# MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm

#### **Present**

Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Paul Heal, Roger Cock, Martin Dearden, Martin Llewellyn, Hilary Tripp (Clerk), Steve Russell-Yarde and Chris Beaver (Glastonbury Festival) and 6 members of the public.

## 1. Apologies

#### None

# 2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Martin Dearden and seconded by Roger Cock. They were then signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the planning meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Roger Cock and seconded by Martin Dearden. They were then signed by the Chairman.

# 3. Matters Arising

**Jubilee Tree:** Roger Cock gave an update. A flowering cherry tree, (Amber Beauty), donated by Pennard Plants, had been planted by Clive Millington and Roger Cock.

**Defibrillator:** No news

Planning:

- i) Oakleigh, Fosse Way 2022/1734/REM Approval with Conditions ii) Pennard Hill Farm 2022/1720/FUL Approval with Conditions iii) Land at Cockmill Lane 2022/2039/FUL Nothing heard yet iv) The Old Rectory 2022/1827/TCA Approval
- 4. Financial Report and Precept

A precept of £2,800 was proposed by Martin Dearden, seconded by Roger Cock, and agreed. This is the same amount as for the previous 2 years. Extra cheques were signed.

## 5. Planning Applications

### Glastonbury Festival 2022/2458/FUL

Proposed mixed use comprising: (i) continuing agricultural use (ii) continuation of annual festival on a permanent basis; (iii) continuation of the annual Pilton Party; (iv) camping event to take place during fallow festival years; (v) permanent regularisation of pyramid structure and festival storage building; and (vi) provision of areas to accommodate the temporary festival workforce.

Steve Russell-Yarde and Chris Beaver, representing Glastonbury Festivals, talked about this application, followed by a lengthy discussion and questions.

#### **Decision: Recommend Refusal**

The reasons for refusal can be summarised as follows:

1. The application site is 700 acres larger than that approved in the previous temporary approval granted in 2009 (2009/0127) and that was renewed in 2016. The application cannot be for "continuing use" for this

new acreage outside the previously temporary red line area as there is no permitted planning use, especially on the new agricultural land now included.

- 2. This is new development in the open countryside which is contrary to planning policy, and would not be permitted to any other applicants.
- 3. Any development in the open countryside and outside the fortress fence should be subject to General Permitted Development Order restrictions and built and removed within the 28 days. If it takes longer than this, then by definition it is not appropriate for that location. A conditioned approval might give the festival 4 months (as elsewhere) to build and break. The parish council would not accept this as it extends the time unacceptably that there is an impact on the community of East Pennard.
- 4. Planning permission should be granted only to areas within the fortress fence, and to some exceptional essential logistical or infrastructure installations. Any other developments that are outside the fence should require individual permissions to lessen the impact on the festival's neighbours. The red line for the application site should be amended to follow the fence.
- 5. The village of East Pennard is ignored with no explanation in the application, as required in a planning application, as to where and how the increased traffic from Worthy View will access the site.

### 6. Shooting Ground

Pilton Parish Council had had a meeting with MDC; the Shooting Ground has been requested to produce a noise management report.

### 7. Glastonbury Festival

See above

#### 8. Broadband Provision

Nothing more happening.

### 9. Correspondence

An email had been received from Anthea Derby regarding the Village Hall. It was not possible to extend the original plans as a Listed Planning Consent report had not been submitted; this was part of the Planning Approval conditions. The Conservation Officer at Mendip confirmed that the Hall was Curtilage Listed and therefore needed Listing consent before any work could be started.

### 10. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
The meeting ended at 9pm.