

MINUTES of the Parish Council Extra-ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2020 commencing at 7pm.
The meeting was held by Zoom.

PRESENT: Cllrs Citarella (Chair), Atty, Turner, Roughneen, Casey and Clerk Sandra Jones.

Borough Cllr Pope and one member of the public attended the meeting.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Cllr O'Keefe and Cllr Moore.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Citarella declared a pecuniary interest in the item relating to Eden Tea Rooms.

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The member of the public thanked the Parish Council for its support in objecting to various planning applications submitted by Eden Tea Rooms. She requested that the Parish Council continue to oppose the applications including the application relating to extended opening hours as the minor reduction recently submitted made very little difference to the negative impact likely to result on neighbour amenity. Investigations had revealed that other local businesses were not allowed to operate past 8pm and it was hoped that this could set a precedent for the West Lancashire Borough Council Planning Committee as the same Environmental Health Officer was involved in the process.

Borough Cllr Pope confirmed that he had called in planning application 2020/0727/FUL – retention of satellite dishes at Eden Tea Room and Galleries to the West Lancashire Borough Council Planning Committee and this may be considered at the October meeting. He confirmed that an additional Planning Committee meeting had been scheduled for 9 November but at this stage it was not certain whether any planning applications relating to Eden Tea Rooms would be on that agenda.

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PLANNING

a) Applications to be considered:

Cllrs Citarella was put into the waiting room at this point. Cllr Turner took the Chair.

2020/0439/FUL - Variation of condition no. 7 imposed on planning permission 2016/1151/FUL to allow the premises to operate later opening hours and in order to cater for functions at weekends to diversify the business. To extend operating hours to 08:00 - 23:00 (01:00 on Friday and Saturday for pre-booked functions) at Eden Tearoom and Galleries, Course Lane, Newburgh, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7UB

An amendment has been submitted in relation to the above application to amend the opening hours to:

Sunday 08:00 - 21:00

Monday to Thursday 08:00 - 22:00

Friday and Saturday 08:00 - 12:00

Following discussion, it was resolved to submit the following comment:

Newburgh Parish Council notes the reduction in hours in the amendment to planning application 2020/0439FUL submitted by the applicant. However, we still feel that the same negative impact as described in our response to the original application, on neighbour amenity and the character of our rural village remains. Newburgh Parish Council continues to strongly object to this application.

Cllr Citarella was admitted back into the meeting at this point. Cllr Citarella resumed the Chair.

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TO NOTE THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting is 28 October 2020.