

Whitchurch-on-Thames Parish Council



Extraordinary Parish Council meeting agenda

Tuesday 30th October 2018

8 pm, 'The Old Stables', High Street, Whitchurch-on-Thames

Press and the public are invited to attend

Background: The Parish Council voted to object to the recent application requesting Eastfield House's demolition. The site has been unoccupied and in a deteriorating state for almost 2 years now and this is likely to continue for some time regardless of SODC's planning decision. This situation highlights the need to protect the condition of Eastfield House, consider options for its future, and re-evaluate the village's Conservation Area to ensure buildings are adequately protected against this type of development in the future.

Meeting Objectives: The purpose of the meeting is to work with concerned residents to discuss how we can more proactively address the issues raised by the recent Ross Healthcare application. One of the outcomes of the meeting should be plans of action to address questions on the agenda as required.

Meeting Approach: This will be a formal Parish Council meeting where the PC can make decisions for future action, but it is meant to be an interactive discussion with residents of the village. The Parish Council will be seeking support from concerned residents in carrying out some of these actions as appropriate. The proposed agenda is based on feedback we have received by some of the residents that have been actively supporting this to date.

1. Apologies for absence (8.00)

2. Declarations of interest

Councillors are asked to declare any personal interest, and the nature of that interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting (8.05)

3. The future of Eastfield House (Discussion to be concluded by 10pm)

- How can we best proceed with an updated Conservation Area Appraisal (CAA)?
- Is an Urgent Works Notice a viable option to continue pursuing?
- Should the new Village Plan include a non-exhaustive list of the village's heritage assets/local landmarks?
 - How do we ensure there are adequate measures to prevent fire risk to the current site?
 - Does SODC have a Heritage Champion for this site? If not, can we persuade them to appoint one?
 - Can we provide evidence of traffic and parking concerns to SODC?
 - Should we commission a feasibility study of alternate uses for the facility?
 - Is there anything that can be done to protect some of the building's finest features such as the stained glass window?

- AOB (issues or ideas raised by residents)

4. Note date of next meeting, which will be Tuesday 13th November 2018.