

DRAFT MINUTES

ENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Council was held in Enstone Parish Hall on
Thursday 31ST August 2017 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors N. Knott (Chair), A. Lee, M. Ivings, P. Butler, R. Parker, T. Gilbert, District Cllr. Andrew Beaney and nine residents
APOLOGIES: Cllrs. C. Glendinning, P. Shaw, P. Johnson, D. Robottom & County Cllr. Hilary Hibbert-Biles
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Beth Sinclair – Parish Clerk, Mr. Kieran Hedigan

Cllr. Knott welcomed everyone to the meeting.

75. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:-**

- None

76. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:-**

- The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th July 2017, having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed.

PROPOSAL FOR ENSTONE AIRFIELD, CLASSIC CARS – MR. KIERAN HEDIGAN

Cllr. Knott introduced Mr Hedigan to the meeting. A venue was being sought by Mr. Peter Mullin, a US businessman and philanthropist to store his collection of 200 + pre-war and European classic cars – two other venues had been looked at – Mosheim in Alsace, France (poor transport and facilities) and Goodwood in Sussex (poor infrastructure). The third option is Enstone Airfield and the plan would be to apply for permission to develop the site at Vision Motorsport. Ninety acres from the Great Tew Estate would be bought for the museum and demonstration area, in addition to 28 homes owned by the people with the car collections. The museum would open after rush hour and close before rush hour and would be closed one day per week. There would be three or four entrances to the site. It is a huge project and would bring £60 million for commerce. The company would be run by a Charity with Trustees. Bentley would also be interested in building a pavilion on the site with a view to sales.

To summarise, the site would comprise the homes, museum and restoration yard.

Questions:-

- I. *ENCON* – How would the scheme be financed during construction? The Charity would fund 2/3 and borrow 1/3 of the monies. The Charity will be ring fenced to own the site. There would be three people involved with the business – Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Peter Mullin and Mr. Kieran Hedigan. Mr. Mullin would purchase the whole site from the Great Tew Estate. The houses will be built on land not owned by the Charity
- II. *Will the charity be responsible for the whole site or would Bentley be separate from the Charity?* The Charity would own the whole site.
- III. *Mr John Pritchard* – The houses will be built on land by the Great Tew Estate but what about the land of the Industrial Estate? Vision Motorsport has stopped

operating but has all its licenses. It will cease trading. Mr. Hedigan assured the Council that if there were many protests to this suggestion, the plan would stop. Traffic calming measures would be added as part of the planning application.

- IV. *What will employment be?* 90 – 100 people – retired people who love cars and apprenticeships.
- V. *Sir Patrick Stewart* – Will the local community be able to be employed and how will the project benefit the community? Bicester Heritage would train people and the intention would be to employ people locally.
- VI. *Sir Patrick Stewart* – With the luxury homes estimated to cost between £5 m and £6 m, has affordable housing been considered as part of the planning process? DC Andrew Beaney replied that building in open countryside is not in the Local Plan and there would need to be a split to include affordable housing.
- VII. *Mrs Carole Geare* – How would noise and traffic be controlled? The land will be landscaped and all the cars drive at under nine decibels.
- VIII. *Cllr. Andrew Lee* – What is the ethos of the project? It is a self-funding process with private investment.

A public meeting to discuss this further has been arranged for Wednesday 13th September at Great Tew Cricket Club. The clerk would advertise this in Ensign and on the website.

Mr. Hedigan was thanked for attending.

77. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Japanese Knotweed** – Mr. Paul Wilson from Oxfordshire County Council was still awaiting correspondence from the landowners at the Enstone Airfield and Quarry site regarding their responsibilities regarding the treatment of Japanese Knotweed. County Cllr. Hibbert-Biles had been asked to help with this as well. Noted.
- **Painting of second bus shelter** – ongoing
- **Bagnalls Yard** – The rubble had not increased in size. Noted.
- **Parking outside the village shop** – The Chair confirmed that the time limits did not apply from Saturday evening or all day on Sunday. Noted.
- **Driver throwing beer cans from his car along Lidstone Rd** – PCSO Chris Jones had been informed and Cllr. Lee had kindly cleared up the bin cans. Ongoing
- **Bunds** – Mr. Einig had confirmed that there had been a decrease in the number of lorries recently and would attend September's meeting to update the Council regarding this. Noted
- **Sign at Gagingwell** – the sign that had been knocked down has been reported to Highways. Noted.
- **Overgrown trees when exiting The Drive** – The clerk had contacted Highways. Noted.
- **Speed camera** – Mr James Wright from Oxfordshire County Council confirmed that this would be repaired shortly.
- **Pedestrian crossing** – A44 – ongoing
- **Review of traffic exiting Chapel Lane at the shop entrance** – this would be reviewed once the building work starts. Noted.

78. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- *Bollards outside Bay Tree House* - Mr. Chavda, the resident at Bay Tree House, Cleveley Road, attended the meeting with regards to the bollards and stones that had been erected on Highways land without planning permission. There seemed to have been some confusion over the reason for the initial complaint – it was because planning permission was required and not because the grass could not be cut by the contractors. Mr. Chavda explained that he would keep the grass area around the bollards cut and that the County Council had explained that it was the Parish Council who needed to make the final decision as the County Council was in agreement to the bollards remaining. After discussion, it was agreed that it was not up to the Parish Council to make this decision as it was Highways' land and that if the Parish Council agreed to this, it would set a precedent for everyone else and could result in difficulties for the Parish Council in the future. The Parish Council strongly held the principle that planning permission from the County Council was required. It was agreed that the clerk would respond to the County Council explaining this and to suggest that a kerb be installed. The Parish Council sympathised with Mr. Chavda and agreed that it was a problem with cars parking on this verge but explained that the proper procedures needed to be undertaken. The clerk would also contact the complainant.
- *Overgrown vegetation* – Cllr. Knott requested that Cllr. Gilbert prunes back the overgrown hedge that was obstructing the pavement at his property, particularly as it was near to the school.
- *The Big Festival Traffic* – Cllr. Knott explained that vehicles travelling to the Big Festival at Kingham followed the diversion signs to Enstone but then travelled along the Lidstone Road, as a shortcut. This had caused severe problems with many vans and campervans travelling along Lidstone Road. *It was agreed that clerk would inform Highways and The Big Festival to ask them to review this for 2018.*
- *Traffic B4022* – Cllr. Butler reported that because the trees had overgrown and spread into the road, recently, a lorry from ABN had been forced off the road by another lorry travelling from the other direction along the B4022. Cllr. Butler had reported this to County Cllr. Hilary Hibbert-Biles asking for the overgrown trees to be cut back as a matter of urgency. It was felt that a creep effect was occurring with traffic, as a result of all the recent planning applications and that a meeting was required with the County Council, District Council Planning Department and the Parish Council to discuss this. Cllr. Knott had emailed the County Council regarding the concern of the increase in traffic and how it was affecting residents asking it to look at all the planning applications on a holistic basis.
- During the meeting, a resident who lives at Woodford Cottage along the B4022, sent several videos of near misses between two lorries at the bridge, outside her property. These videos were sent to the Highways Department and County Cllr. Hilary Hibbert-Biles. It was also noted that 60 per cent of traffic was seen to be speeding through the 30 mph limit along the B4022 recently.
- *Bridleway between Cleveley and Radford* – the clerk was asked to contact Highways asking for the verges to be trimmed back between Cleveley and Radford.

- *Heythrop Park* – burning rubbish – DC Andrew Beaney reported that after an inspection, all procedures were being followed correctly regarding the disposal of rubbish.
- *Green Gym* – The Green Gym had contacted the clerk asking whether the Council required further work to be carried out at Enstone corner and to fill in some of the gaps with tree whips over the winter. The clerk to find out how much this would cost.

79. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No report had been received

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- A response was awaited as to whether or not residents could apply for an additional recycling waste bin. *Response awaited*
- Following the last meeting, Mr. Jeff Haines from the District Council met with Cllr. Knott for a site visit around the Paddocks' boundary at the A44 – residents were no longer putting money into the Management Company because Persimmon Homes had not completed its legal duties as the site still required clearing up and pruning. After the site visit, Cllr. Knott contacted Mr. Phil Shaw at the Planning Department, who agreed to contact Persimmon Homes.
- DC Beaney reported that the planning application Willowbrook, Radford (16/04190/CND) was being discussed at the Uplands Committee on Monday 4th September – it was agreed that the clerk would contact Mr. R. McGrigor who lived in Radford concerning this.
- The appeal regarding Heythrop Zoological Gardens had been refused by the Secretary of State. Noted.

