

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 25th May 2010
in Easton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr T Smith, Chairman
Cllr M Coney
Cllr J Duggan
Cllr B Eklid
Mrs C Davis, Parish Clerk
4 members of the public

Meeting opened at 9.00 pm

1 APOLOGIES

Cllr J Kerr

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Smith	1 Framlingham Road	Personal & Prejudicial
All Councillors	The Old Osier and Easton Farm Park	Personal

Councillors were advised that as everyone had an interest in two of the applications, in order to carry out their duties they would all be in a position to comment on the said applications.

3 END OF YEAR AUDIT

- 3.1 Clerk presented the end of year audit form and accounting figures. After due consideration the figures were accepted as a true record and Duly signed. Proposed Cllr Duggan, seconded Cllr Eklid.
- 3.2 The Governance Statement was considered by individual question and Duly completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Eklid, seconded Cllr Coney.

4 PLANNING

- 4.1 1 Framlingham Road – side and rear extension Following discussion it was agreed to support.
- 4.2 Stud House, Framlingham road – construction of three dormer windows. Following discussion it was agreed to support.
- 4.3 The Old Osier, The Street – single storey extension Following discussion it was agreed to support.
- 4.4 Easton Farm park – addition of cart lodge to current permission for retail and public entertainment and variation to allow use in perpetuity.

Following lengthy discussions and closing the meeting on two occasions for Members of the public to give their views, it was eventually agreed as follows:

- Council voted unanimously in favour of allowing the existing cart shed to be used for retail purposes, i.e. Farmers Markets
- Council was split on the use of said cart shed for public entertainment and concerns were raised regarding noise pollution from this particular building. With the Chairman's casting vote there was a majority agreement in favour.
- On the matter of variation to allow use in perpetuity Council voted on a majority decision (one Councillor in favour) to robustly object for the following reasons:
 - Council was concerned that this takes away its right and that of residents to review the affect of events on the village
 - Council recommended that any permission be restricted to five years thus giving opportunity to review the situation with regard to noise and traffic disturbance and make any recommendations necessary for the next five years.
 - Council was adamant that the number of events per year should be restricted to those at present allowed: i.e. maximum 50 farmers markets and a maximum of 20 evening events per annum where more than 150 people are present
 - Council was concerned that, should the Farm Park be sold at some future date then a new owner may not be as understanding of local needs and with 'in perpetuity' permission nothing could be done to change matters

Clerk was asked to compose letters on all the above applications and forward the responses to SCDC Planning Department.

Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

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Chairman

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Date