

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th August 2024 at 7.30pm

Public Participation	No speakers
Present	Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Paul Heal, Roger Cock, Martin Llewellyn and Hilary Tripp (Clerk) and 4 members of the public
1. Apologies	Martin Dearden
2. Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 15 th May 2024 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Martin Llewellyn and seconded by Roger Cock. They were then signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cockmill Lane junction ditch – The work has been done but there is a problem with overhanging branches, particularly with tractors.• Flagstones – Nothing more heard• Footpath Diversion order Great Rusham – This work has been done, as specified, since the last meeting. An email had been received from Roger Yeoman pointing out that the footpaths had been physically closed in advance of the date in the TRO Schedule 8. This matter will be queried at the next Glastonbury Festival liaison meeting. He also recommended better signage for the new diversion. A note from Sheelagh Gorham confirmed that clear signage is now in place
4. Financial Report	<p>The internal audit was carried out on 22nd May by the internal auditor Martin Mogg; all was in order. EPPC received notice of exempt status on 3rd August. The donation from Glastonbury Festivals of £13,391.50 had been received into the bank account on 21st June. Cheques had been written for insurance (£235.00) and the internal auditor (£60.00). Several cheques needed to be written. The clerk had paid the domain renewal fee of £28.78 via her credit card and needed reimbursing. SALC had written to say that their accounts had become a mess and there were 2 outstanding invoices for past online courses (£45.00). One of these had been paid but the cheque not presented and the invoice for the other had never been sent. SALC also sent an invoice for the affiliation fee (£130.45). Village Hall hire needed to be paid (£45). Paul Heal proposed that all of these invoices be paid and this was seconded by Martin Llewellyn. Paul Heal also proposed that online banking be adopted and the clerk be authorised to use it. This was seconded by Roger Cock.</p>
5. Planning Applications	<p>i) Yew Tree Farm 2020/2675/OTS Appeal Proposal: <i>Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the erection of 5 dwellings with details of layout and access only.</i></p> <p>ii) Yew Tree Farm 2024/1138/PAA Notification only: <i>Prior Approval for change of use of 5 agricultural buildings to 10 dwelling houses (Use</i></p>

Class C3).

These two planning applications were discussed together. It was pointed out that the latter of these proposals would increase the number of households at Hembridge from 8 to 18, increasing the number of cars and need for services etc. The traffic survey was done during lockdown when there was very little traffic. No wildlife report has been completed. Objections to these plans can only be submitted by individuals, which a number of residents have done.

iii) Building in Ty Cook's field 2024/1253/FUL [in Pilton parish]

Retrospective application for the erection of a new general purpose agricultural building including storage of ancillary items.

Having discussed this at length, EPPC strongly objected to this application for retrospective planning permission on many grounds, but basically the building not being what it purports to be. A letter outlining all of the issues discussed will be sent to the planning department at Somerset Council. Objections have also been raised by the neighbours.

iv) Longacre, Parbrook 2024/1348/HSE *Conversion of existing double garage to ancillary accommodation and installation of solar panels.*

Decision: Recommend Approval provided it is ancillary accommodation.

6. Shooting Ground

Three letters of complaint have been written to Mr. Heal, with no response to the question of why they have not complied with noise guidance. It was decided that the next step is a petition.

7. Glastonbury Festival

A liaison meeting with GFL will hopefully take place as usual in October. Any points that people would like to raise need to be submitted in advance to Martin Dearden. In connection with the closing off of the footpaths issue, it was pointed out that Heras fencing had also been put up south of Middleway Road, which was not part of the festival. Kerry Dodd, the Footpaths officer said there was a need to ascertain why certain footpaths had been blocked and when this was done.

8. Village Hall

A request for the annual donation of £500 had been received and was agreed on the proposition of Paul Heal, seconded by Martin Llewellyn. A discussion took place with questions as to how this money was being spent. It was agreed that a written inventory be requested detailing expenditure. It was suggested that the building needs wifi and would benefit from being properly insulated.

9. Footpaths

Kerry Dodd reported that grants were available to landowners who upgrade their footpaths so as to be suitable for horses, at a rate of £158/100m. Kerry continues to identify problems by walking the footpaths, preferably with the landowners.

10. Kennel Lane

There had been a site meeting at Kennel Lane, followed by a proposal from MBBA (Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association) to do various works. A letter had been received from Jacinth Latta about these

proposals. The outcome of the discussion was that EPPC agrees that Highways need to sort out the blocked pipe to resolve the problem of water flooding down the road. The council objected to the planned work adjacent to Culberry Cottages and did not agree with cutting back the bank, but were happy for the MBBA to carry out other work such as clearing the ditches down each side of the track and resolving the muddy patches to the south of the bridge. Paul Heal is to liaise with MBBA regarding their input.

11. Correspondence

A letter had been received requesting information about the grit bins in the village – their locations and contents.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th October 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.