

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 29th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Public Participation:	No speakers
Present	Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Paul Heal, Roger Cock, Martin Dearden, Alex Wiltshire (County Councillor), Kerry Dodd (Footpaths Liaison Officer), Hilary Tripp (Clerk), and 8 members of the public.
1. Apologies	Martin Llewellyn, Claire Sully
2. Minutes of Last Meeting:	The minutes of the meeting on 11 th July 2022 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Martin Dearden and seconded by Paul Heal. They were then signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising	<p>Jubilee Tree: Roger Cock gave an update. A tree has been donated by Pennard Plants and will be planted in November/December.</p> <p>Defibrillator: Hilary Tripp raised the question of the defibrillator; she said that at West Pennard, when a 999 call is made, a code is given to access the defibrillator and this might work for the Village Hall here. Adrian Pearse to liaise with the Village Hall.</p> <p>Planning: Land off Easton Lane 2022/1067/FUL This has been approved.</p>
4. Financial Report	The internal audit had been successfully completed with Martin Mogg and notification of exempt status received. Cheques had been written for Martin Mogg (audit), East Pennard Village Hall (donation and hall hire) and SALC (affiliation fee). Roger Cock proposed and Martin Dearden seconded a proposal to reimburse Hilary Tripp for domain name expenses for the website. Cheques for election expenses and hall hire were also sanctioned.
5. Planning Applications	<p>i) Oakleigh, Fosse Way 2022/1734/REM Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2020/1111/OTA for the erection of 1 two storey dwelling house and double garage/store. Matters of access/appearance/landscaping/ layout/ scale to be determined. [Not in East Pennard parish] Decision: Recommend Approval</p> <p>ii) Pennard Hill Farm 2022/1720/FUL Change of use of existing agricultural barn to residential dwelling. [Not in East Pennard parish] Decision: Leave to Planning Officer</p>
6. Code of Conduct	Paul Heal proposed the acceptance of the new Somerset Code of Conduct and this was seconded by Martin Dearden and agreed.
7. Shooting Ground	Paul Heal explained about the continuing problem of noise from the Shooting Ground and how EPPC is unhappy and frustrated with the

response from Mendip District Council. Paul read out some of the numerous complaints received from parishioners, which continue to come in after each day of shooting. Paul is liaising with Pilton Parish Council where a petition is being organised; Shannon Coggins offered to go round East Pennard with a similar petition. A decision was made to write another letter of complaint to the Shooting Ground and MDC.

8. Public Footpaths Liaison Officer

Kerry Dodd had been surveying footpaths in the village, both on Somerset's interactive map (which she found to be out of date) and on foot, to identify where improvements are needed. Kerry has been in contact with MDC over these issues. Kerry circulated to councillors a map, a list of the current issues and information to bear in mind when using public footpaths. This included cutting back vegetation around signposts and stiles and reporting issues via the interactive map. Kerry also drew attention to issues around dogs and public rights of way. Dogs need to be kept under effective control and all dog excrement should be bagged and binned. Landowners too have a responsibility to ensure their dogs are well-behaved. See the footpath page on the website for more details.

9. Glastonbury Festival

There was some discussion re. problems with the festival this year. There is to be a Glastonbury Festival meeting for the villagers of East Pennard on October 13th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Councillor Alex Wiltshire offered to speak with the people of East Pennard before that meeting and this opportunity was welcomed.

10. Broadband Provision

There are still many properties within the village without a good broadband connection. Anyone without can sign up to BT's Universal Service Obligation.

11. Correspondence

- LCNs: There is currently a public consultation regarding LCNs, which are networks of parish councils and other bodies working together on local issues. It is time to put forward views on the 3 proposed models.
- Grit bins: One of the grit bins in the parish has been destroyed and some others have water ingress. A decision was made to ask for 5 salt bags to be delivered.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 19th January, 2023.
The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

