

**EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham
Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 29th September 2009**

Present: Cllr Brookes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Adams, Cllr Dowling

In Attendance: 1 Member of the Public, Clerk and County Cllr.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Inge, Cllr Norman and Cllr Moseley - apologies received from all and accepted. (Due to Chairman's absence Cllr Brookes chaired this meeting).
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
 - a. Register of Interests - No changes reported.
 - b. To declare any Personal interests –
Cllr Dowling and Cllr Horsfall item 11 Memorial Hall funding due to being on Hall Committee.
 - c. To declare any Prejudicial Interests – None
3. **Public Question Time –** See notes at end of minutes.
4. **Minutes of last Meeting –** Minutes of Meeting held on 28th July 09 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
5. **District Cllrs report –** Apologies received.
County Cllrs report – Introduced himself to meeting and outlined his duties at County Hall. Update given on funding available from County Council.
6. **Progress Reports for information:**
 - a. **BT Telephone Box –** Awaiting disconnection of electric. To decide on future when this has been done. Clerk to check insurance.
 - b. **Neighbourhood Watch/Smartwater –** Some residents now interested in this scheme. To update PC at later date.
7. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
None attended.
8. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made –** LM July/Aug 09 = £185.00 and Central Networks = £190.90 (see below). External Audit fees = £57.50.
 - b. **Payments received –** A&L – July, Aug 09 interest 33p. WCC LM May/June 09= £340.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation –** July, Aug 09 signed. (Investment and Current Account). Budget sheet circulated. Balance in Lloyds Acc = £3179.19, A&L = £2004.86.
 - d. **External Audit Report 08/09 –** accounts passed audit with no queries.
9. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting - **None.**
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting –
09/00864/FUL – Land at Highwood, Eastham – Conversion of stables to residential dwelling. **Refused**
09/00586/HOU + 09/00587/LBC – Lower Bank Eastham – Garage conversion first floor extension, replacement windows and internal alterations. **Approved.**
 - c. Plans for consideration tonight – **None.**

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10. Road Report:

- a. **Lengthsman** – no problems reported.
- b. **Any problems to report** – None.
- c. **Update on outstanding queries** –
 - **Missing rail at Highwood** – Clerk reported to HUB.
 - **Resurfacing** – Highwood (Bine Lane) Clerk to query.
 - **New Road** – erosion of sides, still not done. Clerk to query.

11. Memorial Hall -

- **Funding for Hall repairs/Painting of railings** – Prices obtained by Memorial Hall Committee. Clerk to have all copies.
Clerk advised LEADER have agreed for the PC to put in a formal application. VAT office to be contacted regarding reclaiming of the VAT before any work done. Clerk to action with Cllr Inge and member of hall committee.

- 12. Planning online** – MHDC are to stop sending paper copies of plans, letter circulated. Clerk advised she is not willing to bring own laptop to meetings. Grant money for new equipment being looked into. To be discussed at later date.

13. Correspondence for information:

Circulation sent out.

14. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

- LM – payment for June 09 = £180.00, Central Networks disconnection of electric for BT box = £190.90. (see item 8a).

15. Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.

County Cllr Prodger to be invited to meeting to discuss state of roads and winter gritting.

16. Date of next meeting: 1st December 09.

17. Meeting closed 9.00pm.

Signed-----
Chairman

Date 1st December 2009

Member of the Public who is on the hall committee talked about the funding for repairs to the hall. This is an agenda item. Clerk advised all correspondence will need to be sent via PC in order to obtain funding and to possibly reclaim VAT. BT Box – It was suggested this could become an information point for village. Plants could be put around it. Funds could be raised locally for its upkeep. Electric not yet disconnected, Clerk to check on insurance. Agenda item to be discussed at this meeting.