

EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2023

- Present:** Cllr Lawson Cllr Baskin
Cllr Fenton Cllr Bailey
- In attendance:** Vanessa Lawrence (Locum Clerk), District Cllr Andrews, Mr. David Fowles.
- 106 22/23 To appoint a Chairman following the resignation of Stephen Wells former Chairman)**
Due to the resignation of the former Chair a new Chair needs to be appointed. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Lawson would act as Chairman for the Council until the elections in May. Cllr Bailey would assist in covering financial matters. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Baskin – all in favour.
- 107 22/23 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Ivey and Cllr Lewis
- 108 22/23 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None
- 109 22/23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th September and 26th October 2022.**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish council meetings held on the 28th September and 26th October 2022. Proposed Cllr Baskin, seconded Lawson – all in favour.
- 110 22/23 To co-opt resident to the role of Councillor (as per rules that apply in relation to the elections to be held in May 2023)**
Deferred to next meeting in the absence of candidate
- 111 22/23 To accept the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to the role of Councillor.**
Deferred to next meeting in the absence of candidate
- 112 22/23 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present - there is a 10-minute time limit**
The meeting was adjourned – all in favour. Mr David Fowles has attended the meeting to advise the Council that he is hoping to stand for election in May for the role of District Councillor.
- 113 22/23 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**
The meeting was reconvened – all in favour.
- 114 22/23 Clerk's Report**
The Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Matters brought to the attention of the Council related to:
- Footpath near the church, and works to culvert
- Chase up biogs of Councillors.

- 115 22/23 Chairman's announcements**
- Cllr Lawson reported that a meeting has been arranged for the 17th January to look at projects that the Clean & Green team might be interested in taking on. Cllr Lawson asked members if they had any suggestions.
 - Queen's Green Canopy – Cllr Lawson reported that a villager had contacted her with a view to tree planting. Various locations were considered, and the Clerk mentioned that she would seek information regarding the availability of free trees.
- ACTION: Clerk to seek information regarding free trees.**
- 116 22/23 To receive report from District/County Councillor
Cllr Stephen Andrews reported as follows:-**
- Stand in for District Cllr Theodoulou – Cllr Andrews reported that he would be standing in for Cllr Theodoulou who is currently unwell. He is happy to receive e-mails from Cllrs should they wish to contact him on any matters.
- ACTION: Clerk to forward e-mail details to EPC Cllrs.**
- CDC budget – This is being considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and will be considered by the Full Council in mid-February, when this will be agreed. Budget consultation has now finished and a report is being considered this coming Monday 9th January, by Cabinet. If there are any comments, Cllr Andrews would be happy to receive these by e-mail.
 - Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Andrews suggested that EPC might consider the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan, but if not then it might be worth considering a Housing Needs Survey and to contact GRCC.
 - Boundary changes – These are constituency boundary changes which will definitely be taking place but will not take effect until July 2023. MP may be changing. Eastleach will fall into the North Cotswold Constituency.
 - Health – Cllr Andrews would like to know of any difficulties experienced by Eastleach residents with either ambulances or any other medical services.
 - Planning – This department remains understaffed . There is only one contentious issue (Monks Cottage). Further information has been requested from the agent, and until this has been received nothing further will happen. All information received will be placed on the planning portal. One planning enforcement case outstanding (41 Eastleach).
 - Council meetings – Full Council will meet twice more before May Elections.
- 117 22/23 To receive Reports from Councillors to include any meetings attended**
- River Leach (23/11/2022) Feedback report circulated by email (Cllr Baskin) – Waiting for quotes for trees in liaison with the ECT. Tree surgeon will apply for any required permissions.
 - George Walker - Queen's Canopy tree planting (Cllr Lawson) – Clerk to establish if there are any tree planting projects via CDC/GCC where free trees can be obtained and to contact Mr. Walker.
- ACTION: Clerk to contact CDC/GCC and Mr. Walker**
- Blunt's Hay/Emily Beanland/No 1/Bromford Housing Tree Undergrowth update (Cllrs Fenton & Baskin) – Cllr Fenton will be liaising with a representative from Bromford housing in contacting relevant homeowners regarding tree/undergrowth works.
- 118 22/23 To consider and agree mowing SLA and contractor.**
- Following debate it was **RESOLVED** to award the grasscutting contract for 2023/24 to Willow Gardening Services. This will be reviewed again in January 2024. Proposed Cllr Lawson, seconded Cllr Baskin - all in favour.
- ACTIONS: Clerk to contact Willow Gardening Services.**

