

ETCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Etchingham Parish Council
held on Wednesday 9th December 2020
at 7.30pm via Zoom electronic communication**

Members Present: Cllrs J Barnes, Boylett, Lambert and Turner.

Also present: Ms P Barton – Clerk to the Council and a member of the public.

The Chairman explained that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council meeting was a meeting held in public but not a Public Meeting. However, any person present wishing to speak about the item on the agenda may do so prior to Council deliberations on the agenda item.

2181. Apologies for Absence:

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs M Barnes, Barrow, Beeney which were accepted.

2182. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

2183. Etchingham Parish Council – Dispensations:

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

2184. Chairman's Announcements:

There were no announcements

2185. The attending member of the public put forward his and his neighbours, objections to the moving of the bus stop westward to approximately opposite the entrance to Queen's Garden.

The Clerk informed the meeting that other residents had voiced similar objections and concerns but were unable to attend the meeting.

Following discussion *it was Resolved that the Clerk should reply to ESCC Communities, Economy and Transport Department objecting in the strongest terms to the relocation of the bus stop westwards.*

2186. Etchingham Parish Council – Notification to members of Council decisions:

There were no notifications.

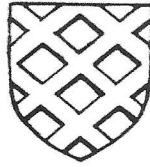
2187. There being no further business the meeting closed.

Signed..........

Date.....21.1.2021.....

Etchingham Parish Council – 9th December 2020

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16th December 2020

Mr Dave Smith
Public Transport Officer
Communities, Economy and Transport
East Sussex County Council

Dear Mr Smith

Relocation of 'Church Lane' Westbound Bus Stop

The resolution taken at the EGM of Etchingham parish Council (via Zoom) on 9th December 2020 is that the relocation of the 'Church Lane' Westbound Bus Stop to the proposed site is unacceptable.

The reasons are:

- a) the proposed site, although on double yellow lines often has parking on them as there is no enforcement currently.
- b) adjacent residential driveways already have visibility issues because of parked cars.
- c) as there is no pull in available at the new site the bus would block the westbound carriageway and vehicles attempting to drive around the bus would be 'blind' to the eastward bound traffic. Westbound traffic can be particularly impatient if it has been held up at the level crossing.
- d) the new site is virtually opposite the entrance into Queen's Garden, a children's playground and public green space.

While the existing site may not be ideal The Council believe that it is safer than the proposed site.

The Council would like to suggest that if the existing site is such a cause for concern, then consideration should be given to decommissioning this bus stop altogether and 'moving' it officially to the current waiting position of the bus between journeys. The position at the top end of Station Approach is well-known locally by residents and commuters, the occasional visitor unfamiliar to the area could easily be directed to the new site from the old. This Council has not undertaken, other than speaking with residents known to use the bus service, any sort of feasibility study and is aware that Station Approach is a private road, however as the ownership is with Network Rail one could suppose that in order to advance an integrated public transport system this could be seen as a logical step.

Yours sincerely



Paulette Barton
Clerk and RFO to Etchingham Parish Council

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19th November 2020

Dear Parish Clerk,

Relocation of 'Church Lane' Westbound Bus Stop

East Sussex County Council is proposing to relocate the 'Church Lane' westbound bus stop approximately 35m east.

Why are we doing this?

The present location of the bus stop is within a controlled parking zone where parked vehicles often prevent the bus from pulling off the road into the safety of the layby. Relocating to the boundary line between The River House & De Etchingham House on the section of existing double yellow lines will help reduce accident risk and provide bus drivers with a clear stretch of road on which to stop.

The photograph below is marked with a red arrow highlighting the present location of the bus stop. The proposed location is 35m east, marked with a red flag.



The photograph below is marked with a red arrow highlighting the proposed relocation from the Wealden Cake Company shop to the boundary line between The River House & De Etchingam House.



The bus stop pole would be tubular steel finished in black, approximately 2.4m at its highest point.

I would be grateful for your comments please by phone or in writing no later than 18th December 2020.

If you do not have any comments, there is no need to respond.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Smith

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