



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held
on 14 February 2024 at 6.30 pm, Elvington Community Centre, Elvington.**

Present: Cllr M Ledger (Chairman), Cllr A Whitehead (Vice Chair), Cllr Morgan-Lovette, Cllr S French, Cllr Martin, Cllr Wright, Cllr C Ledger, and Cllr Hansell.

Also, present: Three Members of the public, the Parish Clerk and Cllr D Beaney for part of the meeting

02/141/24. Chairmans welcome and opening comments

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked residents for their attendance.

02/142/24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Luckhurst and Mamjan. Apologies received and accepted by all Cllrs present.

02/143/24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs M and C Ledger declared an interest on item 8 planning application no: 24/00127 a retrospective application for the siting of a residential caravan at Barfreestone Farm. This was a late application that was noted on the portal on the day of the meeting by Cllr Wright.

02/144/24. MINUTES

The minutes from the Council meeting held on the 10 January 2024 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record. **RESOLVED:** proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovette an, seconded by Cllr C Ledger, and unanimously carried. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

02/145/24. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The actions for January had been completed apart from the item to claim some KCC members funding to assist with the erection of a perimeter fence at the allotments once the quotes are received.

02/146/24. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

The KCC and DDC Councillors

The Community Warden was not present, and no updates had been received.

Cllr Beaney explained that most of his work currently at KCC were potholes and balancing the budget. Cllr Beaney has been working with Mr T Williamson at KCC re: the trench in Barville road that had recently been filled with type one. He continues to work to get the road properly repaired.

Cllr M Ledger asked how much longer was the road to be closed outside of the Post Office, noting that the owner had seen his income reduced by 40% a day, and asked if he could claim any compensation for loss of earnings? **ACTION: Cllr Beaney agreed to enquire at KCC what the process is for this.**

Cllr Beaney explained that flooding had occurred in some areas due to the amount of rain fall and the blocked gullies by leaves and debris. He explained that DDC were responsible for getting the road sweeper out, which had not happened with any frequency.

02/147/24. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no contributions or questions at this time.

The meeting reconvened to complete the remaining business on the agenda

02/148/24. PLANNING

Applications:

24/00030

Location: 31 Sandwich Road, Eythorne, Dover, CT15 4DE

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey rear extension and rear lean-to roof (existing single storey extension to be demolished) - closing date for comments 23 February -

Cllr Whitehead explained that similar adaptations had been made on neighbouring properties and proposed no objections to this application Cllr Morgan-Lovette seconded this proposal and unanimously carried by the remaining Cllrs present. **ACTION – the clerk will update this decision to the planning portal**

Cllr Whithead explained that the diligence of Cllr Wright had noticed that there had been three new planning applications on the planning portal that the Parish Council had yet to be notified of. These were as follows: 24/00079 – which is a retrospective application for the siting of a residential static caravan to be sited on Barfrestone Court Farm. Cllrs M and C Ledger left the meeting whilst this was discussed, and Cllr Whitehead took the Chair.

Cllr Whitehead noted that there appeared to be an issue with the DDC planning department at the moment, as the Parish Council were not receiving all the planning notifications of late. Cllr Whitehead explained that the caravan had been in situ for some time and was home to two workers who worked on the farm and was screened by trees. The caravan it not sited on a concrete pad, is connected to mains electricity and water, waste effluence is discharged into a cesspit. Cllr Morgan-Lovette questioned that once the farm is sold could this become a permanent residential property? Cllr Whitehead noted that any new siting's would be up to the new owner of the farm to seek planning permission. Cllr Hansell proposed no objection and Cllr French seconded and unanimously carried by remaining Cllrs present. **ACTION: the clerk will upload this decision to the planning portal.** Cllrs M & C Ledger returned to the meeting.

