

Eastham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council
held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 January 2023

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

1. **Apologies** - Cllr A Worsley – accepted and agreed by all.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded to keep their Register of Interests updated.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests: As received previously
3. **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.

The Meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time:

Items mentioned - Village Green, protection of grass area
Kings' Coronation celebrations 7 May 2023
Map/OS indicating where people are by the hall.
All agreed for these to be an Agenda item at the next meeting 28 March 2023

4. **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
5. **Minutes** of the 29 November 2022 were agreed by all, RESOLVED and signed by the Chairman
6. **Finance**
 - a. Payments – Only invoice paid presented (LM Dec £165.00) noted Agenda Item 17
 - b. Receipts – One receipt £165.00 from WCC (LM)
 - c. Bank Reconciliation & Finance Report – Bank reconciliation as at 2 January 2023 was presented, the bank balance stood at £17,126.13 - agreed by all, resolved, Chairman signed the Bank Reconciliation sheet. Finance Report, budget to date was presented showing no adverse variances
 - d. Precept to confirm amount requested not noted in minutes of 29 Nov 2022, being for the year 2023-24 as £8705 an increase of £255. Agreed by all as correct.
 - e. Training for Clerk - “on your marks” through CALC £25. Agreed by all, Resolved.
 - f. Quotations – Mowing - 3 quotations had been sourced, only one quotation received MTM Contracting £1382.40 no increase on 22/23 quotation. Consideration given as to whether Clerk investigate further for quotations. Agreed by all, resolved, to use MTM Contracting for the year 2023/24.
7. **Planning**
 - a. Plans received since last meeting date – M22-01641-FUL Hillwood Farm, and M22-01780-HP Hillside
 - b. Decisions received from MHDC since last meeting date – none
 - c. Plans for consideration at this meeting – none
 - d. ENF/21/0255 – an update has been received, change of name individual dealing with the case, agreed at the meeting response in particular to paragraph 3. Councillor to assist Clerk in response composition.
8. **Pledge** – Civility & Respect Dignity Pledge - Agreed by all to sign the pledge
9. **Police Charter contract** - quarterly renewal, 3 Community Issues to be noted 1. Speeding; 2. Thefts (outbuildings); 3. Thefts (Farms). Agreed by All, Resolved and contract to be returned.
10. **Elections** – 4 May 2023 – The pack in this regard will be issued in due course. To be noted that ID is required in order to Vote at elections. Clerk attending training. Date of Parish Council meeting after election date agreed as Tuesday 16 May 2023
11. **Road Report:**
 - a. Lengthsman – blocked drains have been reported and other issues, a meeting is being arranged with the Highways Inspector with the Lengthsman
 - b. Bollards Pipers Brook - as above, one of the issues to be looked at during meeting. Cllr Ward, requested that he attend this meeting, agreed by all. Clerk to notify Lengthsman - confirm date and time.
12. **Progress Reports**
 - a. Dog Fouling update – this appears to have diminished to one, review at next meeting
 - b. Severn Trent – no reply has been received from the letters sent. Investigate different address / contact number
13. **Update – rural poverty** – no update received

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14. **Men's Shed** – Received email as being looked at for Lindridge and surrounding areas. Agreed by all to send to mailing list recipients.
15. **Reports on meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors** - Clerk has attended CALC Clerks Gathering, and a CANVA training (free) both via zoom
16. **Correspondence as circulated** – CALC Newsletters, Q&A “become a Councillor”, WCC budget 2023-24; MHDC road closures & West Worcestershire bus task force; Sparse.gov – Rural cost of living survey; Mens Shed; Save the Bell.
17. **Clerks report on any urgent decisions since last meeting** – payment agreed by Councillors for LM December invoice £165.00 All agreed
18. **Councillors report and items for the next agenda** – as noted in public question time.
19. **Date of next meetings** – Tuesday 28 March and Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7.30pm
20. **Meeting closed** at 8.30pm

Signed:

Date:

Eastham Parish Council (Chair)

Worcestershire County Council Report

Meeting of Eastham Parish Council 24 January 2023

Message from the Leader of Worcestershire County Council – Councillor Simon Geraghty

“2022 was another exceptional year in many different ways. Communities all over the County joined together to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee in the summer and then came together again to mourn the sad loss of HM The Queen in the autumn.

