

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Conway,
Cllrs Arnold, Cllr Worsley

In Attendance: Clerk, 5 members of public.

1. **Apologies:** Written apologies received and accepted from Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Adam.
2. **Declaration of Interests –**
 - a. Register of Interests: No changes.
 - b. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None declared.
 - c. Other Disclosable Interests – None declared.
3. **Dispensations –**
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - b. **Dispensations requested –** None received.
4. **Public Question Time – see notes at end of minutes.**
5. **Planning –**
 - a. **14/00943/FUL – Eastham Grange, Eastham – Proposed new dwelling –** Chairman stated points which Cllrs need to consider for this application. A site visit had taken place on 26th October, four Cllrs attended. Notes of this meeting were circulated. Some discussion took place.
Chairman agreed to close meeting at 8pm.
Queries were asked of applicant and neighbouring landowner.
Chairman re-opened meeting at 8.05.
After much discussion it was agreed to vote by ballot paper - Three Cllrs voted to support the application, one Cllr voted to object. It was therefore agreed by majority to support the application with comments to be made regarding public bridleways that go across this land, an established private right of way that is written into deeds of Eastham Grange, drainage issues already causing concern from Eastham Grange, MHDC to give careful consideration of exterior materials used to ensure it blends into countryside.
Clerk to draft comments for Cllrs to agree.
 - b. **12/01721/FUL Oaktrees Caravan, Highwood – Retention and resiting of Mobile home (retrospective):-** Despite MHDC Solicitor requesting the Court hearing be brought forward this has not been accepted by the Court. The hearing date is 4th December 2014. Residents in Highwood have been updated.
6. **Date of next meeting: 25th NOVEMBER 2014**
7. **Meeting closed 8.15pm.**
- 8.

Signed-----
Chairman

Date 25th November 2014

Queries were raised regarding planning application for new dwelling at Eastham Grange. Mr Phillips (applicant) was present and stated he and his wife wish to remain in Eastham for their retirement and need to downsize, hence this application. Due to a large collection of musical organs a basement is planned to house these in new dwelling. The basement is cut into a bank

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so the new dwelling will not be three stories high, more a dormer type build. Mr Phillips plans to sell Eastham Grange but has no plans to convert it into anything.

Mr Phillips answered queries raised by residents and Cllrs.

Two Public Bridleways on land not shown on map. Private Right of Way across land for farm vehicles is on deeds of Eastham Grange. These issues not on footprint of new dwelling.

Mr Phillips was aware of rights of way and was not planning to seek permission to change them.

Applicant owns neighbouring property Mill Cottage, could this be converted to retirement dwelling. Not thought possible as Grade II listed and many steps to entry; Mr Phillips may consider this as an option if necessary.

Could any part of Eastham Grange be converted to suitable accommodation for their retirement, Mr Phillips stated he did not consider this possible.

Mr Phillips stated the garage already on the site was not suitable for his musical instruments.

Astley Farm resident had sent in comments regarding his view of the new dwelling. Mr

Phillips stated he thought the hedge belonging to that property would obscure new dwelling.

Properties nearest new dwelling are in ownership of applicant. Properties in distance may have a small view of new dwelling.

Several residents had sent in comments to MHDC and Mr Phillips had addressed their concerns. Mr Phillips stated he is meeting Planning Officer next week.