Application no: 24/00127 – The erection of a detached structure, site charcoal store at Stafflands Wood, but Cllr Wright explained that on the site plan it showed the structure to be in Bromley Wood, Long Lane. **ACTION – the clerk will request some further information on this application from the case officer.**

Application no: 24/00154 – Cllr Whitehead explained that this application for a detached plant room in Bromley Wood, Long Lane had previously been refused and had been resubmitted with no changes to the plans. It also broke the following planning policies: DM1, DM15 of DDC core planning policies, paragraph 8 and 174 of the National Planning Framework, PM1 of the Local Plan. Cllr Whitehead asked what had changed since the last refusal, the application is still unjustified and unsustainable, and, on that basis, Cllr Whitehead proposed to object to the application, Cllr Morgan-Lovette seconded the motion and was unanimously carried by the remaining Cllrs present. **ACTION - the clerk will upload the objection to the planning portal**

Decisions

23/00678

Proposal: Creation of 1.5m wide access though boundary wall

Location: The Old Rectory, Church Hill, Eythorne, CT15 4AE

GLBC - Grant Listed Building Consent

23/678 & 23/677 Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) for amendments to DOV/17/00246 relating to pedestrian access and creation of opening in listed wall (S73) creation of vehicular access and parking)

Location: The Old Rectory, Church Hill, Eythorne, CT15 4AE – Decision deferred

Decisions noted.

Cllr Whitehead explained that the application on page 2 had been deferred by the Planning Committee Chairman at the recent meeting for some further information, with reference to the disabled parking outside the Rectory Bungalows. She explained that the plans had been altered to accommodate the disabled parking to the rear of the new plan site via Our Ladies Flats. This would suggest that the disabled and older people residing in the Bungalows would have to walk down Church Hill and then to the back of the new houses to access their cars. Cllr Whitehead had noted that in the recorded Planning Committee meeting that the Parish Council had supported this application in the past, which she noted was incorrect. **ACTION – the clerk will challenge this assumption.**

Cllr Beaney arrived at the meeting and suggested that the plans for the parking will go ahead. Cllr Whitehead explained that the Parish Council did not support this application. Cllr Morgan-Lovette requested that Cllr Beaney clarifies exactly where the disabled parking spaces will be sited? Cllr Beaney explained that originally there were to be four parking bays for the bungalows just inside the entrance to Our Ladies Flats. Cllr Hansell explained that the bungalows were owned by DDC, and the Parish Council only supported the decrease in the number of proposed houses on site. Cllr Wright proposed to object to the changes, Cllr Whitehead seconded.

Cllr Morgan-Lovette suggested that the developer may have thought that the parking at the rear of the site was for the new properties and noted that there were more Highway Improvements in this area were still planned. Cllr Morgan-Lovette explained that the disabled bays should be at the front of the property, not at the rear. Cllr Beaney explained that he would be able to take part in future discussions about the Old Vicarage.

02/149/23. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

- a) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation, the invoices detailed below were initialled for payment, proposed by Cllr S Wright, and seconded by C Ledger, these were unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

Finance Report Payments	Items	Amounts
Jo Pannell	Salary (February)	
S Thomson	Salary (February)	
KCC LGPS	Pension	£350.43
HMRC	National insurance	£462.45
S Thomson	Expenses	£
Clerk expenses	Printer paper £31.84, 8 x 2 nd stamps £6.00, clock for Hall £17.98, 123 reg domain renewal £28.78	£84.60
KALC	Masters in planning course	£60.00
Scribe	Annual subscription	£397.44
Idverde	December grass cutting	£69.92
Hugo Fox	To note DD payment	£23.99
	Total	£

- a) The payments above were proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovette and seconded by Cllr Hansell and unanimously carried by the remaining Cllrs. **RESOLVED. Action: the clerk will list the payments for two Cllrs to authorise**
- b) It was agreed that the clerk will transfer another £3,000.00 to the Current Account from the Instant Access Account. **Action: the clerk will transfer a further £3,000.00 to the Current Account**

02/150/24. Allotments

Cllr Martin had spoken to the DDC officer with regards to the erection of sheds and greenhouses, with an area limit of 1.8m x 2.4, this was agreed by the officer under permitted development. Cllr Martin will meet contractors at the weekend for another two quotes for the perimeter fencing and is awaiting a third quote.

