

EVENLODE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 01/09/2025

Present: Simon & Caroline Beale; Meg Adamon; Charles Watson; Rosie Northampton; Steve Ferris; Shrimp Mackie; Brad & Jamie Hooker; Tim & Judy Proger, & Jacqueline West.

Councillors: Jamie Mackie; Wendy Dancer; John Holmes, & Jan Lesser

Clerk: Jan Lesser

Ward Councillor David Cunningham

GCC Councillor Daryl Corps

Because GCC Councillor Corps had another PC meeting to go to, his business was taken out of order and he spoke about the stage that the local government re-organisation had got to. In fact there is no movement on this yet. GCC will make its representations by November 2025 and no central government decision will be made before Spring 2026. Everything is speculation now.

MINUTES

- 1 Apologies for absence from Angie Hunt and Chris Johnston
2. Balance at bank at close of business on 28/08/2025 was £9102 (rounded up).
3. The Councillors unanimously confirmed the Financial Regulations as appropriate for this small council
4. The Councillors unanimously confirmed the Risk Assessment as appropriate for this small council
5. There was discussion on whether to submit a response to the Catesby Estates Public Consultation for 150 dwellings on the Evenlode Road adjacent to the GCC Highways Depot, or whether to wait until a formal planning application was submitted to CDC.
THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS TO THIS CONSULTATION IS 21/09/2025 ONLINE www.catesby-m-i-m.co.uk
The views of the Chairman were read to those present. His view was that views submitted now might take some heat out of initial local objections and also give a sort of Heads Up of concerns so that Catesby has time to 'get round' them before formal application. Ward Councillor Cunningham strongly urged the PC and those present individually to make representations on the topic which most of us were agitated about, namely that Evenlode Road cannot bear any further development given the current level of traffic of all sorts as well as walkers, horses

and cyclists and the restriction the Evenlode Road presents in its nature and current use. He also urged that reference to sewerage capacity and flooding and problems with Thames Water infrastructure should not be mentioned in the consultation as they are specific issues for statutory consultees to respond to in a formal planning application. Ward Councillor Cunningham also sought to reassure those present that just because CDC has no current 5 year housing land supply (and won't have before 2027 at earliest) we should not automatically assume that all and any housing development planning applications will automatically get approval; CDC will still have to consider material planning considerations notwithstanding the 'tilted balance' towards grant that the reforms to the NPPF create. *[Residents are respectfully asked to look again at the email and attachment which the Clerk sent to them on July 15th 2025 which sets out the planning context and update to the Local Plan]*. GCC Councillor Corps (who reminded those present that he sits on the GCC Planning Committee and the Town Council Planning committee so that his comments necessarily must be limited) endorsed David Cunningham's view that comments should be submitted to Catesby's Public Consultation now. A written report from GCC Councillor Corps is attached to these Minutes.

Judy Proger suggested that in the light of the the inappropriateness of an exit from any development onto the Evenlode Road, Catesby Estates should work with Bloor to create one road from both developments onto the A44 London Road. Both GCC and CDC said that the inappropriateness of an exit onto the Evenlode Road should be alluded to but her suggestion was very much for Statutory Consultees at the stage of any formal planning application.

Both GCC and CDC Councillors said the purpose of submitting comments to the Catesby Public Consultation is to plant the seed of the idea that we have major issues regarding the suitability of the site so that they can address that in any formal application they may submit.

This site is not in the Cotswold National Landscape though it is in the Moreton Special Landscape Area. There is only 20% of land in Gloucestershire which is suitable for development, bearing in mind 60% is National Landscape and 4% is unsuitable because of flooding. So a valid point to make is that the volume of development there has already been in Moreton in Marsh in recent years means that infrastructure has not kept up. Discussion on this topic closed.

6. The Councillors unanimously agreed to align itself with the Moreton Against Over Development Campaign and the Clerk now has the contact details for the chairman of that group. Residents are also urged to support its efforts as our concerns are aligned. There are considerable funds available to take Counsel's opinion.

7. A. O. B.

- designation of green spaces for the Local Plan update – David Cunningham was of the opinion that we would need to re-nominate the village green even though it is formally registered under the Commons Registration Act 1953. Clerk to write – DONE

- clarification of the legal position regarding the designation of the bridleway through Home Farm in view of GCC's PROW saying it must be a Permissive Path. Clerk to write to Steve Ashley at Home Farm – DONE
- Dominic Hiney has the two issues of repairs to the swings and posts in the gates to the public Footpath by Martlett House in hand.
- Steve Ferris agreed to be co-opted as a point of contact for the PC in its compilation of comments to the Catesby Consultation and/or any planning application.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7p.m.