

# ***Meeting of East Coker Parish Council***

## **Minutes – 12th August 2015**

**681/15 (agenda item 1) Approval of minutes from meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.** Minutes approved, proposed by Cllr. S.Snelling and seconded by Cllr. M. Shepstone and duly signed by Chairman B.Sugg.

**682/15 (agenda item 2) Attendees, Apologies and Reasons for Absence Apologies;** Cllr. D. Goodard. County Cllr. M.Fysh MP **Attendees:** Chair. B. Sugg, Cllr. J. New, Cllr. S. Snelling, Cllr. C.Henocq, Cllr. M. Mead, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. H. Clarke, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. M. Shepstone, Cllr. P. Hodge, D. Cllr. G.Seaton, D.Cllr. C. Bakewell

**683/15 (agenda item 3) Parish Councillor Vacancies.** Mr R Jones has resigned due to work commitments. Cllr. P Hodge has taken over the role to overview the accounts before they are sent to the internal auditor at the end of the fiscal year. Chairman B.Sugg will take the role for Youth Provision. An extra ordinary meeting will be called for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August to discuss Youth Provision.

East Coker Parish Council has two vacancies for councillors. The vacancies have been advertised and the deadline date is the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, after which point East Coker Parish Council can co-opt councillors.

**684/15 (agenda item 4) Register Councillors Interests.** 15/02974/FUL, Chairman B. Sugg, C. M. Mead, Cllr. D. Mead. 15/03389/FUL, Cllr. J. New. 15/03027/PAMB, Chairman B. Sugg, Cllr. D. Mead.

**685/15 (agenda item 3, a. i.) Youth Provision.** It was agreed further discussions were required and a further extraordinary meeting should be arranged for August 19<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to arrange. Sarah Scott-Davies, Head of Youth Services from Somerset County Council to attend.

**686/15 (agenda item 6) County / District Councillors Reports.** D.Cllr. C. Bakewell read out her report, which had been emailed to Councillors and is available on request. The Somerset Waste Partnership has recently issued its August newsletter with information about how to obtain soil conditioner which is made from green waste. The South Somerset representatives on the Waste Board are Cllrs Jo Roundell Greene and Angie Singleton. They can be contacted via the SSDC website if you have any queries. The District Council is currently carrying out public consultation on the local Council Tax Support Scheme. This is available on line at [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/easyread](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/easyread). The Consultation runs until 9<sup>th</sup> September. The South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action (SSVCA) is holding a voluntary and community fair on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30 to 8.00pm at Yeovil College. She is also aware of the discussion currently going on around the recreation ground at Tellis Cross. She believes it to be a vital facility for the children in this area and is happy to assist in this matter. D.Cllr. G. Seaton. There was no meeting of Area South in August and so no planning applications decided by Committee. The Audit Committee report is available. Andrew Turpin, District Blackdown Hills is keen to improve the Free Car Parking, which is an ongoing idea. She also attended the Yeovil Town Enhancement meeting. Mary Ainsworth is responsible for the housekeeping, flowers etc in Yeovil Town. She also mentioned the new planning obligations.

### **687/15 (agenda item 7) SSDC - Planning Applications**

15/02974/FUL – Additional Information. Proposal: Demolition of existing modern building, conversion of farm buildings to 2 no. dwellings and the erection of 6 no. new dwellings (revised application (GR 354245/112181). Location Townsend Farm Main Street, East Coker. All council agreed that there are no further observations or objections.

15/03338/TPO. Applicant; Mr Rowswell. Proposal; Application to carry out tree surgery works to a Walnut Tree, a group of Holly trees, an Atlas Cedar, A Copper beech, a Tulip tree and a Cherry Plum and to fell a Silver birch tree, all known to be within the South Somerset District Council (East Coker No. 1 ) Tree Preservation Order 1997 (GR35362/114135). Location; 32 Helena Road, East Coker, Yeovil. Cllr. B.

Bennett felt less interference was required with the Holly trees. All agreed no further observations or objections.

15/03389/FUL – Applicant; Mr I Bruce. Proposal; The erection of a replacement plant room for swimming pool (GR 353905/112932). Location; Hymerford House, Main Street, East Coker. All agreed no observations or objections to make.

15/03406/COU. Applicant; Mr J T Smith and Ms S Stagg. Proposal; The change of use of land from agricultural to extension of residential garden (Part Retrospective) (GR354577/113886). Location; Dunnock House, Yeovil Road, East Coker. All agreed no observations or objections to make.

Wildlife and countryside Act 1981. Proposed upgrading of public footpath Y9/46 to public bridleway in the parish of East Coker. It was felt that the foot path has serious safety implications if also used as a bridleway. Cllr. C. Henocq will take some pictures and forward to clerk for her to respond to Somerset County Council. Resolution: it was agreed by all council that it would be unsafe and unsuitable to use footpath Y9/46 as a bridleway. All council objected this proposal.

13/01791/OUT - Land Rear of Yeovil Court Hotel, West Coker Road – Appeal – Informal Hearing, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Resolution: It was agreed by all council to hire consultants. Cllr. S. Snelling to ask for a quotation from the consultants. Proposed: Cllr. S. Snelling, seconded: Cllr. J. New.