02/151/24. Play Areas – No further updates

02/152/24. HIP – There is a HIP pre meeting on 29 February at 10.30 with Lezanne at 10.30.

02/153/24. Alternative energy project – Cllr Morgan-Lovette and Whitehead had attended a recent CPRE meeting last week to discuss the proposed solar scheme in Ash and circulated the brochure to Cllrs to show the size of the development. Cllr Morgan-Lovette explained that this has been referred to Historic England due to the close vicinity of Richmond Castle area. There is a further meeting to discuss this on Saturday 17 February at Ash Village Hall.

02/154/24. Speedwatch - A member of the public asked what the results were from the installation of the recent speed strips? Cllr Wright explained that 2,500 vehicles were going above the speed limit and Cllr Martin explained that this meant that 40% were travelling above the 25mph speed limit. Cllr Martin continued to explain that the response from the KCC officer last year was KCC did not think traffic calming on Wigmore Lane would be feasible as there were no fatal accidents recorded on the road. Cllr Wright explained that KCC will not act if the speeds are below 27mph.

Cllr Whithead explained that Preston Village were campaigning for a 20mph limit in the Highstreet with a small pavement, but KCC have refused due to it being against their policies. Cllr Morgan- Lovette suggested repeating the speed strips on an annual basis and send the results to KCC.

02/155/24. Section 106 monies – This was discussed at the meeting, **ACTION – the clerk will draft a shopping list with appropriate projects and draft costs.**

02/155/24. External Organisations – Following the recent community magazine meeting the clerk summarised what was asked of the Parish Council. This was to offer enthusiasm and support to the project, with any ideas to distribution of the magazine, consider a small grant and for any interest in co-ordinating the project. **ACTION - Cllr Hansell will ask who funds the Shepherdswell magazine and bring this back to the next meeting.** The meeting concluded that it was not prepared to fund the magazine or co-ordinate the project, but they would be able to contribute to the content. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Hansell will continue to sit on the Village Hall Elvington Management Committee, with the next meeting taking place on 19 March 2024.

02/157/24. Litter bins and open spaces – Cllr French suggested a follow up meeting with the businesses that had responded to the Parish Councils recent letter to go through the proposals. He suggested holding a meeting to invite the business in Pike Road at the end of the day in the community centre. Cllr French proposed that the clerk will again write to all the business that did not respond to the recent letter such as UK Power Hire and Friends business, **ACTION – the clerk will formulate a letter for agreement, Cllr French to let the clerk know of dates to avoid and Cllr Whitehead will forward contact details to the clerk for the Friends business.**

ACTION -The clerk will look at Cllr French's spreadsheet to look for the contact at Bakkavor and find out the contact details for UK Power Hire.

02/158/24 Updated Policies – It was RESOLVED to adopt the following policies: Code of Conduct, Equality and Diversity, Complaints, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Information and Data Protection. Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr C Ledger, the remaining Cllrs present unanimously agreed.

02/159/24. Councillors' items – Cllr Morgan-Lovette explained that the health room is no longer being rented by the health service. As a registered nurse she was happy to volunteer to undertake simple health checks group / discussion that could be offered in the room, such as weight checks, blood pressure checks, and so on, no nursing duties would be carried out. Cllr Hansell explained that this was currently with the Health Authority looking at funding. Cllr Ledger asked how this would work in practical terms? Cllr Whitehead explained that the Sunflowers Childrens Centre is closing, maybe parents could access services in the Village for their children rather than having to go to Deal. Cllr Hansell thought that further investigation with the Sunflowers Childrens Centre should be sought. Cllr Wright thought this to be an innovative idea but would need further investigation. **ACTION Cllr Morgan-Lovette to investigate further.** The Parish Charter was noted at the meeting.

02/160/24. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2024, 6.30pm at Elvington Community Centre.

The meeting closed at pm 8.30.

Signed _____ Date: _____

The Chairman: Cllr M Ledger

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until the Parish Council approves them at their next Parish Council meeting.