

DRAFT MINUTES

ENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Litchfield Room at Enstone Parish Hall on
Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors N. Knott (Chair), P. Shaw, C. Glendinning, A. Ward, A. Lee,
T. McMillan, P. Johnson, R. Parker, District Cllr. Alex Wilson, County Cllr. G.
Saul and two members of the public
APOLOGIES: Cllr. T. Gilbert (compassionate leave)
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Beth Sinclair – Parish Clerk

Cllr. Knott welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by offering the Parish Council's condolences to Cllr. T. Gilbert following his recent family bereavement.

89. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS** – There were no declarations of interest declared.
90. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-**
- **Great Tew Farms Partnership, The Great Tew Estate, Quarry Farm, Great Tew, Chipping Norton, OX7 4AH – MW.0100/21:-**
Extraction of limestone and deposit of imported clay to achieve an agricultural restoration (part retrospective) at Land at Quarry Farm North of Green Lane, Green Lane, Chipping Norton, Great Tew, OX7 4NS:-
 - Enstone Parish Council unanimously objects to this planning application on the basis that it needs to be discussed by the Planning Committee.
 - The following issues need to be addressed:-
 - That the work should not have been carried out without prior permission.
 - That it is part-retrospective.
 - The Ecology Survey states, in places, that there is bare ground and no biodiversity value but this is because it has already been dug out with the works.
 - An archaeological study should have been carried out prior to mineral extraction taking place.
 - Movement of vehicles - the Parish Council agrees with the email from Mr. Paul Harris, Rights of Way Dept. that with the Green Lane being used as a haulage route is very dangerous for non-motorised road users. The Parish Council endorses his recommendations that the Green Lane being "joined up" be accomplished.
 - Transport Plan and lorries through Middle Barton - have neighbouring Parish Councils been informed of this planning application?
 - Has Soho Farmhouse been approached as the works taking place are 250 m from the new glamping pods.
 - The sleeping policemen on the Green Lane (now removed) - was permission sought for this?
 - There was also concern that extracted material is being stored on the Mullen site.
 - The clerk will also contact Westcote Barton & Steeple Barton Parish Councils.
 - **Great Tew Farms Partership, The Great Tew Estate, Quarry Farm, Great Tew, Chipping Norton, OX7 4AH – MW.010/21**

Temporary change of use to Mineral Processing and Storage Area at Enstone Airfield North, Land at Enstone Airfield North, Banbury Road, Enstone, OX7 4NS:-

- Enstone Parish Council unanimously objects to this planning application on the basis that it needs to be discussed by the Planning Committee.
- The same issues as above are the reasons.
- **Land East of The Drive, Enstone, 21/02872/FUL:-**
Construction of two detached self-build custom-build carbon-neutral houses together with associated works and formation of vehicular access:-
 - a) The Parish Council has no objection in principle but, if approved, the site will infringe onto the public right of way which is a concern and clear clarification of the changes is required.
 - b) Parking is also a concern and would be hazardous if vehicles had to park on The Drive during construction at the site and also on a longterm basis.

91. **CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY – UPDATE**

- Cllr. Ward updated the Council on the recent working party which consisted of three Parish Cllrs. and three residents. The report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Many issues arose at the working party including how much grass cutting should be undertaken, preserving verges, promoting recycling, canvassing residents, approaching pubs. The query about whether this Working Party was separate to the Parish Council arose. Some residents were leaning towards activism rather than promotion – the Parish Council is unable to promote activism.
- Cllr. Knott thanked Cllr. Ward for all his hard work with this. It was unanimously agreed that it was not the Parish Council's role to approach pubs to encourage them to use paper rather than plastic and that lobbying should not take place.
- Support can be encouraged through planning applications requesting green energy properties.
- A member of ENCON attended the meeting and updated the Council on the Sustainable Bartons' Project and will forward the information onto Cllr. Ward. ENCON is keen to support any projects.
- Cllr. Shaw stressed that a framework and clear briefing for the working party is required.
- Cllr. Johnson reinforced that the Parish Council's interest in the climate change working party should be strategic, to include green energy, installation of electric charging points, biodiversity and involve climate change when reviewing planning applications. The focus should be environmental and ecological.
- The District & County Councils are promoting electric charging points and green zero emissions.
- *It was agreed that the clerk will contact OALC for advice on what other Parish & Towns Councils are undertaking and what the remit of the Parish Council is relation to climate change and what is allowed.*
- *Cllr. Ward will arrange a further working party once all the information has been collated.*

92. **Dates of Next Meetings 7.15 pm:-**

- Thursday 30th September – Parish Hall
- Thursday 28th October – Parish Hall

Cllr. Knott thanked everyone for attending and the meeting finished at 8.00 pm.