15/03027/PAMB – Applicant; Mr P Dunning. Approval for the change of use of agricultural building into 1 no dwelling. Location; Land OS3283 Part, Kingspring Lane, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9LL. Council would like to see all conditions are satisfied and providing the new structure doesn't exceed the existing height, council have no objections.

15/01000/OUT – Keyford – Update. County Highways have raised concerns on 'rat runs'. The barrister has sent Cllr. B. Bennett a draft document. The cost has increased to £1500, plus VAT. Cllr. B. Bennett needs to discuss the costs with the barrister as a resolution was passed earlier just for £800, plus VAT and it was then also agreed with the barrister that any further costs should be agreed with Council before incurred. Cllr. B. Bennett to discuss directly with the barrister the extra un-authorised costs. The barrister will not release the document until full payment has been received. Resolution: Cllr. B. Bennett to negotiate the unauthorised costs, but if no settlement, then it was agreed that we should pay the £1500 plus VAT. Proposed: Cllr. P. Hodge, seconded: Cllr. J. New.

Approval requested for headstone inscription. Letters to be incised and gilded to match existing on headstone of Eileen Horwood. The council have no objections. Proposed: Cllr. H. Clarke, seconded: Cllr. B. Bennett.

Approval for the design and inscription of a memorial, plot C2. The council have no objections. Proposed: Cllr. S. Snelling, seconded: Cllr. M. Mead.

15/03445/FUL - The erection of extensions to existing scout hut and new entrance and external access ramp (Revised Application)(GR 353485/113247). It was agreed by council that the z design was tidier. No objections were made. Proposed: Cllr. D. Mead and seconded: Cllr. H. Clarke.

20:10 D.Cllr. C. Bakewell left the meeting.

**688/15 (agenda item 14. b) Conservation Areas Appraisal Agreement.** Barrie Hartley from the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Committee gave their observations to East Coker Parish Council at the last meeting. The District Council were happy for the group to update the Conservation Area. Members of the general public attending the meeting stressed concern that they hadn't been consulted and no permission was sought to go on their land to do the appraisal. A member of the previous Parish Council had been on the NP committee and was leading the appraisal, that member is no longer a Parish Councillor and was the reason for Barrie wanting to give it back to the Parish Council, as it had to be lead by a Parish Councillor. Landowners attending the meeting again stressed that they were unhappy with the appraisal, at which point Barrie resigned

from the NP steering committee and left the meeting. Chairman B. Sugg apologised to those affected by this appraisal. Resolution: The council are mindful not to accept the recommendations of the report at this time. If it does impact the NP in the future, then then we will re-visit.

Cllr. P. Hodge proposed that we should write to all landowners affected and apologise for the discourteous behaviour of the steering group involved in the appraisal and attach a copy of the council's resolution in regard to this matter. Proposed Cllr. M. Shepstone Seconded: Cllr. J. New. Clerk to action.

**689/15 (agenda item 9) Highways.** Chairman B.Sugg reported that the faded 'children' sign in Long Furlong Lane will be replaced. Tellis Hill (Church yard side) will have a 'slow' sign installed. The Sawmills sign will not be in cast iron. D.Cllr. G. Seaton suggested we keep a rolling plan of what needs to be done.

**690/15 (agenda item 10) Village Ranger.** All signs have been cleaned, 5 of which are cast iron and are getting rusty. Chairman B. Sugg to source quotes to get them painted. Colours to be discussed after receipt of quotes. Fur trees in Mill Close need trimming. The sign board, which is shared between East and West Coker has been taken down until a suitable location can be found.

**691/15 (agenda item 11. a) Flood Risk Management Event** – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 6:30 – 8:30pm Brympton Way. Cllr. J. New and Chairman B. Sugg to attend. Clerk to organise.

**692/15 (agenda item 13). Equalities and Disabilities Training 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm till 8:30pm at the Pavilion.** Cllr. J. New has arranged for a training evening and asked for councillors to attend.

**693/15 (agenda item 14) Neighbourhood Plan.** Cllr. S. Snelling informed the group that Cllr. P. Hodge would also join the steering committee. A workshop will be arranged for council to attend. Clerk to advise council when arranged. Cllr. S. Snelling has received a proposal from the consultants Stuart Good, Jo Wilkins and Simon Williams. The cost will be £27,000, of which £8,000 will be from a locality grant and the work will take until October 2016 to complete. If no site assessments are required, a further saving of £6,000 will be made. D.Cllr. G. Seaton reminded the council that the NP, when completed and agreed, will become a legal document and the SIL percentage will go up to 25% if a NP is in place. Resolution; It was agreed that a further £27,000, plus VAT should be spent on completing the NP plan for East Coker Parish Council. Proposed: Cllr. S. Snelling, seconded; Cllr. P. Hodge. No council members were against.

It was agreed that all council need to help the NP steering committee. An open village meeting will be arranged to discuss the NP, suggested date is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 between 11am -3pm, date to be confirmed. Notification will be via notice boards, social media and newsletters. Cllr. C. Henocq to help create a more attractive flyer.

**694/15 (agenda item 15) Accounts.** All agreed. Proposed: Cllr. D. Mead, seconded: Cllr. S.Snelling.

Meeting ended at 9:32pm

The next meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

Approved: Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk, Gillian Macpherson

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Chairman, Bridget Sugg