

# EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council  
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 July 2022

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk and 3 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Ward and Cllr Worsley gave apologies, noted, agreed by all. Resolved.
2. **Co-option of Cllr** – Application received from Ms B Lewis and agreed by all to co-opt to Council. Present at meeting. Councillor Beryl Lewis joined the meeting
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) –
5. **Public Question Time meeting adjourned.**  
None raised  
**County Councillor D Chambers** gave his report – Bridge repair due in August. Mentioned a desperate need for Nurses, Health Care, School Nurses, Care Assistants to address needs of hospitals and other areas. Report at end of minutes  
**District Councillor C Palethorpe** – report at end of minutes
6. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2022 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **Appointment of Representatives to outside bodies** - Eastham Memorial Hall - all agreed Cllr Adams to represent.
8. **Policies Review/update**
  - a. Delegation Policy – Reviewed by Councillors and Resolved as all agreed.
  - b. Standing Orders (revision 2022) - Reviewed by Councillors and Resolved , all agreed
9. **Finances -**
  - a. **Payments to be considered** – LM £165.00; L Jenkins Antivirus renewal £116.99; S Burrows Microsoft renewal £59.99 and LM £172.50 - paid 21/07 All agreed, resolved.
  - b. **Receipts since last meeting** - £165.00 LM
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation and finance report** - Reconciliation Figures were agreed, Actual Bank Balance at 30 June 22 £16925.25.
10. **Planning**
  - a. **Plans received since last meeting** – none
  - b. **Decision received since last meeting** - 3289094 - Old School House Appeal – dismissed
  - c. **Plans for consideration at this meeting** – none
  - d. **ENF/21/0255** – update – none received at present time
11. **Road Report**  
**LM Update – none**  
Potholes in layby reported by Clerk to WCC  
**Eastham Bridge** – to be repaired during August
12. **Correspondence for Information** – as circulated
13. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** – none
14. **Councillor’s reports and items for the next agenda**  
Dog waste bins – Clerk to investigate costs and emptying.  
Replacement of signage “clean up after dog” Clerk to arrange replacements
14. **Dates for meetings: 27 September, 29 November 2022, 24 January & 28 March 2023**  
Next Meeting will be **TUESDAY 27 September 2022 both AT 7.30PM** in Eastham Memorial Hall
15. **Meeting closed at 8.00pm**

Signed  
Chairman

Date

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**Public Question Time** – Potholes in layby

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**Worcestershire County Council Report**

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**Meeting of Eastham Parish Council 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

1. Worcestershire County Council’s Corporate Plan 2022-2027 has been approved by the Council. The document provides a blueprint for the organisation, setting out the Council’s core priorities and guiding how the organisation will operate, both internally, with partners across Worcestershire and beyond. In brief, it has focused its work on four key priority areas:
  - Open for Business
  - Children and Families
  - The Environment
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - a. **Open for Business:** It is proposed to expand key strategic sites to deliver more highly skilled jobs and support further business expansion. Alongside this, the Council will continue to invest in unlocking growth at key transport sites including Shrub Hill and Redditch railway stations, support its partners and deliver further digital connectivity through the provision of gigabit broadband. The Council will also support its partners around plans for Future High Street Fund, Towns Fund and Levelling Up proposals.

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- b. Children and Families: There will be continued investment into Children and Families and the Council will aim to see its children's services rated as "Good", recognising the significant journey of improvement that has been made. The Council will continue to invest in its school estate, including the delivery of a new secondary school and extra places to keep pace with development.
- c. Environment: The Council will continue in its role to help preserve and protect the Environment for future generations. The Council has now agreed a Net Zero plan which will focus efforts to reduce our environmental impact even further, whilst still enabling us to deliver sustainable growth alongside maintaining top-quartile condition for our roads and pavements. The Council will continue to invest in environmental measures that protect our natural environment, enhance our biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.
- d. Health and Wellbeing: This remains a key priority for our residents. The Council will work even more closely with residents and communities to encourage active lifestyles, enabling people to live longer, healthier and happier lives. The Council's work with the NHS and other partners through the Integrated Care System will help co-ordinate our services and ensure residents receive the right care at the right time to meet their needs.

