

## Eastleach Parish Council Meeting

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**Eastleach Village Hall  
7.00 p.m. Wednesday 8th March 2017.**

### Minutes

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Pete McHugh, Chairman (P Mc H), Rick Whiteley (RW),  
Barbara Hann (BM) Steve Clarke (SC) Steven Wells (SW),  
David Jenkinson (DJ)

**Also present:** Ann Tyldesley (Clerk)  
2 members of the public

**1. To accept apologies for absence**

Raymond Theodoulou – County and District Councillor (RT),

**2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

None

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

The minutes had been previously circulated. Cllr R W proposed that they be adopted and seconded by Cllr S C. The Chairman duly dated and signed the minutes.

**4. Public consultation.**

Cllr P Mc.H reported that there had been some complaints over the recent ground maintenance work carried out at Butts Green  
The concerns were:

- Now that the vegetation had been cut back, The Common was far too open leading to possibility of the land being used by unsolicited caravans, cars and campers.
- Destruction of wild life habitation as the resident Barn Owl considered the land its territory.
- Width of the path and the new tree shoots causing overgrowth.
- It was questioned as to whether it would have been better to have mown behind the stones and not to the perimeter

Cllr P McH reported that In 2015, concern was shown, by residents, over the unkempt state of the Common land. He said that there had been various meetings held and it was agreed that the land needed to be better maintained. A motion was passed in November 2015 to undertake the management of the site. It was noted at the time that Cllr R Sutcliffe had objected.

Work was scheduled for 2016 but was not carried out in the latter half of 2016 as the ground was too wet and soft.

Signed .....  
Chairman, Pete McHugh

Cllr P Mc. H stated that the area should be cut twice per year, if necessary, and not every month. He recommended that he first cut should be in April.

Cllr P Mc. H agreed to write to Roger Sutcliffe, to allay his fears, and advise when the contractor would be scheduled for the next cut. He also noted that it was the intention to re-instate the path to the stones and that it would be narrower at the entrance, widening down to the river.

#### 4. Finance – account balances, budget review, accounts to settle

The Clerk distributed the up-dated budget sheet. No invoices had been presented since the January meeting.

The Clerk reported that the account balances at the latest statement of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 stood at:

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|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. EPC Current     | account 0015204 | £2472.92 which included VAT refund |
| 2. EPC Bus Instant | account 0248985 | £ 846.30                           |
| 3. EPC Bazley      | account 0139434 | £1214.64                           |
| 4. EPC Bazley BIA  | account 0248888 | £2311.64                           |

#### 5. Planning up-date:

**5.1 Macaroni Farm** – this application was refused on conservation grounds by Cotswold District Council. There has been a new application submitted for conversion of Victorian farm buildings.

#### 5.2 49, The Pergola

The ongoing development is causing concern over:

- The timescale is stretching out
- Issues with parking - at any one time more than 18 vans were parked
- The road surface is degrading with the heavy plant equipment and general traffic to the site.

Cllr DJ proposed that the owners/developers should make good repairs to the road.

All agreed.

#### 6. To discuss Glos. Highways issues

##### Potholes.

Despite promises from Highways to instate tarmac strips at the sides of the road, there are many potholes that are currently marked that often exceed the 40 x 30 cm limit. The surface of the road to Oxlease farm is breaking up and hazardous to cars and cyclists. .

There has been no progress on the repair of the footbridge at Cote Mill. (reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016)

Signed .....

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**7. To discuss village maintenance issues****7.1 Playground**

Ongoing funding was discussed. Cllr P Mc H updated the meeting with the good news that further donations had been received after an appeal for funds.

£4000 had been donated and a further £2000 was raised at the Curtain Raiser party.

Cllr RT has also guaranteed £1000 from a Cotswold District Council grant.

**7.2 Clock Tower**

Cllr S W had previously reported that there is a problem with water running down the hill, during heavy rain, towards the Clock Tower. It was agreed that an email was to be sent, to Thames Water, in order to clarify their intention concerning the ongoing long term problems of the leak close to the Clock tower. It was noted that their contractor had filled in the ditch/watercourse which is not helping the situation.

**7.3 Street Furniture**

It was agreed that a check to be made concerning the conditions of all benches situated around the village. This will be carried out in May when the weather will have improved.

**8. Clerk's up-date**

**Councillor Vacancy:** Notices have been posted on the village notice boards.

**9. Other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent**

There was none.

**10. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting** is the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, at 7pm, in the Village Hall and the topic of the evening will be: "Better Communications" including the development of Eastleach Parish Council website.

**The next Eastleach Parish Council meeting** will be May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, in the Village Hall.

**Please note all items for the agenda for the Parish Council Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> to reach the Clerk by Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2017.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Signed .....

Chairman, Pete McHugh