



## EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 6.30 pm, Elvington Community Centre. Eythorne.

**Present:** Cllr M Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr W Hansell, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Whitehead (Vice Chair) and Cllr Wright.

**Also, present:** Community Warden Juliet West, Cllr David Beaney (KCC) Arrived after the planning item. 12 Members of the public.

#### **4/1/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Meehan, (On holiday).

Caroline Vincent (Clerk to Eythorne Council), (On holiday).

Cllr Morgan-Lovett (Personal Reasons).

Cllr L Keen (DDC)

Cllr Charles Woodgate (DDC)

#### **4/2/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4/3/22. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March were circulated to members.

**Resolved:** The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr C Ledger, seconded by Cllr W Hansell and carried. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

#### **4/4/22. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE MARCH MEETING/MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk circulated the actions to all members prior to the meeting, actions completed as follows:

- Planning comments made on the DDC portal.
- Rev Sean Sheffield contacted regarding the Church clock, aware of the fault and will be fixed when able to do so.
- Contacted our Community Warden regarding the Open Spaces consultation, Juliet was aware of this and is due to all of her joint working with DDC regarding local dog issues.
- DDC/KCC both contacted asking if any help is required with the Ukraine crisis, KCC has a dedicated webpage for help required. DDC currently helping internally with staff making donations.

Members had nothing further to raise from the March meeting.

#### **4/5/22. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS**

##### **Report by Community Warden Juliet West:**

- Motorbike noise nuisance
- Trespassing on private land
- Damage to bus shelter
- Graffiti

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- Dog barking nuisance noise
- Nuisance dogs
- Dog fouling
- Nuisance bonfire smoke
- Individual welfare issues
- Referrals to other agencies
- Fly tipping
- Littering and rubbish dumping along footpaths and byways
- Community events
- Dog warden micro chipping event
- Foodbank van
- Let's Eat lunch group

### **Forthcoming events**

Multiple Easter celebrations around the village

'POP UP CAFE' community centre 22.04.22. 9.30-13.30

### **DDC Cllr L Keen:**

Cllr Keen sent her apologies and provided the following report:

Cllr Keen is happy to support the views of local residents and the PC in her own response to the consultation if the PC will share them with her. She believes that local community, who have to live with proposed developments, are best placed to identify problems and concerns and to recommend actions/amendments to ameliorate these, or, indeed, to oppose the application altogether. She hoped that Cllr Woodgate was able to attend and give advice and asked that we let her know the outcome of our deliberations so that she can write in accordingly.

### **KCC Cllr Beaney's report (Given after the planning section had finished):**

- Lorry situation in and around Dover being addressed as best as possible.
- Ukraine crisis – 1165 refugees housed across Kent (many families).
- Free School Meals throughout Easter holidays.
- DDC – Town Square project progressing, and opening event planned for August.
- Fast track bus service – road structure underway.
- Recruitment Support Fair in Dover – to support ex-P&O workers and others to find employment.
- Betteshanger Museum open.
- Energy plans for wind turbine farms rather than solar arrays as the grid cannot now cope with solar.
- Woodpecker planning – ask if assistance required.

## **4/6/22. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

### **4/7/22. PLANNING**

Cllr M Ledger read an open letter received from Mr D Meehan regarding planning application **22/00262**. The Main point was that the bungalow (Willows) is not now available to him and that an amended application is forthcoming.

Cllr M Ledger then invited a representative to speak on behalf of the residents who border Woodpecker Court (Wigmore Wood, Elvington Court Nursery, Wigmore Court). He made many cogent and relevant points in objection which were backed by those residents present. He set out

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history, context and made a request that the Parish Council object to the proposal and request greater and closer scrutiny of the activities at Woodpecker Court in general.

A representative of Elvington Court Nursery spoke in support of the comments made earlier in the meeting and voiced her own concerns re the impact of the land clearance currently taking place on the wildlife in the wood.

At this point a resident queried the implementation of the 20mph zone. Cllr Whitehead advised it is progressing at pace now and we just have to wait for the work to start.

Cllr M Ledger then invited another resident to speak whose comments and objections were more in relation to the 'destruction' of the woodland which was a heartfelt request to have closer scrutiny.

A resident of Elvington Court Nursery commented on trees (conifers) that were removed.

Cllr Whitehead wished to get a clear timeline of events prior to the Open Day arranged for local residents to discuss plans. Application was validated at DDC on 9<sup>th</sup> March – Open Day was on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Cllr Whitehead advised that a decision by the PC was unlikely tonight as the amendments being proposed have not yet been published and that this would lead to a new consultation in due course. She further spoke about the access road from Adelaide Road being a PROW which residents did not seem to be aware of. She spoke of a likely request to have this application 'called in to committee' at DDC. Cllr Beaney advised that this should wait until all amendments and re-consultation process have been published. He further advised that, should we ask Cllr Woodgate to do this, he would only have a three-minute time slot at the meeting to make views known. If not, he would have 25-30 minutes to speak. He further advised that, as this is an 'educational' establishment, it may be passed up to KCC for deliberation and that we should request the Tree Officer to be involved as there is a TPO on the whole woodland.

