

**ETCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Etchingham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting Meeting**  
**held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm The Parker Hall, Parsonage Croft, Etchingham**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: John Barnes (in the Chair), Mary Barnes, Sid Barrow, Rob Beeney and Roma Turner.  
**Also present:** five members of the public and P Barton – Clerk to the Council.

*The Chairman explained that the Parish Council meeting was a meeting held in public but not a Public Meeting. Any person present wishing to speak about any item on the agenda should do so under agenda item 6 'Public Time'. There would not be any other opportunity for the public to speak at the meeting.*

**2595. Apologies for Absence:**

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Colin Boylett, Trevor McGregor and County Cllr Eleanor Kirby-Green which were accepted.

**2596. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. M. Barnes reminded Council that she is a member of the RDC Planning Committee.

Cllr. J Barnes declared that he is the substitute Conservative member of RDC Planning Committee.

**2597. Etchingham Parish Council – Dispensations:**

The Clerk confirmed that no written requests for dispensations had been received.

**2598. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

**2599. RR/2023/254/P regarding the modification of s106 Church Farm Close**

The Council having now had the opportunity to further acquaint itself with the full back ground to this application this meeting has been called in order to properly discuss and resolve a final comment for Rother District Council regarding the above the members of the public were allowed the opportunity to express their concerns being the homeowners involved directly with this application. Discussion followed including Q&A between council and the members of the public. ***It was Resolved that a request be made to Call in this Application and that the following comment be lodged on the RDC website:***

“Etchingham Parish Council resolved at an EGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 to confirm its strong objection to this planning application as follows: in the opinion of EPC the application is an improper use of Planning Law to try and break the Common Law of Contract. The application should be refused as it is seeking to force the householders of the 4 properties to break their legal contracts without their consent, prior knowledge or consultation. EPC is also considerably concerned that since the original shared ownership contracts were signed, the participating company (Association) has changed its status from that of a mutual company to a commercial development company and is no longer a Registered provider of affordable housing. Should this application be granted it also seems inevitable that the 4 householders will be unfairly financially disadvantaged at the time of selling their properties, the timing of those sales being immaterial.”

**2600. Etchingham Parish Council – Notification to members of Council decisions:**

There were no notifications.

**2601.** There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed.

Signed..... **By the Chairman**

Date.....16<sup>th</sup> March 2023