

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 7th August 2025 at 7.00pm

Public Participation

None

Present: Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Roger Cock, Paul Heal, Martin Llewellyn, Kerry Dodd (Footpath Officer) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Hilary Tripp, Martin Dearden

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8th May 2025 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Roger Cock and seconded by Martin Llewellyn and were then signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

- **Cockmill Lane junction** – a letter from Chris Smith was read out, complaining about the obstruction and damage from the boulders. It was agreed, on the proposition of Roger Cock and seconded by Martin Llewellyn, to move the boulders to the top of the bank and review the results. The clerk to reply to Chris Smith.

4. Financial Report

This came from notes from the clerk. The footpath invoice was discussed. It was proposed by Paul Heal and seconded by Martin Llewellyn that the clerk adopt internet banking if this is more convenient. The invoice of £2,000 for the stiles is to be paid.

5. Glastonbury Festival Donation Spending

Regarding getting a defibrillator, the Village Hall will accept this, subject to the Parish Council paying for the running costs and the installation. The electricity to run an internal light would be 'a few pounds'. This will be discussed with the Hall. It was agreed, on the proposition of Martin Llewellyn and seconded by Roger Cock, to pursue this. Martin Llewellyn will investigate further.

6. Planning Applications

i) Evercreech Junction SCC/3854/2021 *Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (noise mitigation) and 4 (night time noise limit) in respect of planning permission reference 2017/3147/CNT (section 73 application to amend condition 2 [approved plans and specification], 3 [noise mitigation] and 5 [dust control] in respect of planning permission 2013/2083 for the construction of an Anaerobic Digestion plant)*

Details of this application were not found on the website. The council opposed this application as the conditions are there to protect residents and EPPC sees no reason to change them.

Decision: Recommend Refusal

7. Shooting Ground

The petition draft was circulated to Clare Sully and Pilton Parish Council; their comments are awaited.

8. Glastonbury Festival

On the Monday exit from the festival there was gridlock at Hembridge. There were also water supply issues. An October debrief will be pushed for.

9. Village Hall

An update was given regarding the damp problem. Martin Llewellyn is willing to chat to the Trustees regarding the solutions proposed by the contractors. The installation of wifi has been agreed by the Trustees, as has the installation of a defibrillator.

10. The Hunt

An outline of the response from the Police and Crime Commissioner was given. A letter from Angela Pearce was read out. There was a request from the public for a 'No Hunt' zone, as

'other councils do it'. A parish poll was suggested. (Trail) Hunting is legal – it is up to landowners as whether they allow it on their land. It is not up to the Parish Council to decide if the hunting actually done is legal or not. Advice is needed from SALC as to what the Parish Council can do.

11. Footpaths

Kerry Dodd gave a de-brief of the situation and issues. If the dog and maize issues are not resolved by the Somerset Council footpaths officer, the Parish Council will write to Somerset Council.

12. Kennel Lane

The problems at Kennel Lane and Hembridge have been resolved. Regarding the road flooding from Sunnyside hill, the ditch source may need to be looked at.

13. Correspondence

- Gov.uk emails – we need to find out if we can do this ourselves, regarding one council address, rather than doing it by a company.
- A letter from Peter Edmondson regarding the fence by Coombe Lane was read. Adrian Pearse will enquire from Matthew Golledge who constructed it.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.