

**MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 26th October 2023 at 7.30pm**

<b>Present</b>	Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Roger Cock, Paul Heal, Martin Dearden, Martin Llewellyn, Hilary Tripp (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.
<b>1. Apologies</b>	None
<b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting:</b>	The minutes of the meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 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.
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Cockmill Lane junction</b> ditch – see Glastonbury Festival item.</li><li>• <b>Steve Palmer (Somerset Roads)</b> – the flagstones have not yet been done. The Chairman will follow this up.</li><li>• <b>Planning</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Pye Hill 2023/1138/FUL Approval</li><li>ii) Yew Tree Farm 2023/1289/PAA (notification only) Prior Approval Required and Given</li><li>iii) Great Rusham 2023/1353/LBC Approval</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>4. Financial Report</b>	As agreed at the last meeting, cheques were written for East Pennard Village Hall (a donation of £500), EPVH (hall hire £30), Hugo Fox (website hosting £122.28) and SALC (Affiliation fee £130.39). More cheques were signed.
<b>5. Planning Applications</b>	<p>i) <b>Barn at Lower Huxham</b> 2023/1575/PAA <i>Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development.</i> This application was <b>withdrawn</b> on 19/10/23.</p> <p>ii) <b>Batch Farm</b> 2023/1689/FUL <i>Erection of a Fodder and Machinery Outbuilding</i> The applicant spoke about this and there was a brief discussion. <b>Decision: Recommend Approval</b> The building is necessary for the function of the holding.</p> <p>iii) <b>Vale View</b> 2023/1973/FUL <i>Conversion of existing domestic store to create one holiday let and creation of new vehicular access. (Resubmission of 2023/0098/FUL)</i> <b>Decision: Recommend Approval</b> This is an appropriate use of an old building providing business opportunities for the owners.</p>
<b>6. Shooting Ground</b>	A letter was received from Somerset Council, in response to EPPC's request for an update, stating that they would not be taking any further action as they are satisfied with the current plans. EPPC objects to the noise from the Shooting Ground and the impact on residents. Paul Heal volunteered to follow this up with Claire Sully and the Chairman will contact Pilton Parish Council about the possibility of working jointly on

this and perhaps starting a petition.

## **7. Glastonbury Festival**

- Cockmill Lane junction ditch – this has been progressed. The Chairman had received a letter from Somerset Council saying that this issue is on a list to be dealt with. Harry Dearden spoke about this; he will follow it up and find out when the Council anticipates doing the work.
- Harry Dearden spoke about traffic in the village during the festival. He noted that cars had been able to drive into the village more easily this year which raised security implications. Martin Llewellyn noted that according to the conditions of the permanent licence issued this year, once the permission is enabled, GFL will have to attend to issues of traffic management along with the other conditions.
- No post-Festival debriefing meeting has yet been arranged between EPPC and GFL; a meeting normally happens in October. The Chairman will make a formal request to GFL for such a meeting.

## **8. Village Hall**

All parishioners over 70 are invited to a free tea party on 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be a coffee morning on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Further talks are planned after Christmas. The step has been replaced and the porch partly done.

## **9. Correspondence**

- Grit bins – an email from the council said that these were expected to be filled by the end of September. As yet this hasn't happened. Roger Cock was concerned that there should not be salt left on the Triangle.
- A letter from the clerk at Ditchheat to Somerset Council expressed concern about traffic management at Wraxall crossroads. EPPC agreed that flashing speed sign indicators could be helpful here. The clerk will write to Ditchheat to say EPPC supports this suggestion.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next parish council meeting will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.