

Eastleach Village Hall 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 13th November 2017.

adopted Minutes

Present Councillors: Pete McHugh, Chairman (P Mc H), Cllr Rick Whiteley (RW) David Jenkinson (DJ)
Steve Clarke (SC) Barbara Hann (BH) Stephen Wells (SW) Ray Theodoulou

Also present: Ann Tyldesley (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence :** None
2. **Declarations of Interest :** None
3. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 had been previously circulated and the Clerk had received no queries. Cllr S C proposed that they be accepted and Cllr R W seconded. They were agreed by all and duly signed.
4. **GCC/CDC up-date** from Councillor Raymond Theodoulou

4a) GCC

1. Cllr R T updated the floor concerning GCC's inadequate status by Ofsted, concerning the safeguarding of children and that some recruitment has taken place but more needs to be done. The Adult Care budget is already in overdraft and currently bolstered from GCC reserves. The situation will create strains on the forthcoming 2018/2019 care budget.
2. Cllr R T reported that GCC was sending its Highways Contract out to tender. The contract is for £700m and has an eleven year duration. GCC has not been happy with the performance of its current contractor, Amey.

4b) CDC

1. Cllr R T informed EPC that CDC is focusing on a planning application of 2200+ houses at Chesterton, on the south side of Cirencester. This is to be decided upon in December by the full Council. Traffic concerns are issues by the surrounding communities.
2. Cllr R T reported that the community fund was raised from £100k to £200k.
3. Unfortunately CDC cannot fund the Tai Chi classes when the current grant comes to an end. However, he promised to investigate whether GCC may have a funding allowance in their 2018/2019 budget.

5. Finance

5.1 Account balances:

The Clerk reported that the account balances were:

EPC Current account	0015204	£11,930.63
EPC Business Instant Access account	0248985	£ 846.66
EPC Bazley account	0139434	£ 1,806.62
EPC Bazley BIA account	0248888	£ 9,078.16

Signed

Chairman, Pete McHugh

5. Finance continued.....

5.2 Treasury Stock

There was a further discussion as to how to invest the Bazley Fund Treasury stock that matured in August 2017. Cllr D J suggested that Cllr P McH contact GAPC to see if they could offer any advice on how to invest the funds.

6. Planning up-date:

Cllr P McH reported there were no problems and that Manor Court had been approved.

Is it Manor Court or Manor Farm I wrote down Court?

7. Village maintenance

I. Trees

The Council wishes to thank Mr. Peter and Mr David Jenkinson for their work in cutting up the fallen willow tree. Active Working Party to be set up to cut it was suggested that an active working party to be set up to cut down further into sizable logs for village use.

II. War Memorial

III. There was a discussion concerning the War memorial and whether the two names, identified but not on the memorial, should be added. Also whether a wooden plaque commemorating the names of the fallen could be made. Agreement from third parties would need to be sought when deciding where to place it.

IV. Telephone Box

This will now stay in it's place and has been recently painted.

V. Drain/ Culvert opposite Turville Barns

This subject was discussed again. Cllr D J said that although Highways had investigated this some time ago, the camera could not get through and the blockage still remains. He is fearful that over the winter, during a period of heavy rain, this could cause flooding.

Cllr P Mc H stated that although this abuts onto ECT land it is not their responsibility, they have agreed to keep their fields maintained to help alleviate the problem. Mr Paul Smith, GCC .is aware of the situation and needs to resolve it. This problem requires urgent action. Additional concerns were shown about the state of the drain at the bus shelter where highways contractors have deposited rubble/gravel.

8. Playground update

This is now included in the Parish Councils Insurance policy.

Cllr P McH said that the playground was to feature in a future press statement and he would keep all informed.

Signed

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9. Council Business

Eastleach PC Web Site up date

Cllr S C reported that the Parish council website design is now ready. The clerk agreed to send a link to all Councillors for their input. The Clerk will start work at the end of November loading necessary PC documents, which will be available to residents to view.

10. Ernest Cook Trust

Cllr P McHugh reported that he had met with Mr Michael Birnie, the new estates manager for ECT, who has replaced Mr Jonathan Stebbings. Cllr P MCH and Mr Birnie carried out a walk about around Eastleach to identify areas of concern. Mr Birnie was very receptive to the work the Council was doing in its maintenance program. He agreed that the Paddock and its hedgerows were in a dilapidated state and need attention. He would add the Paddock to the list of work to be carried out.

He also agreed that the lease requires tidying up.

11 The date of the next meeting of the Council is 10th January 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Chairman, Pete McHugh