

# EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 28th July 2009

**Present:** Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Adams, Cllr Norman, Cllr Dowling, Cllr Moseley

**In Attendance:** 6 Members of the Public, Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Brookes apologies received and accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
  - a. Register of Interests - No changes reported.
  - b. To declare any Personal interests –
    - Cllr Moseley item 6(a) due to having interest in purchasing the BT box.
    - Chairman, Cllr Horsfall item 11 Memorial Hall funding due to being on Committee.
  - c. To declare any Prejudicial Interests – Cllr Moseley as above.
3. **Public Question Time –** See notes at end of minutes.
4. **Minutes of last Meeting –** Minutes of Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 09 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
5. **District Cllrs report –** Apologies received.  
**County Cllrs report –** Apologies received.
6. **Progress Reports for information:**
  - a. **BT Telephone Box –** Awaiting disconnection of electric. Little used as shelter to date.
  - b. **Neighbourhood Watch/Smartwater –** Clerk to put in Teme Valley News. To see if Police can ask residents when they do door to door survey in October. If interest shown meeting in hall will be arranged.
7. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**  
None attended.
8. **Finances:**
  - a. **Payments made –** Ink Well 2000 Printer Ink = £20.07.
  - b. **Payments received –** A&L - June 09 interest 17p. Lloyds - VAT refund 08/09 = £173.66, WCC LM April 09= £155.00.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation -** June 09 signed. (Investment and Current Account). Budget sheet circulated. Balance in Lloyds Acc = £3236.98, A&L = £2004.70.
9. **Planning:**
  - a. Plans circulated since last meeting - **None.**
  - b. Decisions received since last meeting – **None**
  - c. Plans for consideration tonight –  
**09/00864/FUL –** Land at Highwood, Eastham – Conversion of stables to residential dwelling. Site visit attended by 6 Cllrs before this meeting. The matter was discussed and concerns raised during this meeting.  
**Chairman agreed to suspend the meeting at 8.30pm.**  
Applicant wished to state that any concerns regarding volume of traffic were not relevant as they are now travelling from their home to the site many times a day.  
A member of the public raised concerns over disruption caused by construction

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traffic.

### **Chairman resumed meeting at 8.35pm.**

After much discussion it was decided by all to place an **Objection** to this application. Concerns raised as follows: - Buildings not of historical interest - Access along narrow badly maintained road - Precedence being set in area if this was allowed - Glass walls not appropriate for rural setting - Concerns regarding further development for stabling - Concerns about any commercial use of site.

Clerk to circulate response to Cllrs before sending it to MHDC.

### **10. Road Report:**

- a. **Lengthsman** – Robins End corner – cut back verge to keep drain clear.
- b. **Any problems to report** – None.
- c. **Update on outstanding queries** –
  - **Landslide at Highwood** – Railing on turning missing. Clerk reported to HUB.
  - **Resurfacing** – Highwood Road now marked for repair.
  - **Memorial Hall corner** – Now filled with soil and seeded.
  - **New Road** – erosion of sides, still not done. Clerk to query.

### **11. Memorial Hall**

- **Funding for Hall repairs.**
- **Painting of railings** – Prices obtained, varying from £600-£930.  
Clerk advised LEADER funding can now be applied for. Chairman and Clerk to meet with Memorial Hall Committee Member to discuss application. It was felt PC apply for grants and reclaim VAT if possible. Both jobs could perhaps be done together.

### **12. Correspondence for information:**

**08/01651/FUL** – March End, Eastham – Rear two storey extension and front porch. Appeal had been lodged on this application. PC wish letter of support to be sent if possible but may be too late.

**Warmerworcestershire Event – Tenbury 24<sup>th</sup> August** - poster to be put up nearer date.

### **13. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**

- LM – payment for June 09 = £180.00

### **14. Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.**

### **15. Date of next meeting: Clerk requested change of date due to her holidays.**

All agreed **29<sup>th</sup> September 2009** (1<sup>st</sup> December 09).

### **16. Meeting closed 9.00pm.**

Signed-----  
Vice Chairman

Date **29<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

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2 Members of the Public viewed plans from item 9(c) of agenda. They were unsure of location. They raised concerns regarding traffic on narrow road. They were advised to write to MHDC with any concerns if they wished. They left the meeting.

1 Member of the Public supported the application. He stated ponies should have applicants on site to look after them, especially when in foal. He stated applicants had tried to buy land at another location in area but were unsuccessful.

Applicants were present and stated they were looking to a long term commitment to the area. 4 members of the Public stayed for the rest of the meeting.