will be agreeing the account at the Meeting. The Precept for 2022 – 2023 is £8,450.00 an increase of £50.00.

**Loud Music** – This is still be looked into by MHDC

**Speeding Traffic** – The Police have monitored speeds by Memorial Hall and will report back to PC in due course

**Lengthsman (LM)** – We thank Chris Bunn for his first year of work in the Parish

**Worcestershire County Cllr David Chambers and Malvern Hills District Councillor Caroline Paethorpe** must also be thanked for their support for the Parish over the last 12 months.

**Acknowledgements** – I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors and our parish Clerks, old and new for their hard work. Thanks again to Sue Burrows who retired as our Clerk in November, Sue had been Clerk since 2005, we welcome Lesley Jenkins who started in post 30 November.

Paul Arnold                      *Chairman*

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## Police Report May 2022

It has been another busy year for the team.

Martley and Tenbury SNT are still waging war against rural crime, thefts and speeding, and road traffic offences which sadly isn't going away. There are a number of measures that can be taken to deter thefts, and promote safer speeds on our roads, links to useful information can be found on the West Mercia Police website which includes security advice. The PCSO's in the team are able to give general security advice, but for more specialist advice we can signpost to, Mike Simpson, Business and Crime Prevention Officer, P C Nigel Bolton, We don't Buy Crime Officer and Residential Security and Crime Prevention Officer, Jacqueline Godfrey Hunt.

Eastham highlighted speeding, theft outbuildings, theft farms as priorities as part of the Parish Contract Contact Charter. Speeding: The SNT has carried out data gathering and the statistics gathered at that time showed all vehicles travelling within the speed limit for that area.

Theft: (Outbuildings) following two more thefts in the area, we will be conducting more rural patrols and providing reassurance. We are hoping to carry out an engagement with the local parishioners to provide security advice and guidance to those who need further support from Mike Simpson / Nigel Bolton. We will be in contact with the Clerk to ask for their help for this event, and sign-ups for Neighbourhood Matters.

Theft farms: Mike Simpson has been out to those who have been a victim of crime. We are hoping to carry out a presentation, security chat with the local parishioners, as Eastham does seem to be a targeted area.

Whilst the numbers for crime in this area remain relatively low, no crime is acceptable and we will continue to work to reduce numbers further.

We remain committed to engagement with the community with visits to the local coffee mornings, and Parish Meetings; Martley and Tenbury SNT are always available by email for questions, queries, etc.

We are available to give talks to groups or residents, advising on what scams are currently doing the rounds, and how to keep safe and avoid being taken in by the ever increasing and sophisticated measure criminal gangs are using against the unsuspecting and vulnerable people in our communities.

We have now officially relocated to Tenbury Fire Station located in Burford Tenbury Wells. At the moment the team are: PC Jack Sykes, PCSO Ness Snape, PCSO Deb Abbott, and PCSO Teresa Howells Brown

We are available via email: [mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk](mailto:mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk), or mobile phones

PC Sykes 07890 390717

Ness Snape 07814 040307

Deb Abbott 07890 535960

Teresa Howells Brown 07814 041496

**You can also reach us via Tenbury Cops on Face book**

**We are increasingly using Neighbourhood Matters to send out alerts and messages etc., so if you haven't yet signed up, please head to either West Mercia Website to do so, or Neighbourhood Matters directly online.**

**Please contact us if you need any help or information with any of the above.**

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### District Councillors Report for Eastham Annual Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

New leader of MHDC: Malvern Hills District Council officially elected a new leader at Annual Council on Tuesday 10 May. Cllr Tom Wells, former Deputy Leader, was elected for the position.

As well as this, Cllr John Michael, was elected as Chairman. The former Chairman, Cllr Cynthia Palmer, passed over her chains during the meeting.

Cllr Natalie McVey was elected as Deputy Leader and Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams as the Vice Chairman.

Visit [Councillor information - Malvern Hills District Council](#) for the full list of roles and responsibilities, and the up to date ward map.

Funding opportunities for businesses and apprentices extended: Businesses and apprentices across the Malvern Hills District will have more opportunity to apply for funding to build skills in the workforce.

The £283,000 of funding, which has come from the Government's Community Renewal Fund (CRF), has been extended and support will now be available until at least the end of September 2022.

The CRF is being used to invest in skills, training and employment opportunities and more than 40 businesses and 60 apprentices have received support since December.

Businesses can receive an Upskilling Grant of up to £2,000 towards the cost of taking on a new apprentice or trainee. Support payments of up to £1,000 are available to help apprentices and trainees cover the cost of travel, equipment, clothing and other associated expenses.

Payments of £500 are also on offer to anyone starting an apprenticeship to help encourage people to consider on-the-job training as a route into work and to take up the apprenticeship position available locally.

The Fold in Bransford recently received a grant from the fund which is being used to invest in the charity's trainee Accounts Assistant. [Visit our Skills webpage for more information.](#)

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Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay to visit Malvern Hills District: The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay is confirmed to visit the Malvern Hills District during its final journey through England this summer.

Birmingham 2022 is hosting the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – a journey which brings together and celebrates communities across the Commonwealth during the build up to the Games.

In England, the Queen's Baton Relay will provide the opportunity for communities to experience the excitement for Birmingham 2022, as the 11 days of showstopping sport nears ever closer.

Kicking off on Thursday 2 June, The Queen's Baton Relay is set to travel the length and breadth of England for a total of 29 days, before culminating at the Opening Ceremony for Birmingham 2022 on 28 July 2022.

There will be plenty of opportunities to see the Baton as it goes through the Malvern Hills District on the afternoon of 22 July.

Starting at Upton Marina the Baton will relay through Upton town centre. Next stop, the Baton will be travelling up to Worcestershire Beacon and then down to Malvern Town Football Club.

Lastly, the Baton will be relaying through Priory Park, up Church Street and finishing on Belle Vue Island before departing the district. A full schedule will be announced closer to the date.

One of the confirmed Community Baton bearers for the Malvern Hills District will be John Clark, from Rushwick, a gym owner, mentor and coach who is a former champion strong man. Having suffered from food poverty as a child, he has set up a charity, Miles 4 Meals to help children living in food poverty and has raised up to £50,000 in other charitable challenges. [Read more information about the Queen's Baton Relay.](#)

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