We have also seen increases in the cost of living which many will have felt, especially given the cold weather we have recently experienced.

As a Council, keeping our most vulnerable residents safe remains one of the County Council’s top priorities. We continue to support the most vulnerable members of our communities, both children and adults, through our Social Care and Public Health teams.

To keep our County moving, our highways teams have continued to work relentlessly on the improvement and maintenance of our roads and pavements and our gritting teams remain ready to respond whenever needed.

Our local economy is on course to have grown by one-third by 2025 from 2015 levels, despite the impact of Covid-19. We continue to support Worcestershire to be a growing and successful economy, embracing new technologies and providing businesses and residents with more opportunities and skills.

We are leading the way in the transformation of Worcestershire’s connectivity.

Throughout last year we have completed the dualling of the Southern Link Road, progressed plans for Shrub Hill and Redditch rail stations, completed the Northern Link Road at Pershore and are finalising plans for major improvements to A38 Bromsgrove.

Our role is also to help preserve and protect our environment for future generations. To enhance our environment we are on track to have planted 150,000 trees across the County within five years, creating woodlands whilst also being a pollinator-friendly and environmentally conscious Council when working with suppliers and contactors.

Looking ahead to 2023, Worcestershire will continue to be a great place which provides a good quality of life and excellent opportunities for all – a place where children and families can thrive and achieve their true potential and where we continue to focus on keeping people living independently for as long as possible and supporting our residents to live healthy and fulfilling lives”.

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On a personal note, I wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

David Chambers County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

District Councillor Report for Eastham Parish Council 24 January 2023

Voter ID: During the Elections on Thursday 4 May 2023 voters will be required by law to show an approved form of photographic ID to polling station staff before being issued with a ballot paper. Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/voting-and-elections for more information.

Five Year Plan refresh: Our Five-Year Plan sets out a number of actions for 2023/24 and beyond under three priority areas - Our Communities, Our Economy and Our Environment. A refresh of the plan will be put forward to Executive Committee on Tuesday, 24 January 2023.

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New actions have been added and other actions have been amended where circumstances have changed, or the targets have been updated. New additions include investigating options to improve the energy efficiency of Malvern Splash and Malvern Theatres, continuing to provide support under the Homes for Ukraine scheme including accommodation, community, and life.

There is also an action to deliver a £500,000 government-funded capital grants programme for rural businesses and communities by March 2025. Other actions have a focus on providing cost of living support, supporting the Malvern Hills District Youth Forum to improve mental health education in schools, and minimise homelessness and rough sleeping in the district.

Grant proposal for Tenbury Pool: A grant of up to £115k has been proposed to help towards the rising energy costs at Tenbury Community Pool. The grant proposal, along with suggestions for additional capital works, will be put forward to Executive Committee on Tuesday, 24 January 2023.

Capital works include Solar PV, double glazing and replacement boilers, the improvements are estimated to deliver energy savings of over 40,000kWh pa, over 10 tonnes of Co2 pa and a financial saving of £25,000. Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/news-alerts/grant-proposal-for-tenbury-pool-tohelp-rising-energy-costs for more information.

Last call for local businesses to advertise in discount book: The deadline for more businesses to apply to advertise in the District Discount book is Monday 30 January 2023. The initiative forms part of our commitment to supporting local businesses and communities as part of their Town Centre Plans.

For five pounds, businesses will be able to advertise a voucher or discount of their choice, including a logo and/or photo.

The adverts will feature in 5000 booklets, all containing vouchers and discounts, which will be available to customers for six months. The booklets will then go on sale to customers from February at a low cost of £1.

There is also an option for businesses to sell the books and retain some of the costs. Interested businesses should contact Annette via annette@uptonnews.uk or visit www.districtdiscounts.co.uk for more information. Thank you.

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