

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held remotely on Thursday, 18th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Public Participation

Two members of the public chose to speak. Rob McKie and Ben Giaretta both spoke about Huxham Common and all the correspondence relating to it.

- Present** Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Paul Heal, Roger Cock, Martin Dearden, Sophie Farrell, Hilary Tripp (Clerk), and three members of the public.
- 1. Apologies** None
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on 21st January 2021 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Martin Dearden and seconded by Paul Heal. After an amendment requested by Sophie Farrell, the minutes of the meeting on 11th February 2021 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Martin Dearden and seconded by Roger Cock. They will be signed by the Chairman when physical meetings start again.
- 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: No update.
Hole in road near Triangle: Temporary repairs have been carried out, but it was noted that a close watch needs to be kept on this.
Training for Councillors: Due to the poor broadband in the village this will be feasible once the Village Hall is available and connected to broadband.
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
Lower Withial Farm, Withial Lane Ref. 2020/2664/FUL
Proposed conversion of two existing apartments into one dwelling and erection of a new dwelling house.
Decision of MDC: Refusal (This is for second part of the application. The first part does not require planning permission.)
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** There has been no statement since October 2020 as no cheques have been written since September. A request for a donation of £500 for churchyard maintenance had been made. Sophie Farrell proposed and Adrian Pearse seconded the motion that this payment be granted. Other payments which need to be made before the next meeting were clerk's salary (before March 31st), SALC and insurance (both due in May). Everyone agreed that these payments be made. There were two signed cheques in hand. The clerk to liaise with the Chairman to organise signing the others.
- 5. Planning** No new planning applications.

Applications

- 6. Broadband Provision** No progress here. Voneus had been unable to get a line of sight to enable the Hall to receive broadband. Sophie Farrell to liaise with Anthea Derby on this.
- 7. Village Hall** Anthea Derby reported there was little news. Voneus had been using the hall. The county elections in May had been cancelled. Paul Heal queried the address for the Village Hall as the postman was confused as to where to deliver post. Anthea Derby said it should go to her address. The Chairman asked if meetings could be held there if the Rule of Six resumes - Anthea Derby said they could, though a broadband connection would be necessary in order to accommodate members of the public wishing to attend.
- 8. Parish Plan** Sophie Farrell suggested buying a map of the parish. After some discussion Sophie Farrell proposed that she would look into it and all agreed. Martin Dearden queried the need for a parish plan for East Pennard. Sophie Farrell offered to extract pertinent information.
- 9. Correspondence** A number of letters had been received, all dealing with Huxham Common.
21/1/21 From Ben Giaretta
27/1/21 From Michael Rodd and 16 other residents of Huxham Green
27/1/21 From Ben Giaretta
4/2/21 From Ben Giaretta
4/2/21 From Julie Hayes
These had all been circulated to the councillors; the Chairman asked each councillor if they had received and read each letter and all had. Sophie Farrell declared a personal interest and left the meeting after making a statement.
The Chairman noted that mediation had been suggested at the meeting in January; some residents had responded by saying that, in the circumstances, there was no possibility of mediation. A suggestion was made that the Commoners' Association could possibly invite the Giarettas to a meeting; Ben Giaretta said he was happy for this to happen. After some discussion amongst the 4 councillors as to a way forward, the general consensus was that the solution was beyond the capabilities of East Pennard Parish Council and as such the issue was something the parties needed to work out for themselves.
- 10. Date of Next Meeting** **The Annual Assembly will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 27th May 2021.**
The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Thursday, 27th May 2021.
- The meeting ended at 9.00pm.