

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the church on Thursday, 27th May 2021 at 8.00pm

Public Participation

One member of the public chose to speak: Julie Hayes spoke about the planning application for the creation of a track at Lower Huxham Farm.

- Present** Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Paul Heal, Roger Cock, Martin Dearden, Sophie Farrell, Hilary Tripp (Clerk), and seven members of the public.
- 1. Apologies** Councillor John Greenhalgh
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on 18th March 2021 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Adrian Pearse and seconded by Paul Heal.
- 3. Matters Arising**
- Road adjoining Carpenters' Yard:** No progress.
Flagstones by church: No progress.
Signposts: No progress.
Broadband Provision: On agenda.
Lower Easton Farm: Nothing heard.
Shooting Ground Noise: To be raised in correspondence.
Hole in road near Triangle: The repair is fine at the moment, but will need to be looked at in the autumn.
Land south of Vale View, Pye Hill Ref. 2020/2538/FUL
Erection of lambing and farm storage shed and construction of access track.
No decision
Yew Tree farm, Hembridge Road 2020/2675/OTS
Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the erection of 5 dwellings with details of layout and access.
No decision
- 4. Financial Report** Two payments had been made since the last meeting, one for clerk's salary and the other a grant for churchyard maintenance. The new quote for insurance was approved. Further cheques to be written for SALC affiliation (agreed at last meeting) and for the internal auditor. It was agreed that it was acceptable for the fee for the audit to rise to £50.
- 5. Planning Applications**
- Lower Huxham Farm, Huckeymead Lane 2020/1408/FUL**
Creation of a single access track between Lye Lane and Lower Huxham Farm.
An amendment had been made to this application and it was sent to EPPC for comments.
The Chairman asked if anyone wanted to declare an interest here (providing funding for a court action relating to this application would constitute an interest). No-one did.
There had been reports from Highways and from the Tree and Woodland Officer. There was much discussion about this application, particularly about the visibility splays. There was agreement that the current junction with the A37 is dangerous to exit. Comments for MDC: The junction between Lye Lane and the A37 needs to be made as safe as possible, which will entail removing the ash tree overhanging the A37. Visibility to the north appears adequate. It was noted that a hedge had been recently planted around the Highways bollard at the junction. The visibility splays of

the proposed track junction with Lye Lane need clarification of extent.

6. Broadband Provision

Fibre cable is now coming to Hembridge from BT. Two other companies providing broadband are also operating in the village –Fibreway and Voneus.

7. Village Hall

The Village Hall had hosted the police commissioner election but the Rule of 6 is in place. This meant that the Parish Council meeting could not take place there as a broadband connection would be needed to accommodate members of the public. It will open up again after the end of June.

8. Parish Plan

Sophie Farrell talked about Parish Online, which gives full access to OS maps for £54/year. It was suggested that EPPC could subscribe for a year; Sophie Farrell to liaise with the clerk over this.

Sophie Farrell talked about the Parish Plan. After much discussion about what this might mean for East Pennard it was agreed that Sophie Farrell might write a draft parish plan and circulate this.

9. Correspondence

- An email was received from Mr. John Morgan about HGVs which go past his house ignoring the speed limit and causing problems. It was noted that the speeding issue there had been raised before and the response had been that there were not enough recorded accidents. There was much discussion about this and the suggestion made that a sign be put up showing speed of travel. The Chairman will write to Highways about this.
- Somerset Shooting Ground: a number of complaints have been made to MDC about noise from SSG. MDC investigated this and are taking it no further. SSG are allowed shoots for 28 days a year, which is very intrusive for many people. Paul Heal will draft a letter.
- Glastonbury Festival: A one day event has been proposed for September, Covid permitting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 9th September 2021.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.