Cllr M Ledger advised that this would come back to the PC agenda once the amendments had been published.

Owners of Elvington Court Nursery invited PC members to visit their home to see for ourselves the impact on their property. Agreed and a date will be arranged in due course.

Cllr M Ledger then thanked the members of the public for attending and expressing their views. (At this point there was a five-minute break while people left the meeting).

#### **Applications:**

**22/00262, Forest School Activities and Education Centre Woodpecker Court, 45 Wigmore Lane Eythorne CT15 4BF**, Erection of 2no. buildings for use as catering unit and classroom, change of use of existing dwelling to classrooms, installation of solar panels to existing store building, erection of acoustic fencing, relocation of bin store, creation of a community garden and woodland play area.  
**Expires 15.4.22**

**Resolved: A decision would be made once amendments to the application have been received.**

#### **Decisions:**

**22/00193, Land Between South View and Dean Holme, Flax Court Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4AB**, Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission DOV/20/01407 to allow amendments (application under Section 73) (for the erection of a detached dwelling). **Granted.**

#### **4/8/22. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

- a) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation, circulated prior to the meeting: The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr C Ledger, seconded by Cllr Whitehead, unanimously carried.

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<b>Finance Report Payments</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
C Vincent	March Salary	1490.66
S Thomson	March Salary	707.80
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
HMRC	Q4 PAYE	1151.97
Elvington Heritage Group	Funding for Queen's Jubilee	250.00
Defib Warehouse	Batteries	91.14
The Cartridge People	Ink cartridges	90.00
Lloyds Bank	CC monthly fee	3.00
KCC	TRO Fees for 20mph zone	2500.00
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	18.00
S Thomson	Expenses March	17.55

- b) **Annual Insurance Quote for 2022-23**  
**Resolved:** Cllr S Wright proposed the insurance quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr W Hansell and all agreed. **Action:** The Clerk to accept the quote with our insurer.
- c) **Quarter 4 Accounts**  
**Resolved:** Cllr C Ledger proposed the Quarter 4 accounts be accepted, seconded by Cllr A Whitehead and carried.
- d) **Direct Debits and Standing Orders**  
**Resolved:** All members accepted the direct debits and standing orders as previously agreed.
- e) **Appointment of Internal Auditor**  
**Resolved:** Cllr W Hansell proposed to accept Tony Kilbee to undertake the internal audit for 2021-22, seconded by Cllr C Ledger and carried. **Action:** The Clerk to inform Mr Kilbee.
- f) **Tree Quote for Eythorne playing field**  
**Resolved:** Cllr C Ledger proposed to accept the tree quote, seconded by Cllr P Butcher and carried. **Action:** The Clerk to ask the tree surgeon to go ahead.
- g) **General Fund**  
**Resolved:** Cllr S Wright proposed the approval to transfer the remaining amount of £6026.68 from 2021-22 to contingency in reserves to cover the shortfall of budget for 2022-23. **Action:** The Clerk to transfer funds to the contingency reserve budget.

#### **4/9/22. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received requiring any decisions.

#### **4/10/22. MILNER ROAD BUS SHELTER DAMAGE**

Further panes on the bus shelter have been smashed on Milner Road which the Parish Council own.

**Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr A Whitehead not to repair the bus shelter, seconded by Cllr C Ledger, all agreed.

#### **4/11/22. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- A vehicle accident has occurred at the junction of Kennel Hill, The Street and Monckton Court Lane which resulted in the bus shelter being destroyed. PC own the bus shelter so need to make a claim against the vehicle driver. Find out driver details from Police?  
**Action:** The PC to make a claim against the vehicle driver and find out driver details via the Police if possible.

- Cllr Hansell mentioned a grant which had been approved for Jubilee celebrations and that the interested parties were unaware that this must include all three villages. Now been rectified.
- A resident mentioned an ex-Miner has been taking it upon himself to clear the Miners Path from Elvington towards Pike Road of litter, detritus, etc. He suggested a thank you from the PC would be in order and a possible gift. It was agreed that this be put on to the May Agenda for discussion and action.

**Action: The Clerk to add this as an item on the May agenda.**

- Cllr Hansell mentioned that the parking on Sandwich Road at the Chapel Hill end is now encroaching on to the roundabout itself. It was suggested that we pass this to Juliet West to action.

**Action: The Clerk to report to Juliet.**

#### **4/12/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be our annual meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.15pm, followed by our usual Council meeting at 6.30pm.

**All were in agreement for the meetings to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm