

East Coker Parish Council

Precept Meeting.

24th January 2022 Minutes

Attendees: Cllr Mills, Cllr H Cowan, Cllr B Sugg, Cllr M Beckerleg, Cllr D Mead, Cllr Warwick-Mortimer, Cllr T Wilkins, Cllr Comstive, Cllr P Hodge, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Snelling Clerk J. Heggarty. **Public Attendance:** 2 members of the public . Meeting commenced at 7.00pm at East Coker Pavilion

Cllr Comstive chaired the meeting.

7pm Cllr Mills took Minutes in Clerk absence

22/021 To receive any apologies and reasons for non-attendance. Cllr Wintersgill, Cllr Bennett and Clerk.

22/022 There were 2 declarations of interest from Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg on agenda item 22/025.1

22/024 Public Question Time

(1) Members of the Public. 1 Member from Boon Brown spoke in favour of the development.

22/025 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg stood down.

Location: 21/03650/OUT Land At Former Mushroom Farm Burton Lane East Coker

Application: Outline application for the erection of two dwellings

Above application was discussed. Cllr Hodge advised that this application goes against the East Coker Neighbourhood plan and pointed out that this development does not fulfil the local housing need and that East Coker was already oversubscribed with the number of new homes planned to be built.

Proposal: ECPC does not support this application. The proposal runs contrary to policy ECH2 in not providing a mix of housing types, and also in contravention of the policy ECH1 in that EC Parish has already taken (in SSDC's approval) more than detailed 54 additional new dwellings which should be made available in the period to 2028. **Proposed :** Cllr Comstive Seconded : Cllr Beckerleg. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email planning with comments.

19.21 2 Member of the public left meeting

The 2022/2023 budget figures were emailed out to councillors on the 20th January.

Cllr Hodge started with a brief summary of the budget. She requested that we agreed the budget in principle and approved at the next meeting.

Cemetery extension was discussed and it was felt that it was not appropriate to peruse a land sale at the moment as the land owner had recently passed away, so this would not be in this year's budget.

Cllr were advised the Village Signs had not yet been paid for but this would come out of this years precept and not 2022/23 one.

Precept was discussed. Pavilion Modernisation was discussed and how the funds to complete the project would be raised.

Cllr Hodge suggested that even with a precept increase of 10% it wasn't going to provide a very large amount as only approximately 800 dwellings in the Parish.

Cllr Mills suggested a rise in the precept of just 2% as the cost of living had gone up however it was felt that this was not enough as would not cover Parish outgoings.

Cllr Snelling suggested precept was increase by 10% in line with anticipated increase of all the Parish Outgoings, not monies for Pavilion.

Proposal: Precept be raised by 10% in line with anticipated increase of all parish outgoings. **Proposed** Cllr Snelling **Seconded** Cllr Sugg. A vote was taken. 3 against 6 in favour motion carried. **Action:** Clerk to submit precept paperwork to SSDC and request a rise of 10%.