The County Council is committed to working even closer with our communities. We will expand our "Here2Help" programme to provide a single front door of advice and guidance for people, whilst working with voluntary and community groups to strengthen local support. All of this work sits within our "One Worcestershire" approach to co-ordinating work, investment and priorities across the county. The Council intends to seek to adopt new ways of working, including co-location and shared services, to embrace a joined-up approach to service delivery that best meets local needs and removes barriers between organisations.

2. Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign, delivered by leading fostering charities, and took place in May. The campaign showcases the commitment, passion and dedication of foster carers. It also supports fostering services to highlight the need for more foster carers. Nationally, thousands of new foster carers are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for foster carers for older children, sibling groups, disabled children and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. The County Council is urging residents in Worcestershire, to give consideration to becoming a foster carer, because quite simply, fostering is better than Care.
3. Worcestershire County Council continue to work closely with the six Worcestershire District Councils to help provide accommodation with families throughout the county. Over two thousand families have offered their homes to Ukrainian families, with the number of guests arriving increasing all the time.
4. Following the unsuccessful Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government and the disappointing news that First Bus have announced they intend to significantly cut services in Worcestershire, the County Council is now conducting a complete review of its policy regarding bus services in Worcestershire.
5. Ambulance waiting times remain a major concern in the county. Ambulances continue to wait for several hours to discharge their patients at the Worcester Royal Hospital, due to patient delays from progressing from the Emergency Department onto wards. The County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), will continue to seek positive improvements and outcomes, as part of its scrutiny with all the health sectors involved.

David Chambers

County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

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### Report for Eastham Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Final chance to 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 new proposals. A final 6-week consultation on the proposals will run until 8 August 2022. This follows two previous periods of consultation.

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.

The Commission has published proposals for changes to Malvern Hills. It is proposing that there should be 31 councillors, seven fewer than at present.

They should represent residents across 15 wards.

There will be four three-councillor wards, eight two-councillor and three single-councillor wards across the district.

Launching the consultation Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said: "We want people in Malvern Hills to help us. We have drawn up final proposals for new wards in Malvern Hills. We want to make sure these new electoral arrangements reflect communities. We also want them to be easy to understand and convenient for local people. Residents and local organisations have already helped us in refining our earlier proposals. Now we would like them to let us know whether they agree with our proposals before we take final decisions. It's easy to get involved. Go to our website. Or you can e-mail or write to us. Just tell us what you think and give us some details why you think that. It's simple, so do get involved"

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment on the names of wards, their boundaries and the number of councillors per ward. Visit the Local Government Boundary Commission website.

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/24708>

People can also give their views by e-mail at [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk), and by post: Review Officer (Malvern Hills) LGBCE PO Box 133 Blyth NE24 9FE  
**Talk to Tom:** Our new regular Leader's Surgery started this week and will continue to take place on the first Monday of each month, between 10am - 12pm at the Council House.

'Talk to Tom' is an opportunity for residents to meet Cllr Tom Wells and chat face to face about any issues they believe we can assist them with. If you know of any residents that would like to discuss any issues, please ask them to visit our website [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/talktotom](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/talktotom) to make an appointment via an online form.

**Summer of Fun** launched across the Malverns: Malvern Hills District Council has recently launched a new Summer of Fun campaign. The campaign, which started on 1 July 2022, has been created to attract more visitors (particularly families) to The Malverns on a day trip, a short break, or a family holiday to support our local tourism, hospitality, and retail businesses.

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It aims to inspire visitors to The Malverns and keep residents informed of all the great venues and summer activities happening right on the doorstep.

The campaign includes five new inspirational graphics created by a local graphic designer which each depict the wonderful things to see and do across The Malverns.

Summer of Fun also has its own web page on our Visit The Malverns website, which details local outdoor activities, heritage and gardens, festivals, events, and more. Visit [www.visitthemaalverns.org/summeroffun](http://www.visitthemaalverns.org/summeroffun) for more information

**Youth Chairperson at Council:** Matthew Knight, our Youth Chairperson for the last two years, joined Council on 21 June to talk about his achievements in the post. He spoke about the importance of engaging young people in local decision making and about his own personal mission of raising awareness of and improving access to mental health support for young people. He also announced the four projects being supported by his Youth Fund in 2022 as Dyson Perrins High Peer Mentoring Scheme, Ludwig Theatre Group in Tenbury, a big birthday celebration for young people at Malvern Cube and new chess boards and clocks for Hanley Castle Highs Chess Club.

Councillor Caroline Palethorpe

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