

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 November 2022**

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Matravers, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr A Worsley, Cllr S Ward.

- 1 Apologies** - none
- 2 Declarations of Interest:**
 - a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded to keep their Register of Interests updated.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: Agenda Item 15c Cllr Adams
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests: As received previously
- Dispensations:**
 - a. To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
 - b. Dispensations requested – Dispensations as received.
- 5 The Meeting adjourned for Public Question Time:**
No items raised by Public.
- 6 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of the 27 September 2022 were agreed by all, RESOLVED and signed by the Chairman
- 7 County Councillor Report:** Cllr D Chambers sent apologies. Report is at the end of the minutes
District Councillor Report: Cllr C Palethorpe sent apologies. Report is at the end of the minutes
- 8 Rural Poverty** – this is being looked into by other organisations, place on next agenda.
- 9 Training for Clerk/Councillors** - none required at the present time
- 10 Mowing for the year 2023** - Agreed to source additional quotes in keeping with good practice
- 11 Finances**
 - a. to consider payments as presented meeting.
Clerks Pay £1037.14; LM C Bunn £187.50; MTM Contracting Ltd (Mowing) £1123.20 Payments agreed by all, Resolved.
 - b. receipts received since last meeting WCC LM Scheme £337.50
 - c. to agree Bank Reconciliation & Finance Report - The bank reconciliation was presented indicating at the 3 November 2022 the reconciled bank balance stood at £19,973.97: The budget to date was presented showing no adverse variances
 - d. Budget for Precept 2023-2024 reviewed an increase by £255.00. All agreed, proposer Cllr Arnold, seconder Cllr Ward. Resolved
- 12 Appointment of External Auditor 2022/23 – 2026/27** - all agreed to remain with the appointed External Auditor, resolved
- 13 Appointment of Internal Auditor 2022 -2023 Accounts** – all agreed to use DM Payroll Services Ltd at a charge of £100, resolved
- 14 Donations - Eastham Riverside Fete** £500.00 donation request. Given to the Committee for good causes within the Parish of Eastham - agreed by all, Resolved.
- 15 Planning**
 - a. Plans received since last meeting – as below point 15c
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting – none
 - c. Plans for consideration at this meeting
M/22/01618/LB – Eastham Court, Eastham, Tenbury, WR15 8NW
Cllr M Adams left the meeting due to an interest in the application
Agreed by all to support the Application
Cllr M Adams returned to the meeting
 - d. ENF21/0255 – an update had been received from MHDC, it was agreed by all to request regular updates on the situation
- 16 SWDP Consultation** – Public Review consultation – no comments
Traveller & Travelling Showpeople consultation – it was expressed that comments should be made. Clerk to look into the documentation with assistance from Cllr Worsley
- 17 Civility & Respect Project** – place onto next Agenda to look at Policy document
- 18 Road Report**
 - a. LM Report – Highwood drains reported to WCC and visit scheduled
 - b. Pot Holes on layby – these have been repaired
 - c. Bollards at Pipers Brook – there are bollards highlighting the new kerbing to drains. Clerk to request a visit by WCC to look at the kerbing and bollards
- 19 Progress reports**
 - a. Dog Fouling – item kept on Agenda to monitor the problem on the Green area. Signs replaced. Agenda Item next meeting
 - b. Severn Trent – no response to letter Clerk to Action second letter
- 20 Donations** – duplication of point 14
- 21 Reports on any meeting attended by Councillors or Clerk** – none

22. **Correspondence for information** : as circulated
NJC Salary Award; MHDC Small Grants for Warm Spaces; West Mercia Police coffee morning surgeries; CALC newsletter
no comments
MHDC SWDP consultations item 16.
23. **Clerks report on any Urgent Decisions since last meeting**
payment to LM C Bunn for October £165.00
24. **Councillors reports and items for the next Agenda** - Rural Poverty; Civility & Respect; NJC holiday; Mowing Contract.
25. **Date of next meeting** – 24 January 2023 at 7.30pm Eastham Memorial Hall
26. **Meeting closed** at 8.25 pm

Signed

Date

Eastham Parish Council (Chair)

Worcestershire County Council Report**Meeting of Eastham Parish Council 29th November 2022**

- Concerns remain regarding the long delays that ambulances continue to wait outside the Worcester Royal Hospital. The poor flow of patients from ambulance to the Emergency Department, to Wards and then to discharge, also remains a major concern. On the 1st December, the next meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (of which I am a member), will be held at the Worcester Royal Hospital. Following the meeting we will be given a tour of the new Emergency Department, which is due to open shortly and where we will be able to question and assess any likely potential improvement to the services mentioned above.
- On Sunday 6th November, as a Member of the Fire Authority, I attended an emergency services exercise at Worcester Cathedral. Hereford & Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Service, the Ambulance Service and the Police all took part. Some 100 officers from the various services were in attendance, some active on the exercise and others as observers. The exercise lasted almost three hours based on a fire in the lower ground floor of the cathedral, the evacuation of the injured, the removal precious of archives based in the roof section of the cathedral and so on.

Specialist appliances were mobilised including an appliance with a 30 metre extending ladder with platform, which could reach the roof area of the cathedral. There was also an appliance which was deployed at the river, enabling water to be pumped out of the river up to where the fire engines were located; this one appliance was able to supply five fire engines with a constant supply of water.

This type of exercise takes place several times each year at different locations. Mindful of the Manchester Arena disaster, which is very much in the news at present, this can give reassurance that our own emergency services are planning for potential serious eventualities.

