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EAST STOKE WITH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Farndon parish council office at the Memorial Hall, Farndon on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 6.15pm.

Couns. Adrian Lee (Chairman)

Michael Lyon, Linda McCarthy, Mary Cherry-Downes, Spencer Davies, Sid Davies and Teena Shaw

The Clerk Emma Goodman was present, and 13 members of the public.

- 1) Cllr Lee was elected and accepted as Chairman of EST PC
Proposed by Cllr McCarthy and seconded by Cllr Lyon. A vote was held as Cllr Spencer Davies was proposed by Cllr Sid Davies and seconded by Cllr Shaw. Votes 3 Cllr Lee and 2 Cllr Spencer Davies
- 2) Cllr Spencer Davies was elected and accepted as Vice Chairperson of EST PC
Proposed by Cllr McCarthy and seconded by Cllr Sid Davies
- 3) Councillors' declaration of interest – no changes
- 4) Apologies for absence – received from Cllr Spencer Davies and **ACCEPTED** by Council
- 5) Declarations of Interest – none
- 6) Minutes – minutes from the Parish council meeting on the 11th of March 2024 were postponed until the next meeting as a discussion is needed to ensure the planning comment wording is accurate.
- 7) Actions from Minutes dated 12th March.
 - Village Gateway signs – Cllr McCarthy proposed that the money may be better spent on the speed cameras. It was **RESOLVED** to obtain quotes for the large white gates. Council to provide the What 3-word proposed locations.
- 8) County / Borough updates:
Cllr Saddington confirmed the actions agreed at the Annual Parish meeting as follows:
 - A request for an additional 30mph sign
 - A request for a slowdown sign
 - Speed strips to be laid again in East Stoke
 - Notify the Chairman of Highways of the safety concerns.
- 9) Correspondence re increased vehicle activity – correspondence was received from a member of the public asking for an agenda item to be raised concerning the increased activity in the scrap yard in East Stoke. There has been an increase in the number of lorries travelling to the water works, and there is concern that this is not within the planning permission granted for working hours.
Cllr Saddington suggested that contact is made with Richard Marshall to request an inspection.
- 10) Open session for members of the public

- A member of the public asked if the PC would be willing to purchase speed cameras.
- Cllr Shaw asked Cllr Saddington if she was able to write to Parliament to support the campaign for beagles being bred in Cambridge for painful experiments.

11) Update from working groups:

- a) Traffic/speed signs – report given at Annual Parish meeting.
- b) Flooding issues - none

12) Agree policies for 2025/26 **AGREED** and signed:

- a) Code of Conduct
- b) Standing orders
- c) Financial Regulations
- d) Recording of Parish meetings
- e) Equality & Diversity
- f) Biodiversity
- g) IT Policy – postponed to July meeting.
- h) Internal Control

13) Finance

- a) Schedule of Payments/Reimbursements – **NOTED**, Income for April – May 2025 £2365 and expenditure £419.
- b) Full year budget report - **NOTED**.
- c) AGAR - Council reviewed and **APPROVED** the AGAR and Internal Audit report, total Income 24/25 £4,549 and expenditure £10,765. The date of public rights was confirmed.
- d) Insurance renewal. - Council reviewed and **AGREED** Insurance renewal due 24th May 24

14) Planning Applications

- a) Granted - Planning Permission Application No: 25/00085/HOUSE - NOTED

15) a) Report from Clerk - none

b) Reports from Councillors:

- Cllr Sid Davies asked if there had been any updates regarding the purchase of the village hall – none have been received.
- Cllr McCarthy asked if there could be an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss support for Cllr Spencer Davies updating the PC website.

16) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Tuesday 8th July 2025**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

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