

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 7th OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30pm in Eastham Memorial Hall

In attendance: - Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Adams, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Worsley

Present - 8 members of the public from Highwood, Clerk to Eastham Parish Council.

1. Apologies: - Cllr Mosely, Cllr Conway, 2 residents from Highwood, District Cllr Gill Farmer.

2. 12/01721/FUL Oaktrees Caravan, Highwood Retention and resiting of mobile home (retrospective) –

The Chairman informed residents District Cllr had been advised by Legal Team at MHDC not to attend meeting due to conflict of interests. She may be unable to represent the area in this case in future if she attended this meeting. Under the Localism Act MHDC have refused to look at a new planning application from Mr Annetts.

Latest update 17th September 2014 from Enforcement at MHDC: -

In relation to Oak Trees, we received a planning application a few days before the Court hearing, which after consultation the LPA (MHDC) refused to determine. Following this I attended the Court with Amina (MHDC Legal Team), Mr Annett's pleaded guilty to the offence of not complying with the enforcement notice, the Judge allowed 3 months before sentencing him so that he can negotiate with the LPA in regards to living on the site so that he can look after the alpacas (his work). I believe this will be in the form of a further application.

Clerk has been trying to obtain a further update from MHDC but has been advised meetings are still being held on this case and an update will be sent tomorrow by Legal Team.

Concerns were as follows:-

Why has it taken MHDC Enforcement so long to take this case to Court? We have had at least 3 Enforcement Officers on this case.

Mr Annetts is not an alpacha farmer, he is an Agricultural Mechanic. In January 2013, he was present when Eastham Parish Council had a site meeting and confirmed his occupation, he also stated he would not be bringing work home to do.

Before the site was sold it was rented and stock was grazed on it, no one lived there then so it is not felt a good enough reason to have the site lived on now. The alpacas have been put on the land to gain planning permission.

A sewerage system had been seen to be delivered but no building regulations have been passed. As this area is on a bank and landslides have occurred in areas of Highwood residents living below this site are concerned.

4 to 6 people were thought to be living onsite last year but only Mr Annetts seen locking up recently.

Residents wished to know details of Court case, where it was heard, how judge reached his decision, what details MHDC gave, what happens after the 3 months if no application is validated by MHDC.

2 residents have been to see MP Harriet Baldwin who has been in touch with Chief Executive of MHDC and District Cllr, she is to send a letter to MHDC.

One resident has some useful information which will be passed to MHDC Enforcement Team.

MHDC have advised the stable block is not an issue so no enforcement action will be taken regarding that building. The Chairman stated had the plans come before the Parish Council no concerns would have been raised.

3. Close: - Chairman stated the Parish Council will discuss this matter at their meeting tonight. Residents left contact details to be kept updated. Chairman thanked everyone for coming, meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed
Chairman Eastham Parish Council

Date 2014