

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th January 2013

**Present: Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Moseley,
Cllr Adams, Cllr Norman, Cllr Horsfall, Cllrs Arnold, Cllr Worsley**

In Attendance: Clerk, 40 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
 - a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None.
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests – None.
3. **Dispensations –**
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – No requests received.
4. **Public Question Time –** See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes of last Meeting –** Minutes of Meeting held on 27th November 2012 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report –** Apologies received. Clerk had informed Cllr of the planning application at item 9(c) and she wished to be kept fully informed on this matter.
County Cllrs report – Apologies received.
7. **Progress Reports for information:**
Broadband – Contract between WCC and Supplier still not signed. Public meeting being held on 28th January at 7.30pm in Eastham for residents. Supplier will be attending.
8. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made –** No payments due.
 - b. **Payments received –** Current Account – WCC-LM Oct 12 = £144.00. Investment Account interest for Nov/Dec 2012 = 33p total.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation –** Nov/Dec 2012 signed. (Investment and Current Accounts). Balance in Lloyds Acc = £6759.10, Santander = £2011.68.
 - d. **To agree precept for 2013-14 –** still awaiting confirmation of Government legislation.
9. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting –
12/02527/FUL – Eastham Villa, Eastham – Replacement of fire damaged Dutch Barn, Aviary, Lean to barn and covered hard standing for storage of agricultural/horticultural goods and machinery. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. Plans to comment on at this meeting –
12/01721/FUL – Oaktrees, Highwood – Retention and resiting of mobile home (Retrospective) – With the owner's permission 4 Cllrs and Clerk had attended a site meeting on January 6th, notes are in the files. Other Cllrs had looked at site prior to this meeting. After much discussion it was agreed by all to write a strong letter of objection. Breach of planning law and residents' concerns raised at this meeting to be put in letter. Clerk to circulate draft letter to Cllrs for agreement. MHDC to be asked to take action regarding stables which have been built on this land without the necessary planning application being submitted.

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10. Correspondence for information:

Circulation with Clerk, list in minute's folder.

11. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payments – M T Morgan (mowing of Millennium Green) = £758.50,
LM Nov/Dec = £345.60.

12. Councillor's reports and items for the next agenda.

Clerks Review, Lengthsman Contract, Mowing Contract.

Drain blocked below Church where road floods, and drain by Hall. Clerk to report.

13. Date of next meeting: 26th MARCH 2013

14. Meeting closed 8.45pm.

Signed-----
Chairman

Date 26th March 2013

Members of the Public raised concerns regarding the planning application at Oaktrees, Highwood as follows-

A two section mobile home was put on site in October 2012. Two low-loaders had caused damage to area of road already reinforced. Highway in that area does not need more traffic. A mobile home by a listed building should not be allowed, not in keeping with area.

In the past these fields had been rented out and stock had grazed land without anyone living on site.

One resident upset that the caravan would obstruct view, reason for buying property

One resident stated caravan would overlook their house, felt it was insensitive to put it there; if caravan was moved house would still be overlooked.

Manner in which the stables had been built, animals put on land, caravan moved onto site without gaining any permissions. Felt a small holding had been created to enable housing to be put on site. If caravan allowed it may set precedence for a house to be built in open countryside in the future.

Stables require planning permission but MHDC have not received any application.

The caravan is totally unacceptable in a rural setting.

Due to clay soil concerns regarding water /sewerage running off land which may cause problem for properties below the site.

The landowners attended the meeting and stated they visited the land 2-3 times daily, if they lived there it would be fewer journeys. Damage to road had been caused by large vehicle going to do building work at another house. Mr Annetts stated he wanted the caravan to be given permission in his name only. If he sold the land the caravan would have to be moved off site. This was disputed by Chairman as the application is for the land. Clerk to query this point with MHDC.