**EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 10th December at 7.30pm**

**at Easton Village Hall**

**Reports from District, County Councillors and Question time for members of the public –Duration time maximum 10 minutes - 2 minutes per person.**

**Welcome**

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm

**MEETING TO OPEN**

**1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

**Present Apologies**

Cllr S Piggott – Chair Cllr F Siddall

Cllr A Hollins – Vice Chair

Cllr B Gibbon

Cllr C Godfrey-Hollins

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Piggott- Prejudicial Interest-Lives opposite and neighbour to application item 4.1- to withdraw from considerations and decision debate.

**3 CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None.

**4 PLANNING:**

**4.1 APPLICATION: -** The Round Cottage, Framlingham Rd, Easton

DC/4572/FUL-Change of use of garage/office to residential

dwelling, plus another residential dwelling and new road access.

Following considerations that the application for two dwellings was not appropriate and would lead to cramped style, that the design, scale and form were not appropriate for the setting of the Grade II listed round cottage and gateway approach to the village. The access to the Highway was considered not appropriate due to the proximity to the Kettleburgh Rd junction and opposite Harriers Walk, members voiced concerns about safety. Council members referenced Local Plan Policies - DM7, DM21, DM8 DM6, Para 5.22 SP15, Para 3.149, Draft Local Plan: SCLP10.3 & SCLP11.1.

Council members referred to the Conservation and Design officers observations and recommendation to not support. Within the report it is stated that the applicant had not taken up pre-planning talks with the Conservation and Design officer.

Cllr Hollins Proposed a response of Objection. Cllr Godfrey-Hollins Seconded, all members unanimously agreed.

Council members did consider that an application for one dwelling by way of more sensitive and low-level extension to the existing garage/office building and to share the existing Round Cottage driveway road access would be viewed more favourably.

**4.2 APPLICATION:** - Easton Primary School, The Street, Easton

DC/18/4646/FUL – Retrospective application- Installation of new Lamp Post.

Following considerations of the retrospective application regarding the installation of a three arm flood lighting lamp-post, members considered points within the application submitted by Advocet Acadamy, referred to the installation as a replacement for a lighting lamp-post that was positioned differently and was knocked down by the Hopkins Homes building works, local knowledge and photographs prior to the development taking place does not concur with this, therefore this application is for a new installation. Council members considered the inappropriate lighting, the structure being too high and too powerful, which sits within the conservation area of the village for which there are restraints that the installation does not meet. The SCDC conditions for any lighting within the development and car park laid down, also references within the Hopkins Habitat Report in particular for nocturnal protected species present in the area. If needed, external lighting must be of low level and low output. Council members referenced the Local Plan policy DM26, the government PPG-2014-Light Pollution and the Gov. Artificial Light Nuisances Act. The Parish Council are aware that local residents have complained about the installation and it is creating a nuisance.

Cllr Piggott Proposed a response of Objection, Cllr Hollins Seconded, all members unanimously agreed.

**4.3** **APPLICATION:-** Four Pheasants, The Street, Easton,

DC/18/4917/TPO – G1 Thin out and prune 8no. Lime trees on east wall adjacent to the church to prevent damage to crinkel crankle wall, and to open views to church clock. Remove dead/dying Oak adjacent to garage after branches fell.  
 Cedar (Atlantic) on front lawn, to reduce and reshape because it has outgrown its space. Option to fell if required.  
 Cedar of Lebanon adjacent to garage, remove dead branch.  
 Leylandii conifers on northern boundary to be height reduced, and where growing into mature birch trees, to be felled.

Council members all agreed that the works were in order and support the application.

**4.4 NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM SCDC PLANNING POLICY.**

Following the information from SCDC Planning Policy team to the Neighbourhood Plan Chair, informing the NP that it must deliver an increase housing obligation ie from 34 with 10 to deliver, to 44 with 20 to deliver, Parish Council members considered what actions could be taken. This increase is imposed outside the consultation process for the First Draft Local Plan. Following a meeting and discussions with SCDC regarding the matter, the Chair has been informed the only point of response can be at the consultation for ‘legal soundness’ which takes place mid Jan-end Feb 2019, when representations from the public and Parish Councils can be made.

Under ‘consultation’ regulations any changes following a consultation period must be evidenced, this proposed change to figures for Easton cannot be evidenced, the consultation period for the FDLP ended 14th September.

Council members agreed to request that the Planning Consultant employed for the NP, aids the Parish Council to submit a response when the ‘legal soundness’ consultation for the FDLP takes place next January.

**5 TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION AS PARISH CLLR**

The application received from Mrs Jenny Armfield was considered.

Cllr Piggott Proposed to accept Mrs Armfield as a Co-Opted Parish Councillor, Cllr Hollins Seconded, all members unanimously agreed.

**6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Jan 21st 2019**

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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**Chair Date**