



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting of the Council held via Zoom Remote Meetings

on 5th May 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr M Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Meehan, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Wright.

Also, present Caroline Vincent (Clerk to Eythorne Council).

PA 1. WELCOME

The Chairman Cllr M Ledger welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly meeting.

PA2. REBECCA WALLEDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER DDC

Rebecca Walledge introduced herself and ran through her job role as a Community Development Officer for DDC, covering the areas of Dover, Buckland and Elvington. Rebecca explained she is there to help communities to help themselves offering support, advice and guidance to community groups and also helping with mental health issues and deprivation, helping to overcome any barriers.

Rebecca has been involved in the following projects:

- Op Fielding, working alongside Kent Police.
- Elvington Welfare Works Programme.
- Encampment policy improvements, working alongside the Antisocial Behaviour Officer.
- Fuel/Poverty Support.

Members spoke about problems with the bin collections recently and conveyed their concerns over the ongoing speeding issues in the area and how everything had been tried to help resolve speeding. Rebecca said she will raise the problem with the bin collections and also put forward to Kent Police for speeding to be for the next operation in the area.

Members discussed the faded lines on the roads that KCC Highways were due to rectify but had been put on hold due to COVID. Cllr Whitehead had seen the KCC Highways Officer in the area and spoke to him about this and he was assessing as to when this will be done and if a road closure is required.

20 mph speed limits were discussed for Adelaide Road, particularly near the school and how perhaps the school could be contacted for their views.

Rebecca Walledge told members that her next community meeting will be on 27th May at 2.30 pm at Woodpecker Court and members would be welcome to come along.

Cllr Ledger thanked Rebecca for attending our meeting.

PA3. PCSO EMMA CARMICHAEL

Cllr M Ledger gave condolences to Emma on behalf of Eythorne Parish Council for the death of PCSO Julia James.

PCSO Emma Carmichael introduced herself and gave a briefing on her job role as a Police Community Support Officer. Emma said PCSO's had been instructed to attend Parish Council meetings when able to and will continue to provide a monthly newsletter to inform everyone of what is happening in the surrounding villages.

Emma spoke about Op Fielding with the motorbikes recently which was a huge success and has significantly helped the situation locally.

Members shared their frustrations with Emma regarding calling 101 and difficulty to get through, Emma stressed to please dial 999 when it is a genuine emergency over 101 or if it is less urgent if it's difficult via 101 to please report via the website instead.

Cllr M Ledger thanked Emma for her time and attending our meeting.

PA4. EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS/FUTURE PROJECTS

Cllr M Ledger gave an outline of achievements during this last difficult year and the impact on the Parish Council and projects:

The last year has been a difficult year for everyone and none of us expected the pandemic to still be continuing now. Our Parish meetings have been quite different this year due to not being able to meet face to face and instead meeting via Zoom! Sadly, many projects have had to be put on hold due to COVID as other organisations have not been able to hold site visits with us to progress further, but we have still managed to complete some projects and have been trying to plan for future projects.

- **The Dragon's Teeth at Kennel Hill**
- **The footpath steps along Kennel Hill that were unsafe were reported and work completed by KCC. Cllrs are also walking all Public Rights of Way to check that they are kept open.**
- **Signs replaced at Eythorne roundabout due to damage from a lorry.**
- **Continually keeping all 3 villages clean and tidy with the hard work from our Handyman Stuart.**
- **Continuing to help St Peter and St Paul's Church with repairs and maintenance to the Church Clock.**
- **Regularly reporting overflowing bins, potholes, damage to highways, missing signs, HGV issues, litter issues and speeding issues to name a few.**
- **Regular checks on the play areas to make sure they are kept safe.**

Future Projects

- **Wildflower Area at Green Lane.**
- **Speed Awareness campaign.**
- **Double yellow lines consultation along Pike Road to prevent lorries parking.**
- **Wigmore Lane Footpath**
- **Repair the alleyway leading to Eythorne Playing Field, not owned by the Parish but would like to repair for the community.**
- **New Village signs in Eythorne, Elvington and Barfestone.**
- **Eythorne Roundabout Safety Improvements including nearby roads.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued help and support with Eythorne Parish Council and thanked the Clerk for her hard work since joining in July last year.

PA5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

As no members of the public were present Cllr M Ledger asked if members had any comments to raise.

Cllr Butcher mentioned Church Hill and how bad it is a night with speeding cars and how the use of bumps in the road would help, the village of Acol was used as an example and how effective this seems to be.

The Kent Highways Improvement Plan was raised and how these issues could be added to the plan and discussed at our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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