

# EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

**Present:** Cllr Bailey Cllr Fenton Cllr Hanson  
Cllr Jeans

**In attendance:** Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk)

**As no Chairman has been selected it was agreed that Cllr Paul Bailey would chair this meeting – all in favour**

- 095 23/24      **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Conlan
- 096 23/24      **Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**  
None received
- 097 23/24      **To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Fenton, seconded Cllr Hanson – all in favour.
- 098 23/24      **To co-opt applicants for the role of Councillor**  
One applicant has come forward and it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Fiona. Jacovides as Councillor for Eastleach Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Fenton – all in favour.
- 099 23/24      **To accept the declarations of acceptance of office from new Councillors.**  
Cllr Jacovides to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
- 100 23/24      **Clerk's Report**  
Quotes obtained for installation of noticeboards. Preparation for setting budget has been worked on for presentation at this meeting.
- 101 23/24      **Chairman's Announcements**  
None
- 102 23/24      **To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present - there is a 10-minute time limit**  
N/A
- 103 23/24      **To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**  
N/A
- 104 23/24      **To receive report from District/County Cllr**  
None available in the absence of the District and County Cllrs.

## **FINANCE**

**105 23/24**

### **To approve schedule of payments.**

The schedule of payments had been circulated prior to the meeting. The total to be paid is £1780.99. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the total owing. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Jeans – all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to make payments**

**106 23/24**

### **To consider and agree quote for installation of noticeboards**

Two quotes have been received £900 and £878 exc. VAT. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £878. Proposed Cllr Hanson, seconded Cllr Bailey.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Greenfields to accept quote and to arrange for work to be carried out.**

**107 23/24**

### **To consider and agree budget for 2024/25**

The budget sheet had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bailey explained the process to the newest member of the council. Each budget line was discussed, and amounts agreed. At the end of the process a total of £16k was the total the Council felt would be required as the precepted funds requested. This to be confirmed when the base rate has been received from CDC. It was agreed that in order to carry out some of the work that is required in the village and to accommodate the cost of grasscutting, where an SLA is in place and to also comply with Governance requirements funding needs to be increased. Following debate, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Fenton – all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to add item for acceptance of Precept for the January meeting.**

**108 23/24**

### **To consider and agree frequency of grasscutting for 2024 and quote from Willow Gardening Services.**

The current SLA was considered with 14 cuts from March – November. It was pointed out that the grasscutting contractor was reliable and would not cut grass if he felt it was unnecessary but would roll over the cut if required. Following debate it was **RESOLVED** to agree the frequency of grasscutting for 2024. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Fenton – all in favour.

## **REPORTS**

**109 23/24**

### **To received reports from meetings attended**

- **Village meeting with GRCC – Re. Neighbourhood Plans** – Cllr Fenton reported that following the presentation from the GRCC, which was poorly attended the Council are chasing the slides which have been promised.
- **Action Group meeting** – Cllr Jacovides reported that the Action Group met recently and had decided that there was very little that they could do halt any plans that the ECT have for selling their properties. The group were supportive of the Trust's wish to further engage with the Council. Discussion took place where Cllrs discussed the possibility of seeking some kind of assurance from the Trust that if properties are to be sold, a covenant might be put in place restricting buyers from purchasing properties for weekend or Airbnb use but should be sold to people with a genuine desire to live full time in the village. A meeting to be arranged with the Trust to start the process improving communication. Cllr Jacovides has sent a copy of the Action Group/ECT summary, to the Clerk for reference. This will be held with the minutes,

**ACTION: Cllr Jacovides to contact the ECT to arrange a meeting.**

**110 23/24 To receive report from River Warden**  
None available. Cllr Fenton to liaise with Andrew Cooper regarding attendance at the next meeting.

**111 23/24 To consider and agree final proof for newsletter and how best to distribute.**  
**A final draft has been circulated. Cllrs were asked to comment on any required changes. Discussion took place on how best to distribute the newsletter and it was RESOLVED to post the newsletter on the website as soon as it has been agreed and to have hard copies left at various locations, such as the village hall or the local pub. It was also agreed to ask CHEQS to post a notice to advise people of where they can see the newsletter. Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Hanson – all in favour.**

**ACTION:** Clerk to post the newsletter on the website as soon as it has been agreed and authorised by Cllrs.

Following this decision it was agreed to make enquiries in the village to find out if anyone would be interested in looking after the website.

