

Easterton Parish Council Extra Meeting

Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Cllr B Myerscough, Cllr J Boyt, Cllr A Snook, Cllr D Muns, Cllr A Colley, Cllr R Brooks, Cllr P Bullock.

In attendance: S-J Bullock

1. **Election of chair for this meeting:** Cllr A Colley was elected to preside over the meeting.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Cllr J Boyt (item 7).
3. **Apologies:** None
4. **Adjournment and welcome to the public.** (Max 3 mins per question, 20 minutes in total) for questions from residents in attendance. 53 in attendance. It was decided to have the public section after item 6.
5. **Planning applications:** PL/2023/09746 Cedarwood, 6 Kings Road – demolish three bedroomed bungalow and replace with four-bedroom house, and detached carport with office and workshop. – No objection.
PL/2023/05028 Easterton Manor – revised plans for internal changes – No objection.
6. **Update from Wiltshire Councillor Dominic Muns** – There was yet another accident at Black dog junction on the A360 last week. Cllr Muns is asking highways to use powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act to block the slip road north of the junction with concrete bollards, as there is no good reason for the slip roads existence in his opinion. Wiltshire Council is still awaiting landowners' permission to purchase land to improve sight line at the junction and Cllr Muns continues to press for a speed limit reduction on the A360.
7. **To discuss proposed Potterne Solar Farms:** Potterne Park Farm and Blounts Court Farm (One Tree Hill). No planning applications have been submitted yet for either of these proposed farms, the developers have held public presentations in Potterne. However, the majority of the proposed Potterne Park Farm solar farm which will cover approx. two hundred acres is actually in Easterton parish and will affect Easterton residents. There was considerable discussion about the pros and cons of solar farms, relating to the governments net zero target for 2050 and the Climate Change Act 2008, the UKs energy security, and the move away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy supplies. The potential industrialisation of the countryside, loss of agricultural land, loss of wildlife habitat, loss of the natural peace and tranquillity of the

countryside as well as the visual impact of solar farms was also discussed at length.

However, the parish council is unable to make official comments until the planning application is received.

The meeting closed at: 20.45pm

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