- 119 22/23 To consider and agree to apply for a grant from FiPL(Farming in Protected Locations)**
Cllr Lawson reported that a meeting is to be arranged. Helen Wade will be helping with the application for this grant which will cover works on the riparian corridor of the river. 17 houses and St. Andrews church were affected by flooding in 2007. A leaflet has been requested from FiPL which will be posted to each of these households. As a result of the discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to apply for a grant. Proposed Cllr Fenton, seconded Cllr Lawson – all in favour.

ACTION: Cllr Lawson & Helen Wade to progress application

- 120 22/23 Updates on actions following recent meetings with:-**
- **ECT** – Jonathan Love from the ECT to be chased up regarding the installation of bollards.

ACTION: Clerk to e-mail Jonathan Love

- **EA** – Grant to be applied for. 'Riparian Owners Roles & Responsibilities' briefing meeting to be arranged in the early spring with FWAG (Jo Leigh) and Cllr Baskin – date to be confirmed.
- **Glos Highways** – Chase Glos Highways regarding agreed works in the village which has yet to be started. This includes works to hedges and culverts.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Glos. Highways.

PLANNING

121 22/23 Decisions

22/03480/TCONR: G1 Ash x3 - Fell to ground level. Trees are showing significant sign of ADB, large portions of dead canopy visible.

T2 Yew - Fell to ground level. Tree growing very near to house, work to allow more light onto the front of the property. T3 Yew - Fell to ground level. Two Yew trees growing in very close proximity, removing smaller tree to allow more space for larger specimen adjacent at Eastleach House Eastleach Martin Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NW – **NO OBJECTION**

22/03284/NONMAT: Non-material amendment to permission 20/01755/FUL (Change of use from agricultural to residential and the creation of external swimming pool (part retrospective), demolition of existing attached garage and erection of two storey front and side extension, erection of single storey side and rear extension, widening of vehicular access and associated landscaping) to allow for a change in lean-to roof material from Cotswold natural stone to natural patinated zinc at Blue Barn Eastleach Martin Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NW - **PERMIT**

122 22/23 New Planning Applications

22/04040/HPANOT: Notification under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, for the erection of single storey rear extension to match at 3 Blunts Hay Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire. Expiry date for comment 13/12/22 - **No response required.**

FINANCE

123 22/23 To approve, payments to be made – December 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments to be made (£2336.17). Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Lawson – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to action payment

124 22/23 To consider and agree budget for the 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the budget figures for 2023/24. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Lawson – all in favour.

125 22/23 To consider and agree Precept for 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED** to agree a Precept figure of £11000 for 2023/24. An increase of £5.39 based on a Band D Council tax property. This equates to a 9.93% increase.

ACTION: Clerk to send the request to CDC.

126 22/23

To consider and agree a grant for the village hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree a grant of £1000 for the Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Lawson – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to action payment.

OTHER MATTERS

127 22/23

Anything the Chair considers urgent.

- Gift for District Cllr Theodoulou – To consider a suitable gift.
- Defibrillator check – Cllr Fenton has agreed to carry out checks with training from District Cllr Andrews.
- ECT – Abandoned cars near the Village Hall and works to hedges, trees on the verges, which is affecting grasscutting.
- Archived files – Village Hall have agreed to allow EPC to store archived documents to be stored in a filing cabinet at the back of the village hall.
- Village Survey – Cllrs Baskin & Ivey to put together proposals for discussion at the next meeting.
- Agree subscription to GRCC
- Inappropriate parking outside No. 48 Eastleach. Chairman to contact owner to discuss.

These items to added to the Agenda for the next meeting for formal acknowledgement and approval.

128 22/23

To consider and agree date of next meeting – 8th March 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

.....Chairman

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