

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 8pm in Eastham Memorial Hall**

**In attendance: - Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Inge (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Adams, Cllr Conway, Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Moseley
8 members of the public, Clerk to Eastham Parish Council.**

1. **Apologies:** - Cllr Worsley, Dist Cllr Gill Farmer.
2. **Welcome:** - Cllr Paul Arnold chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2014 and Special Parish Meeting held on 7th October 2014:** - The minutes of both Parish Meetings were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed by the Chairman.
4. **Police Report** – Due to no one attending no report was given.
5. **Report by County Cllr Ken Pollock given at PC meeting so Cllr did not attend this meeting** – Cllr Pollock wished it to be known Divisional Funds available again this year for good causes. A written report was circulated and will be added to end of May Parish Council minutes.
6. **District Cllr Gill Farmer** – Apologies were received.
7. **Chairman’s Report 2014-15:** - Circulated to all, copy in files.
8. **Broadband update** – Airband have improved signal for Rochford area and will not be installing mast in field as initially planned. Clerk still attending meetings with WCC and supplier.
9. **Defibrillator for Parish** – The Machine is now on the outside of the Memorial Hall. Cllr Arnold was thanked for installing the Machine with payment for fittings only being taken. West Midlands Ambulance Service have not responded to requests for training. Clerk to look at other trainers. Two Eastham residents and Clerk had attended training at Bayton Village Hall and found it very good.
10. **Public Questions:** - Residents from The Council Houses expressed their concerns regarding the planning application reference 15/00618/HOU - 2 The Council Houses, Eastham – External insulation and render system to existing house. It is felt the insulation was unnecessary as the cavity walls have already been insulated on this property. It is also felt it would devalue neighbouring properties. The concerns were noted and the matter will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting following closure of this meeting.
11. **Welfare Trust Report:** - Report was read out at meeting, copy in files.
12. **Memorial Hall Report:** - Chairman Pen Harrison had been invited to meeting but did not attend and no report sent. Clerk to contact her for report to circulate. Copy of Accounts were presented by Cllr Inge and are in files. Cllr Inge thanked the people who are doing work to improve the hall. A building surveyors report had been obtained and a request for Parish Council to help pay the fee may be made. The report was not good and the hall is in need of extensive renovation, Ray Tunks is investigating grants etc. The Parish Council would need the support of the electors if a request for large amounts of funding were made as a loan would need to be taken out.
13. **Close:** - Chairman thanked everyone for coming and meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Chairman Eastham Parish Council

Date

May 2016