

**EAST FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: Mr. R. West (Chair), Mr. R Burton (Vice-Chair), Ms. J Cooper, Mr. M Curtis, Dr. C Crifo
Ms. C Burton (Clerk to the Parish Council)

OTHER RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE – 6

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Prew and Hodgetts.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish and General Parish Council Meeting on 12th March 2019

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

ACTION	PROGRESS
Clerk to draft Terms of Reference for the Burial Ground Maintenance Committee, to be reviewed at the May meeting	Carried forward
Councillors Burton and Hodgetts to move the SID.	Due to be moved on 11 April 2019
Councillor Burton to draft a letter to request a) the Speed Limit Review Panel reconsider the application to lower the 60mph limit and b) that average speed cameras are installed.	Carried forward
Clerk to invoice the PCC for a third of the 2017/18 mowing bill (and 2018/19 bill when received).	Done – payment for both years received
Clerk to contact DDC regarding blocked drains.	Done – matter referred to Ian Smith, the Maintenance Manager from the Daventry Area at Northants Highways. To chase
Clerk and one of the working party members to meet with Richard Green on Tuesday, 2 April 2019 at 10.00am, to discuss the Burial Ground Maintenance Committee.	Done – Councillor Curtis attended as working party representative
Councillor Burton to clear ditch on Main Street.	Due in April as part of the Village Litter Pick
Councillor West to remove vegetation around The Spring.	Carried forward
Clerk to contact the police about the on-going problem of parking on the pavements.	Done – PCSO now actively monitoring situation

5. Planning and Development

Applications granted

DA/2019/0028 Proposed rear extension/alterations (resubmission) - Lyndwood 4, Home Farm Close, East Farndon, Northamptonshire, LE16 9SS

Applications for consideration

DA/2019/0125 Outline application for detached dwelling with double garage – Land adjoining Twin Elms, Marston Lane, East Farndon, Northamptonshire LE16 9SL

A review of previous minutes shows that when a review of the village confines was undertaken by the Parish Council in 2003, the barns next to the Crow's Nest (now called Windmill View) were specifically excluded from the confines, and a map from that exercise shows that this application is beyond the village boundary.

A previous planning application (DA/2010/0750) for outline planning permission appears to be the same as DA/2019/0125. The Parish Council at that time objected on the grounds it was on agricultural land and outside the village confines, and the refusal by DDC at the time also focused on the fact it was beyond the village boundary and its effect on the character of the landscape.

It was noted that the access road to Greenfields gives the impression that the village boundary would naturally fall there. In fact, this road was built, without planning permission, through agricultural land by the owner of Greenfields, who submitted the previous planning application (and undertook various building projects without planning permission). Mr Green, in attendance who used to own Twin Elms, raised the issue that this road has caused 2 problems. Firstly, it has been built over a ditch with no pipe put in place, so that surface water cannot now drain properly. Secondly, the access road was built through the field that acts as the soakaway for the septic tank situated at Twin Elms. He noted that any further development on the agricultural land next to Twin Elms (the site subject to this planning application) would cause even further problems. The residents of Windmill View, in attendance, confirmed that they have no vehicular access (only pedestrian access) to their property via this road.

The Parish Council objected to the planning application on the grounds that:

- It relates to a site outside the village confines
- The proposed site is agricultural land
- It would have a negative effect on the character of the landscape
- Any development could have adverse environmental effects as regards the soakaway of Twin Elm's septic tank and drainage of surface water
- If permission is granted, it sets a very poor precedent that residents can just ignore building laws/regulations and eventually development will be allowed which is contrary to planning principles

ACTION: Clerk to notify DDC of its objection to DA/2019/0125, and reasons why

6. Other Matters

- Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Principles

A review of previous minutes shows that in the past 10 years, the grounds on which the Parish Council have objected to planning objections have been: overlooking other properties; increased traffic generation; using agricultural land; and being outside the village boundary.

Councillor Burton reminded Councillors that, following the attendance in May 2017 of Councillors Burton and Cooper at a Neighbourhood Planning workshop run by Northamptonshire ACRE and subsequent discussion, a decision was minuted in November 2017 to not go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan the grounds of expense and the long timeline. There is also the issue of relevance for a village of our size which does not have specific building targets in the DDC Settlements & Countryside Plan (2011-2029). Councillor Burton highlighted a report published in October 2018 by NALC which questions the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans, particularly in the light of the revised National Planning Policy Framework, running from July 2018. Councillors are also aware of last month's mass resignations from Hallaton Parish Council due to disputes over their Neighbourhood Plan. The Council agreed to stick to the decision to not go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan.

7. Finance

The following payments were agreed by all Councillors:

Payee	Reason	Amount £	Chq no.
EON	Lighting maintenance	64.69	online
EON	Electricity	218.00	online
Mrs O Boucher	Purchase of litter pickers	11.96	770

8. Correspondence

All relevant correspondence (e.g. NCALC Newsletter) has been circulated to Councillors and shared on the village website and Facebook page where appropriate.

9. Any Other Business

- The Clerk advised that Mr Fallon (who is leading on Community Speedwatch) needs the Parish Council, if in agreement, to send a letter to Northants Police supporting the Community Speed Watch Programme; otherwise, the Police require pledges from 500 residents. The Parish Council agreed that they fully supported the Community Speedwatch Programme for the Parish.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Northants Police to support the Community Speedwatch Programme in East Farndon Parish.

10. Date of the next meeting – 14th May 2019 (Annual meeting of the Parish Council)

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman _____

Dated _____