

**Eastleach Parish Council Meeting
Eastleach Village Hall,
7.00 p.m. Wednesday 11th March 2020.**

Minutes

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EPC Councillors present: Pete McHugh Chairman, Rick Whiteley Vice Chairman
Barbara Hann, David Jenkinson, Claudia Norman, Stephen Wells
GCC and CDC Councillor: Raymond Theodoulou

1. **To accept apologies** for absence : None
2. **Declaration of Interest** in items on the agenda : None
3. **The minutes** of the EPC meeting, held on January 8th 2020, had previously been circulated and agreed by all.
Cllr R W proposed acceptance and Cllr B H seconded.
4. **GCC/CDC up-date** from Councillor Raymond Theodoulou
G.C.C. report
Cllr R T reported that although G.C.C had approved its budget for 2020-21, it needs to make £10m of savings over the next financial year.
 - Children's care represented 65% of the total budget. The number of children now in care had risen to over 700 with an increase of 100 year on year.
 - Adult care was being funded by a 2% levy on all rate payers.
 - £1m fund to go into an action fund for Climate change projects.
 - £160m towards schools and family services
 - £3m towards broadband expansion within the county
 - £700,000 towards Flood prevention
 - Each GCC Councillor was awarded a £25,000 fund for community projects e.g. footpaths
 - Council Tax would rise by 1.99% plus 2% adult levy**C.D.C report**
Cllr R T reported that the Cotswold District Council's budget was passed by the new Liberal Democratic Council who included a program of £60m borrowing. C.D.C. anticipates that they will liquidate some £30m of assets to achieve this. The monies will help fund its social housing programs.
 - £12m for Cirencester Car Park
 - An increase in car parking charges throughout the district
 - New charges to come into force for planning applications
 - Garden waste charges to raise over the next three years to from £35 to £50
 - Council Tax will raise to £3.88%

Signed.....
Chairman

5. Finance

5.1 Account balances:

Treasurers Account:	£ 4,329.56
Bazley Fund:	£14,247.93

5.2 Accounts to settle:

Salary	£ 360.60
PAYE	£ 228.00
Travel expenses	£ 30.00
Available Spend	£ 3,740.95

The clerk reported that the overall spend for 2019-20 was within budget.

A reclaim of VAT of £ 923 is to be submitted to HMRC

Cllr PMcH proposed transferring £2,000 from the treasurer's account to the Bazley fund.

Cllr S W seconded.

6. Planning

Discussion concerning current planning applications and unscheduled work in Eastleach

Cllr P McH reported that there were no outstanding applications.

Maplestone application had been approved

A discussion took place concerning the installation of UPVC windows by ECT in some of its properties. It was agreed that this had not been resolved as to whether the material used should be used within a conservation area. Concern was shown that this could set a precedent.

Cllr R W requested a clear interpretation to be obtained from C.D. C.

Cllr P McH stated that two email to and from EPC chains exist, one from ECT and one from CDC.

They seemed to conflict with each other. He agreed to circulate again to EPC.

7. Gloucestershire Highways issues

8. Village issues

8.1 Playground update

The clerk reported that the annual ROSPA safety check had been booked for April/May.

An email had been sent to its playground contractor, requesting that a visit was necessary to establish how much Playbark was required to be laid and a quotation of costs to be submitted.

Cllr P McH and Cllr S W commented that, during a safety check, they discovered some damage to the old tower unit- this had now been repaired.

8.2 Maintenance of Village Benches

Cllr P McH reported that he had requested a quotation from EPC's external contractor and was awaiting a reply concerning necessary work to be carried out in the spring.

8.3 BT phone box adoption and potential relocation site.

Cllr P Mc H reported that he had received 30+ emails in response to the questionnaire sent out concerning the re-location of the telephone box from its existing location to elsewhere in the village. Various new locations were discussed.

In principle, all agreed to the re-siting of the telephone box and concluded that the village hall would be an ideal new location.

EPC agreed that they would need to explore if planning permission would be required and costs to be associated.

Signed.....
Chairman

8.4 Village Hall Roof update

Cllr P McH advised that work would commence on the 1st April for 6 weeks.

During this time there would be no access to the village hall for meetings etc.

As a result:

EPC Annual Parish meeting would be moved to 25th March. - NOW CANCELLED

EPC Annual Parish Council meeting to Tuesday 12th May. - NOW CANCELLED

8.5 Discussion concerning land behind number 4 Eastleach

EPC discussed the proposal and in principle, did not have any objections to the plans submitted. However there was a question about the “ownership” of the land parcel. EPC agreed to look into this and will discuss again as soon as this matter has been addressed.

9. Clerk’s up-date: none.

10. Other business

The litter pick went ahead as scheduled and was oversubscribed by volunteers.

EPC would like to thank all for their contribution and 18 bags of rubbish had been collected.

11. Date of the next Council meeting: Tuesday 12th May. NOW CANCELLED

Signed.....
Chairman

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