

**EVENLODE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18/09/2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chris Johnston (Chairman); Jamie Mackie; Wendy Dancer, Jan Lesser  
Clerk: Jan Lesser

**Also present:** Charles Watson; Tim & Judy Proger; Angie Hunt; Julia Higgs; Mark Traynor, Shrimp Mackie

**OPEN MEETING:** Shrimp, on behalf of the VH Committee asked those present whether they would be in favour of holding a Fete in 2024 as it would have been one year since the village celebrated the Coronation of King Charles 111. Everyone present was in favour.

**MINUTES**

**Apologies for absence** John Holmes, Rosie Northampton

**Balance at Bank** at end of business today = £9516-28, with no payments due on or out of the account imminently.

**Parish Councillors were reminded** to update their Register of Interests for themselves and their spouses if they had acquired any interests since the last Register was lodged.

**Home Farm Barns:** those present were told about the preview of the report from CDC Planning which is minded to recommend Permission. If the PC has any material planning matters which it feels the report does not cover then it can submit them for consideration of whether the whole application should go before a full Planning Committee hearing. The PC felt that there was no such additional consideration. However, Judy Proger drew the PC's attention to two documents which had been lodged on the website very recently and which the Planning Officer probably would not have covered in his report. They are a Sequential Report which requires an applicant to demonstrate that all alternative sites had been explored, and a professional report commissioned by Home Farm.

Judy felt that the applicant had not tried hard enough to find an alternative site, and that the professional report might be given greater weight than the villagers' own objections. **ACTION** The PC undertook to write to the Ward Councillor to ask for extra time to consider these two reports (done).

**Christmas Fair:** This had formerly been held at Daylesford and now would be held on Evenlode Grounds land. As to whether there would be any impact on the village, CJ had been told by Howard Woolliams that entry would be along the farm's main entrance which has space for some 30 vehicles to be stacked whilst parking, and exit from further along the Adlestrop Road. The PC felt that there was little to object to and it would watch how things panned out over the three day Fair this year, in order to inform its position for future years.

**AOB:** CJ is still trying to get further assistance to slow the flow of water coming into the village at times of heavy rain. The PC agreed that it was unlikely this would be a priority for the authorities as firstly it needed at least 10 houses to be flooded for them to take action and secondly, it was likely there were insufficient funds for work to help Evenlode. Again, it is a matter of trying to keep our concerns in the authorities' eye and CJ would continue to do that.

**Next Meeting**, which will be to consider PC finances in order to set the 2024 – 2025 Precept, would take place in December -date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7p.m.