



EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear East Peckham Parish Councillors,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a full council meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 31st May 2023 in the Meeting Room at Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT at 6.30pm.

5th June 2023 J. Perretta Assistant Clerk of the Council

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held
at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 31st May 2023 in the Jubilee Hall Meeting Room**

Apologies for absence - Cllr L. Browning (holiday).

- 1 Present – Cllrs M. Williams, D. Seal, T. Eastwood, R. Mewett, T. Fryer, M. Joannes, M. Barton, S. North, D. Fairless.
S. Hudson KCC & M. Boughton TMBC
Assistant Clerk J. Perretta and 10 residents.**
- 3. Declarations of Interests and/or lobbying**
Reminder to Members to disclose either a Pecuniary Interest or Other Interest in any item on the agenda. ***Please note that the clerk cannot advise members on this. Members are personally responsible for declaring an interest. Members are respectfully advised to read the Code of Conduct for information. Councillors are responsible for ensuring that their Registers of Interests are up to date (within 28 days of any changes). None***
- 4- Opportunities for questions from the residents.**
This is a small village and the Jubilee field is accessed by key roads with limited parking at the field therefore parking would flow into residential areas.
Who else will use the space?, outside users will bring in extra traffic, parking, rubbish, graffiti, broken glass, antisocial behaviour etc. Concerns around motor bikes using the space.
Residents are against the prospect of competitions being held due to the “Olympic standard” design and visitors from other counties coming to a small village that doesn’t have the infrastructure for this.
What infrastructure and maintenance plans do we have in place and who will manage this?. It was confirmed by M. Williams that this would be maintained by the Parish Council and any maintenance costs would need to come from any available reserves. Residents feel any available reserves should be better spent on a more multi user facility. M. Joannes confirmed the concrete surface should need little maintenance. It also has a 20 year warranty. The space would require a protection of accidents, public liability and weekly/yearly inspections and audits.
The facilities do not have outside toilets or refreshment facilities.
The proposal is too large for the space and residents feel other smaller multi use options should be considered along with a border footpath and tennis court upgrade. M. Williams has confirmed the FCC funding cannot be converted. The funding can only be used for the original application. If the Parish Council would like to proceed with another plan/idea, funding would need to be reappplied for.

Residents are against using concrete and feel this is not environmentally friendly. What does it bring to the village? – It was confirmed this could bring in extra revenue to the Village and its businesses.

Social media posts showed a positive response to the proposed project however half that responded were from outside of the village.

Reports given –

M. Boughton reports skate parks do not help to prevent antisocial behaviour. Urban areas can be good at concentrating groups of youths making crime prevention easier. The picture of these types of facilities are mixed around the borough. Will this facility be used as these things can go out of fashion.

S. Hudson – There are specialist centres in Kent that schools/ groups use which are in my experience preferred.

T. Fryer – A group of Councillors visited the skate park in Swanley and met the project management team. The facility was very large however it looked good. A few users were there and discussions around use were positive. The young adults felt they self-police the area and prevent damage, glass, rubbish etc as they want it to stay in use.

M. Williams confirms to all present that £10.750 has been paid to FCC and this will be returned if we pull out of the funding application.

5. Skatepark.

To decide if the council wish to proceed with the funding for a skatepark/pump track.

Proposer – D. Fairless

Seconder – M. Barton

Against – x 8

Abstain – x 1

6. Meeting closes