

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Eastling Village Hall on 10 April 2025

Present: Cllr Julia Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Annie Adams, Cllr Caroline Gilbert, Cllr Barrie Neaves and Cllr John Payne; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were three members of the public.

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

#1- I object to this application and am concerned about the loss of privacy; the proposal will have a detrimental impact on the character of the area; the development will cause light pollution, there are no street lights in Eastling; the gravel drive will cause noise pollution; the car parking area is within 10 metres of the back fence to the neighbouring property; a lot of mature trees will be planted and this will cause overshadowing. The applicants do not live in The White House. Main concern is the loss of privacy and light pollution.

#2- the site is not in the Swale Local Plan and it has not been put forward for development. The site is not in a sustainable location, there is nothing within a fifteen-minute walk; the proposal does not offer anything to the village; the proposal is for a four-bedroom house, currently there are several three and four bed houses for sale in the village; there will be loss of woodland and this conflicts with biodiversity net gain; if granted, this could set a precedent for further development in the village; the design and layout does not respect the layout of the area; it will impact on the National Landscapes (formerly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty); it is out of character with the existing development and street scene; it will impact on biodiversity; this is a dark area and the proposed lighting will affect the bats.

#3- The application is mis-leading as the land does not belong to The White House; there is insufficient parking which will cause more on street parking; this could lead to more housing in the village.

The meeting reconvened

4. Planning

Ref: 25/500935/FULL

Address: Land Rear Of The White House Eastling Road Eastling Kent ME13 0AN

Proposal: Erection of 1 No. two storey 4 bedroom detached chalet style residential dwelling

Councillors considered the application and noted the concerns of residents. The planning application is not the White House but at Polhills on land behind the White House. Some of the adjacent properties have not been notified of the application and there is no site notice.

The site is within the designated National Landscapes; it is not in the Local Plan; Eastling Parish Council is fully supportive of Swale Borough Council's planning policy; the proposal would not be beneficial to the village; the views of neighbours must be considered. Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to the proposal and if the Officer is minded to approve the application, would request the matter be referred to the Planning Committee for determination.

Date of next Meeting: 13 May 2025

There being no further business, the meeting Closed at 7.30pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman
Date: 13 May 2025