

EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting of Eastham Parish Council held in Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st April 2015

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

In Attendance: Clerk, 10 members of the Public, one person sent apologies and Dist Cllr. gave apologies.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Conway and Cllr Worsley.
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) – None received.
4. **Public Question Time –** See notes below.
5. **Plans to comment on at this meeting –**
15/00286/PDU – The Oaktrees, Highwood, Eastham WR15 8PB - Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of part of an Agricultural Building to a Dwelling House (Use Class C3), and for associated Operational Development.

It was agreed by all to object to this application and raise the concerns of residents. Cllrs feel the applicant is again using a loophole in the law to gain this permission. The site is in open countryside, is undesirable at this point and for future residents, lack of land to sustain business so dwelling not required, dwelling between workshop and livestock, confined space, very visible site from road/footpath, no merit in design, properties in Highwood prone to subsidence/landslip, extra runoff water making land more unstable having potential impact on neighbours, refer to MHDC Planning Committee if necessary. Clerk to draft response for circulations, residents asked to write to MHDC again and copy to Clerk. District Cllr is being kept fully informed of this matter.
6. **Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 26th May 2015 at 7.15pm followed by ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 8PM**
7. **Meeting closed 8.30pm.**

Signed----- Date 26th May 2015
Chairman

Residents of Highwood presented their concerns to the Parish Council on this latest application. The notice regarding the application has been removed - Clerk to notify MHDC.

Residents' concerns-

- Number of alpacas on land is now 22 adults and a few young, not 36 as quoted
- The area now is very smelly due to no manure being taken off site
- No agricultural vehicle movements seen, applicants 4 wheel drive car used site to bring food for animals
- Company mentioned in letter not registered at Company House so is it an established business
- Barn is visible to other properties, can be seen on approach roads to area and footpaths
- It is in an area of open countryside
- Highwood Lane recently repaired by WCC following further subsidence, do not need increased large vehicles
- Applicant not living onsite at all times, visit animals occasionally

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- What is the workshop used for and does it require any permissions
- Size of land not enough to sustain an alpacha business.
- Water runoff is of concern to residents living below this site

Barn had been made larger and doors put on since purchase, it was a 4 bay Dutch barn, it is felt improvements were done with a view to putting this application in and should still be a reason for refusal even though the extension has been removed.