### **PLANNING**

**112 23/24 To receive Decision Notices**

**23/02647/COMPLY** Compliance with condition 17 (land contamination) of permission 22/02291/FUL – Change of land use from agricultural to residential; erection of 2no. detached buildings and engineering works to provide an indoor/outdoor pool house and sauna; conversion, extension and alteration of 4n. existing detached barns to provide ancillary accommodation, yoga studio, music studio and home gym; erection of garage extension to form a carport and associated demolition, access and landscaping works (part retrospective) at Monks Cottage, Eastleach, GL7 3NQ – **Validated 23 August 2023 – Expiry 26<sup>th</sup> September - Awaiting Decision.**

**23/02585/FUL** - Variation of condition 3 (wall treatment) of permission 23/02039/FUL – Erection of single-storey rear extension (revised scheme following approval – 23/00825/FUL) at 4 Eastleach. GL7 3NQ : **Validated : 16<sup>th</sup> August; Expiry 28<sup>th</sup> September. Awaiting Decision**

**23/02472/COMPLY** | Compliance with conditions 4 (Sample materials), 6 (dry stone wall methodology and materials), 7 (Design details) and 8 (Strategy for historic building works) of permission 22/02291/FUL - Change of land use from agricultural to residential; erection of 2no. detached buildings and engineering works to provide an indoor/outdoor pool house and sauna; conversion, extension and alteration of 4no. existing detached barns to provide ancillary accommodation, yoga studio, music studio and home gym; erection of garage extension to form a carport and associated demolition, access and landscaping works (part retrospective) | Monks Cottage Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NQ – Validated 7<sup>th</sup> August; **Expiry 15<sup>th</sup> September; awaiting decision**

**23/02239/FUL** Construction of timber framed outbuilding at The Stables, Fyfield GL7 3NS. Validated 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Expiry 31<sup>st</sup> August – Awaiting Decision

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**23/03055/TCONR** – Bay Tree to reduce down by 50% and reshape – **NO OBJECTION**

**23/02986/TCONR** – T1 Sycamore: reduce canopy by approx. 30%, around 2.0? 2.5m, remove major deadwood at Clumber Cottage, Eastleach. GL7 3NL – **NO OBJECTION**

**23/02836/FUL** – Conversion of outbuilding to annexe and associated works (resubmission of lapsed permission – 19/02529/FUL) at 3 Eastleach Downs Cottage, Eastleach – GL7 3PX. **PERMIT**

**23/02239/FUL** – Construction of timber framed outbuilding at The Stables, Fyfield, Lechlade GL7 3NS – **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

**113 23/24 To consider and agree NEW Planning Applications**

**23/03425/TCONR** – Works to trees in conservation areas for T1-Cherry (at number 38) – fell; G1- Apple x 3 – 1m overall crown reduction and prune; T2 – Ash leaf Maple – reduce

crown back to previous pruning points; T3 – Cotoneaster – fell at 39 Eastleach Cirencester, GL7 3NQ – NO OBJECTION

23/03181/TCONR - T1 - Bird cherry - fell to ground level. T2 - Weeping willow - crown raise to approx 4.5 meters Victoria Inn The Green Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NQ – NO OBJECTION

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

**114 23/24 To consider the need for a Neighbourhood Plan and agree to commence the process if it is felt that this is required.**

It was reported that the GRCC presentation was not well attended. It was a helpful presentation showing the pros and cons of a Neighbourhood Plan vs a Village Plan. Awaiting slides from GRCC. It was agreed that even though a survey had recently been conducted, this was done prior to news of rental properties being sold by the ECT, which resulted in an outcry from many villagers who are concerned about the future of the village and the impact on the way of life for many. It was therefore felt that another survey covering issues raised at two public meetings and comments received from the Action Group that was formed, to better inform the Council of the needs of villagers. Further canvassing regarding the opinions of people regarding the neighbourhood plan was needed before the Council could make a decision balancing the two options. This matter to be deferred to the next meeting in January.

**ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the January meeting.**

**115 23/24 To consider and agree to adopt a Biodiversity Policy**

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting in January

**ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the January meeting.**

**116 23/24 Anything the Chair considers urgent**  
Councillors agreed that a quote should be obtained to remove the goalposts in the playing field and to replace them with smaller mobile posts.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact contractors/suppliers**

**117 23/24 Date of next meeting TBA**

#### **IN CAMERA**

**118 23/24 To consider and agree terms and conditions for a Clerk in the event that a suitable candidate is found and can commence their duties as soon as possible.**

This matter to be deferred to the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to add this matter to the Agenda for the next meeting in January.**

Next meeting to be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30pm

Chairman.....

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