

Eastleach Village Hall
7.00 p.m. Wednesday 11th July 2017.

Minutes

Present:

Councillors: Pete McHugh, Chairman (P Mc H), Rick Whiteley (RW),
Steve Clarke, Barbara Hann (BM) Stephen Wells (SW)

Also present: Ann Tyldesley (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** : Cllr David Jenkinson, Cllr R Theodoulou
2. **Declaration of Interest** : None
3. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 were agreed by all and duly signed
4. **GCC/CDC up-date** from Councillor Raymond Theodoulou
Cllr R T offered his apologies for absence and submitted a report which covered the following:
 - 4.1 **Safeguarding of Children**
GCC has been given an inadequate status for the safeguarding of children.
The main criticisms found were work methodology, record keeping and staff management. Also cases were slow to complete. However, no children have been harmed as a result of these shortcomings. A number of staff has now left and new seniors appointed and in place working.
 - 4.2 **Fire Service**
The cladding at the Shire Hall building, the only multi storey building owned by GCC, has been considered safe by the Fire Service. It underwent testing to destruction by the Fire Service. All schools, both single and two storey structures have been contacted asking them to review their fire risk assessments.
 - 4.2 **Energy from waste product project**
This has been under consideration for 8 months and is on schedule to complete in mid-2019. There have been several anti -incinerator protests and demonstrations at Shire Hall
 - 4.3 **Joint waste Committee**
The above committee co-ordinates waste collection and disposal issues. Sue Coakley was elected for a second year as Chair.
 - 4.4 **Children's activity grant**
Applications can be made from schools, local authorities for the provision of equipment also of holiday activities

Signed
Chairman, Pete McHugh

5. Finance

5.1 Account balances:

Since the May meeting the following cheques had been signed paid:

Cheque 445	Mr. Iain Selkirk – Internal Auditor	£100.00
Cheque 446	AON UK Insurance	£383.16
Cheque 447	McAdventure Playground	£10,642.80
Cheque 448	Clerks Salary Quarter 1	£338.88
Cheque 449	GAPT Subscription	£84.43

The Clerk reported that the account balances on 22nd June 2017 were:

EPC Current account	0015204	£7529.53
EPC Business Instant Access account	0248985	£846.52
EPC Bazley account	0139434	£1510.63
EPC Bazley BIA account	0248888	£2312.22

5.2 Approval of accounts/Annual Return for Audit 2015-2016

The clerk reported that there had been a delay in the return of the accounts from Mr. Iain Selkirk, the Independent Internal Auditor. He received the accounts on the 12th May. However, they were not returned until mid-June and there had been some queries. These have now been agreed with Mr. Iain Selkirk and he has reported there were no problems with the accounts and duly signed them off.

Cllr P Mc H proposed that the accounts be adopted and this was seconded by Rick Whiteley.

5.3 The Governance section of the Annual Return was dealt with and it was agreed that all was in order and was duly signed and dated by the Chairman and the RFO.

5.4 The Accounting Statements 2016-2017 section, was considered and also signed and dated by the Chairman and the RFO.

The RFO agreed to submit the Annual Return to Grant Thornton as requested. Notices would be displayed showing when the period for public inspection would take place, 14th July to 11th August 2017. This would fulfil statutory requirements.

5.5 Treasury Stock

Cllr P Mc H explained that the Treasury Stock held would mature in August 2017. Cllr P Mc H proposed that it was to re-invested into Treasury stock again. All unanimously agreed

6 Planning up-date:

6.1	17/00920/FUL	Land parcel north of Field Cottage, Fyfield	Refused
6.2	17/01803/FUL	Manor House Farm, Demolition and rebuild	Ongoing
		Ernest Cook Trust considering issues	
6.3	17/01893/LBC	Walnut Tree Cottage	Approved
6.4	17/02117/LBC	Walnut Tree Cottage, Pool House and out building demolition and rebuild	Pre-conditions
		1. The soil stack to be reduced or spread.	
		2. The field re- instated with access through the same track	

Signed
Chairman, Pete McHugh

7. GCC Highways issues including potholes, ditches and culverts

Although large scale repairs have been carried out it was noted that there are still areas that need attention including potholes.

8. Village maintenance

8.1 Benches and maintenance

Cllr P Mc H reported that:

- a) The bench at Heidi's is not treated, it just needs a clean.
- b) The three benches at the Pub, War Memorial and the Triangle have all been treated.
- c) The bench at the Clatterbridge (Mrs. Clacks) has been cleaned although the Chairman re-iterated although the PC is not responsible for this bench, it has been included in the maintenance program.

8.2 The Telephone Box

Cllr P Mc H has sent photographs to BT concerning the state of the telephone box. He stated that it needs re-painting and that the door is ill fitting. He has informed BT that the phone box cannot be considered redundant due to the poor mobile signal in the area, a consideration for both locals and visitors.

8.3 Wooden bridge at Coate Mill

This was reported back in Nov 2015 yet nothing has happened - Highways

8.4 Gigaclear - Contractor's issues

Cllr S C reported that several residents had complained and had been adversely affected concerning the Gigaclear works being carried out and that the verges in some places had been damaged. Gigaclear's response was that the PC had been informed about the plans and did not look at them. The PC refuted this and said that plans had not been received.

Cllr R T had complained and Matt Smith has offered to field enquiries.

Cllr P Mc H to write to Gigaclear.

9. Playground update

Stage 1 Completed at a cost of £10,642.00

Stage 2 in process

10. Council Business

10.1 There was a discussion concerning the roles and responsibilities of Councillors.

The Councillors agreed, in principal, responsibilities for the following areas:

Highways	Cllr S W
Finance	Cllr RW
Planning	Cllr B H
Village maintenance	Cllr S C
Website	Cllr S C and AT
Risk Assessments	Cllr D J

10.2 Eastleach PC Web Site up date

Cllr S W reported that work is in progress concerning the implementation of a new Council website. He estimated that the design stage would be completed by the end of August.

11. Clerk's up-date: The clerk reported that the annual insurance was now in place with AON

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Council is **13th September 2017**

Signed

Chairman, Pete McHugh