David Chambers County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

District Councillor Report for Eastham Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 29th November 2022

Festive cheer comes to Tenbury: Get in the festive spirit as Christmas comes to Tenbury Wells with its merry markets, Christmas-themed entertainment, and a Mistletoe Queen.

Tenbury Wells is all set for a Christmas celebration full of joy and merriment, starting with its annual **Mistletoe Festival on Saturday 3 December from 10am to 6pm.**

The popular Tenbury Wells Mistletoe Festival will include the traditional crowning of the Mistletoe Queen, stalls, music, a mistletoe ceremony, workshops and more.

On **Thursday 8 December** Tenbury Wells Christmas Markets take place **from 1pm to 7pm**, at Tesco Market Place and at the historic Round Market in Market Square at the end of Market Street.

Stallholders will be selling local artisan produce, arts, crafts, and perfect Christmas gifts. **Late-night shopping** also takes place on Thursday 8 December in the town.

For even more Christmas entertainment The Regal will be hosting Tenbury's all-comedy **pantomime Robin Hood**, from 14 to 31 December.

Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation: The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is redrawing constituency boundaries in order to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP, and a final consultation on proposed new constituencies is **now open**.

A new revised map of constituency proposals, which considers feedback sent in by the public on the initial proposals, has been published on the consultation website: www.bcereviews.org.uk

Send in your views before the closing date of 5 December to have your say on new parliamentary constituency boundaries.

Household Support Fund: The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has recently announced a further round of the Household Support Fund (HSF) grant for Worcestershire to cover the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

This fund is designed to be used to support households in the most need particularly those including families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water

bills.

The Household Support Fund (HSF) will provide support to those most in need by providing vouchers or payments to eligible households or making direct provisions to help with food and goods.

In Malvern Hills District, South Worcestershire Citizen's Advice has received just under £90,000 to support households.

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Please make your residents aware of the support available and share the contact details for Citizen's Advice: Telephone: 0808 278 7891 (Adviceline) available Monday-Friday from 10am to 4pm.

Other help available:

[View the Household Support Fund webpages](#) for more information about the type of support available, including free school meals vouchers during holiday periods.

[View the Act on Energy webpage](#) - Act on Energy are providing support for energy costs across Worcestershire. Eligibility criteria for support is not restricted to solely vulnerable households in receipt of benefits, but criteria will be applied for the different elements of support on offer

Consultation starts on SWDP Review: A six-week public consultation has started on a key planning document that will shape the future development of South Worcestershire.

The revised South Worcestershire Development plan allocates land for 13,240 additional new homes and 290.7 hectares of employment land to be delivered by 2041. This will help meet the Government requirement to allocate land to build 26,360 new homes and 350.5 hectares of employment land across South Worcestershire from 2021 to 2041. Not all sites in the Plan are new, with some being carried over from the last version of the SWDP and sites that already have planning permission being considered. The majority of the new housing will be met through strategic growth sites at Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton, Rushwick and Mitton.

The public are being asked to comment on whether they consider the review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan is sound and legally compliant. To be considered sound the Plan must have been positively prepared, based on robust, credible evidence, show a clear deliverable vision and be consistent with national planning policies.

On top of this the three South Worcestershire Councils – Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils – must also show they have complied with planning legislation including the legal duty to help neighbouring councils meet their strategic housing needs.

Comments can be made until Tuesday 13 December 2022. Only comments made during the consultation can be considered.

People can comment by filling in the online comment form available on the [South Worcestershire Development Plan website](#).

Paper copies are also available from Customer Contact Centres, local libraries and some parish and town council offices.

After the consultation all comments will be passed on to the Planning Inspectorate. The Plan will then go for Examination where it will be scrutinised in detail to make sure it is sound and legal. A series of public hearings may also be held where people will have the chance to make representations and ask questions providing that they have responded to this consultation.

It is expected the plan will be formally adopted by the South Worcestershire Councils in late 2023.

Have your say on sites for Travellers and Travelling Show People: The South Worcestershire Councils are inviting comments on the provision of sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils have prepared a Development Plan Document which includes information on the accommodation needs of Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across South Worcestershire.

The document includes policies which seek to ensure that future Traveller sites are appropriately located and designed.

The document proposes additional Traveller pitches on two existing Traveller sites at Newlands, Malvern and Charlton, Pershore and two existing sites at Aldington and Evesham are also allocated in case the latest planning permissions lapse.

To help meet the medium to longer term needs of Travellers or Travelling Showpeople, new sites are also proposed on the new and expanded settlements at Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton and Rushwick, together with a site on each of the urban extensions at Worcester South and Worcester West.

The six-week public consultation runs until Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 11.59pm. The public and other interested parties are being asked to comment on whether they believe the Development Plan Document is sound and legally compliant.

For the Development Plan Document to be considered sound it must show that it will meet the identified need for Traveller sites, is based on robust evidence, is deliverable and is consistent with national planning policies. To be legally compliant, the document must have followed all necessary legal and procedural requirements.

The Development Plan Document has been informed by earlier public consultations held in 2016, 2018 and 2021. This is the last public consultation on the document before it is submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination in 2023.

While all comments submitted during the consultation will be forwarded to the Planning

Inspectorate for consideration during the next stage of the document, the Government's Planning Inspector is only likely to consider comments that relate to the soundness and legal compliance of the document.

People can comment by visiting [the SWDP website](#) and downloading and filling in the comment form, by email or by post. Paper copies will also be available from Customer Contact Centres, local libraries and some parish and town council offices.

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