

EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting
Held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at Eastleach Village Hall

Present: Cllr Allan Fraser-Rush (Chairman), Cllr Didi Ivey, Cllr Rachel Mehtar
Clerk – Gina Pearce
Absent: Cllr Stephen Wells

Members of Public: None

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council

Cllr Allan Fraser-Rush was proposed by Cllr Ivey and this was seconded by Cllr Mehtar.

2. To receive Acceptance of Office of the Chairman

The Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Fraser-Rush

3. To receive or accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Stephen Wells, Cllr Dominic Morris & Cllr Raymond Theodoulou

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Council Meetings held 27 July 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held 27 July 2021. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

6. To receive an update on councillor vacancies

There are currently three vacancies for Councillors. The Clerk noted that no applications have been received, so far.

7. Opportunity for the public to speak – *to provide members of the press/public with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda or raise items for future consideration. In accordance with Standing Orders, this will not exceed 15 minutes in total and five minutes per person*

Nil

8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

None Received

9. **To receive an update on the position regarding the Bank signatories/mandates**

The bank mandates have finally been approved by Lloyds Bank. All old signatories removed and current signatories are Cllr Stephen Wells, Cllr Allan Fraser-Rush and Clerk - Gina Pearce. Cllrs Didi Ivey and Rachel Mehtar to be added.

10. **Payments and receipts – to review and approve current payments, to note current receipts**

Payee	Reason	Payment Method	Requires On-line approval Y/N *	Payment inc VAT	Receipt
Cottage Garden Services	Grass Cutting - June	FP	Y	£504.00	
Cottage Garden Services	Grass Cutting - July	FP	Y	£504.00	
Cottage Garden Services	Grass Cutting - August	FP	Y	£756.00	
L Carr Contractors	Remove Telephone Kiosk	FP	Y	£774.96	
HMRC	PAYE & NI - P3	FP	Y	£46.80	
HMRC	PAYE & NI - P4	FP	Y	£46.80	
HMRC	PAYE & NI - P5	FP	N	£46.80	
HMRC	PAYE & NI - P6	FP	Y	£46.80	
Gina Pearce	Net Salary - P3	FP	Y	£187.20	
Gina Pearce	Net Salary - P4	FP	Y	£187.20	
Gina Pearce	Net Salary - P5	FP	Y	£187.20	
Gina Pearce	Net Salary - P6	FP	Y	£187.20	
Gina Pearce	Reimbursement for Go Daddy Annual Fees for Eastleach Website	FP	Y	£255.89	
Cotswold DC	Precept				£2,375.00
Total				£3,730.85	£2,375.00

It was resolved to approve all of the above payments, except the one to L Carr Contractors in relation to the removal and renovation of the telephone box (explanation under Item 11).

11. **To receive an update on the progress on the renovation and relocation of the telephone box**

Payment of £774.96 was made to L, Carr Contractors by cheque but this was returned unpaid (bank advise the cheque was not signed in accordance with the mandate). The mandate issues in relation to the bank have now been resolved and Council was asked to approve the payment to L Carr Contractors to enable the telephone box to be removed to L Carr's site for renovation.

Council did not approve this payment as there is currently no fund-raising plan or subcommittee in place for the restoration work which is going to cost circa £3,500.

Council is not prepared to accept liability for any additional costs to restore the telephone box as it was made very clear at the last AGM that Council funds should not be used for the restoration of the telephone box. The quotation from L Carr was approved on the basis that they were going to carry out the restoration work. They are based in Durham and there is no need for the telephone box to be transported to Durham if there are no funds to undertake the necessary renovation. Notwithstanding the above the telephone box does need to be moved from its current position (due to the damage it is causing to the property, Cottage 5) and it needs to be decided how it will be moved and where it will be moved to pending any further decisions on the proposed renovation. To be discussed and agreed at the next council meeting.

12. To receive information about St Andrews Church Graveyard which is nearing capacity for new burials

No further update at this time.

13. To discuss parking issues at the Victoria Inn and potential actions/solutions

Clerk to contact Tom at the Victoria Inn and request that when people telephone or email to reserve a table they are asked to park in the car park and advised where the car park is, in relation to the pub, as it is not obvious. Clerk to also ask Tom whether he could investigate purchasing and installing some small signs to direct patrons who are unfamiliar with the village to the pub car park. Any signage to be approved by Eastleach Parish Council prior to installation.

Council to encourage village residents to park in their drives, if they have one, to reduce congestion on the village roads.

14. To discuss Village Playground and fund raising to improve it

Central part of slide was removed during lockdown – can that just be returned or is there additional work required to improve it. How can PC help to improve it? Discussion deferred until next meeting.

15. To comment on planning applications received

Application Ref	Address	Proposal	Status	Decision
21/03021/AGPA	Land West Of Cote Mill Cottages Fyfield Eastleach Gloucestershire	Agricultural building for the storage of hay and haylage	Awaiting Decision	
21/03089/TCONR	27 Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NQ	T1 - one cherry tree stands in rear garden - fell and grind stump. Replace with standard tree in more suitable standing.	Awaiting Decision	

Application Ref	Address	Proposal	Status	Decision
21/03125/TCONR	27 Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NQ	Cherry To fell to ground level which is located at the property of number 27. Silver birch to fell to ground level this tree is located at number 26	Awaiting Decision	
21/03302/TCONR	20 Eastleach Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 3NQ	T1 - Ash (with ADB) - fell	Awaiting Decision	

No comments on any of these applications.

16. **To receive update of previous planning applications**

None.

17. **To receive requests for items for the next agenda**

None.

18. **To agree the date for the next ordinary council meeting**

To be advised as require a minimum of three councillors to ensure availability to be quorate.