

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held remotely on Thursday, 11th February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

This meeting was marred by the poor broadband of some councillors and members of the public.
In the Public Participation section John Ablitt spoke about the road problem.

- Present** Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Paul Heal, Roger Cock, Martin Dearden, Sophie Farrell, Hilary Tripp (Clerk), and seven members of the public.
- 1. Apologies** None
- 2. Code of Conduct** Declarations of interest and dispensations
No-one declared an interest.
- 3. Planning Applications** **Amendment to application: Lower Huxham Farm Ref. 2020/1408/FUL**
Creation of a single access track between Lye Lane and Lower Huxham Farm
Five letters had been received, four objecting - from Rob McKie, Mrs. Dible, Derek Thyer and Angela Thyer and one supporting from Ben and Naomi Giaretta (the applicant). Due to the inadequate broadband connection, one councillor suggested that it was not necessary to read these out; after checking that everyone had read them, the Chairman concurred. A lively discussion ensued and the following points noted. A number of local residents, who use the junction regularly, raised issues which need to be resolved by the Council or by the Highways Authority. There were disputes over the ownership of land bordering the submitted plans for the visibility splays. There were also question marks over the accuracy of the submitted plans. The visibility needs to be carefully looked at, as safety is very important. It was disputed whether the amendments pertained to land exclusively in Ditchet parish; three councillors thought they did, one councillor did not know and one councillor that they did not. It was thought that these matters would be best left to the Planning Officer.
- 4. Road in East Pennard** A letter had been received from John Ablitt comprehensively explaining the problem of the hole in the road in East Pennard and how it could only be properly resolved by restoring the whole drainage system. This problem was almost certainly caused by damage to the drainage system by the Water Board when replacing a water-main. The Chairman had forwarded these concerns to the Highways Office and contact had been made with Mr. Higgins. Workmen have been instructed to carry out temporary repairs, but the basic problem remains. Mr. Ablitt has noticed a depression near to his house which is indicative of problems under the surface. Mr. Higgins is initially arranging a full drainage survey, but it was agreed that Highways needed to be reminded frequently that this problem needs to be properly resolved. It was also reported that a clay pipe drain had collapsed under the road by Culberry Cottages.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held remotely on **Thursday, 18th March 2021 at 7.30pm.**