81. PARISH HALL MATERS:-

- Cllr. Lee reported that the heating system had been reviewed by One Planets Consultants Ltd and it was agreed that the system would be flushed out on Wednesday 6th September so see whether or not this would resolve the problem. If this does not solve the situation, an extra bore hole would need to be installed. It was noted that an additional electric meter was also required at the Parish Hall and this would be also be installed by One Planets Consultants Ltd. Cllr. Lee was thanked for his work regarding this.
- Declaration of Trust – the clerk had circulated an email from Knights Solicitors regarding the fee for advising and setting up a Declaration of Trust. The clerk was asked to clarify this further before proceeding.
- Cllr. Lee confirmed that the hall bookings were going well and that another resident had recently joined the PHMC.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

West Oxfordshire District Council:-

- *Businesses given additional help to ease burden of rates increases* – Over 100 small and medium-sized businesses are to receive discretionary rate relief awards ranging from £120.00 to £11.500. Noted.

- *New Premises Licence, Oxbrew Ltd, Enstone Airfield* – An application for a new premises licence had been received. Noted.

Oxfordshire County Council:-

- *Consultation A361 Burford High Street – Proposed Weight Limit Restriction* – The proposed traffic regulation order has been advertised in the Oxford Times. Noted.
- *Enstone Parish Council Records – Oxfordshire History Centre* – The clerk explained that past minutes and accounts dating from 1971 to 2011 were being archived at the Oxfordshire History Centre. The clerk thanked Mrs Susanne Hamilton for her help with this.
- *Bay Tree House, posts* – this item had been discussed under Public Discussion.

Other:-

- *Speedwatch Campaign* – Cllr. Butler explained that the next speedwatch would take place outside the school and Enstone House along the A44 during the week of 4th September.
- *The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum* – A letter had been received requesting a donation of £250.00. The Museum is based in Woodstock. As this was not within the Parish, it was agreed not to donate.
- *OALC, July's update* – A request had been sent asking for a hall to rent for training purposes. The clerk to inform OALC that the Parish Hall would be a suitable venue.
- *House of Lords Call for evidence on civic engagement* – The National Association of Local Councils had sent out a questionnaire to identify new ways of building bridges within and between communities and to support civic engagement. Noted.
- *M & D Gardening Services* – the clerk reported that M & D Gardening Services had sold its business to Mr Nigel Prickett who will undertake the last grass cutting schedule of the season. The clerk would contact Mr. Prickett regarding this.
- *ISSEE, Environmental & Regulatory Services' Inspection* – Mr. Ady Cole, Senior Officer, had monitored the situation and confirmed that a Statutory Nuisance was not taking place. Noted
- *Robert Courts, MP* – A letter had been sent asking Parish Councils to contact him to arrange a meeting, if required. Cllr. Knott explained that she had sent Mr. Courts several emails where no response had been received which was most disappointing. It was agreed that Cllr. Knott would email Mr. Courts' office at Westminster to ask for a meeting with Enstone Parish Council.
- *Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch Members Needed* – A resident had recently contacted the clerk following concerns with regards to door to door sales and suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch be set up. The clerk would advertise this in the Ensign magazine.

82. **Planning Applications:-**

- **The Pigeon House, Chapel Lane, Enstone, 17/02354/FUL** - Erection of timber fence behind an existing stone boundary wall to a height of 1.8 metres. *Parish Council objects to this planning application as it is unsightly and inappropriate with regards to its location. The Parish Council has requested that the Planning Authority undertakes a site visit.*

- **Stable Cottage, Church Enstone, 17/02443/HHD** - Alterations and erection of single store extension - No objection
- **Great Tew Estate, 17/02381/FUL** – Application for temporary film studio. *No objection*

Decisions Received:-

- **Land at The Grew Tew Estate, Great Tew, 17/01760/FUL** - Application for new highway access and residential driveway (Retention of Construction Access) (Part retrospective), erection of outbuilding, plus revised landscape scheme including natural swimming pond and garden pergola. *Approved*
- **The Olde Shop, The Mount, Oxford Rd, 17/01804/HHD** - Creation of new access and parking area. *Approved*

83. **FINANCE:-**

a) *To agree the following accounts for payment:-*

Santander:-

- Mrs Beth Sinclair £586.17
- M & D Gardening Services £700.00
- Knowhow Cloud, backup £30.00
- McAfee Subscription £89.99
- OALC, training courses £126.00

Barclays:-

- One Planets Consultants Ltd £900.00

b) **Statement of Accounts April to June 2017.** Cllrs. Lee & Butler checked and signed the Statement of Accounts ending 30th June 2017. Noted.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15 pm.

84. **Dates of Next Meetings –**

- **Wednesday 20th September 2017 7.15 pm**
- **Thursday 26th October 2017 7.15 pm**