

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Jimmy West (Chairman), Cllr Paul Adams, Cllr Paul Ainsworth, Cllr Julia Bailey and Cllr John Payne; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also in attendance were County Councillor Andrew Bowles and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Ward Member David Simmons (at another meeting); apology noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 25 September 2019

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 September 2019 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as true records of the meetings. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr West reported that the carriageway patching in The Street has been completed.

5. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the public time.

A resident said that two years ago he had raised the issue of the 40mph speed limit in Newnham Lane with the Parish Council and whether it could be moved and that he had also contacted SBCllr Roger Truelove and SBCllr David Simmons but had received no update from them.

KCCllr Bowles said that he had walked around with Ian Grigor, KCC Highways, and at the time the road did not meet the criteria which is based on accident record and speed of the road. If the average speed is more than 48mph KCC Highways will not reduce the speed limit. The resident said that his son has started at Eastling School and that he had a daughter at the school already. They used to walk to school but now drive to the school because of the speed of the traffic, the 40mph sign needs to be moved further down the road. It is a residential street.

KCCllr Bowles said the easiest way to get a survey is to raise a petition and present it to the Swale Joint Transportation Board.

Cllr Adams said the road is well used by residents of Eastling and also from Newnham. A petition could be put in the Carpenters Arms.

It was agreed to petition for the whole of Newnham Lane to be 30mph.

ACTION 1: Clerk to contact Newnham Parish Council for support.

ACTION 2: Cllr Adams and Cllr Bailey to draw up a petition.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Village Warden's Report

A Neighbourhood Watch report had been sent regarding dogs worrying sheep and issues at Romany Rest.

7. Website

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Website is working well.

The Clerk said she will transfer the Parish Council's website to HugoFox over the next month

8. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £8289 in the bank. BACS payments since last meeting: salary and expenses September- £132.68; HMRC - £30.20; NEST DD- £29.59 salary and expenses October £49.72, HMRC- £10.20; NEST £10.06. The balance of the Village Hall heating system, £1250.00, is due to be paid.

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Hall heating system has been installed and is up and running.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was agreed to pay a share of the Clerks' Conference fee of £10 to Newington Parish Council. Cllr Payne said an invoice is due for the footpath maintenance and strimming around the sign. Cllr West asked that the ivy and holly at the entrance to the church needs to be cut back and this needs to be added to the schedule of work.

It was agreed that the contractor should make one more cut.

iii. Review of Independent Internal Audit arrangements

Councillors reviewed the arrangements for the Independent Internal Audit and noted that it is best practise to rotate auditors. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to appoint Mr Lionel Robbins as Independent Internal Auditor.

9. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 19/505060/FULL

Address: The Old Nursery Newnham Lane Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AS

Proposal: Single storey front extension to existing dwelling.

Councillors considered the planning application and had no objections to the proposal.

ii. Any planning matter received by 13 November 2019

Ref: 19/503828/FULL Address: Churchfields The Street Eastling Faversham ME13 0BG

Proposal: Conversion of existing stables into 2no. additional residential apartments.

This planning application has been refused.

10. Correspondence

- 30.09.19: KCC Highways invitation to Parish Seminar on Thursday 28, 09:50 and 13:00, November at Ditton Community Centre, Kiln Barn Road, Ditton, Kent, ME20 6AH.
- 01.10.19: SBC call for items for next Joint Transportation Board 2 December
- 07.10.19: KCC Highways- offer of salt bags for parishes
- 08.10.19: KALC AGM on 30 November
- 11.10.19: Faversham TC- invitation to a Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility Workshop
01.11.19
- 11.10.19: SBC - details of the Swale Volunteer Awards closing date 22.12.19
- 14.10.19: KALC CEO October bulletin
- 21.10.19: KALC -planning and finance training courses
- 24.10.19: KCC budget consultation 2020-21
- 25.10.19: KCC Highways- Notification of carriageway works on Eastling Road
- 25.10.19: KALC- Dynamic Councillor Course
- 08.11.19: Kent Police- Rural Task Force Report
- 12.11.19: KALC – Launch of Community Awards Scheme

Councillors considered whether to participate in the KALC Community Awards Scheme and agreed not to make an award this time but that they will review it annually.

11. Any Other Business

KCCllr Bowles spoke about a possible future new housing development along the A251.

Cllr Bailey reported that following an advert, she had successfully recruited five new members to the "Eastling Volunteer Scheme" where help is provided for villagers' urgent needs, such as hospital visits.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8 January 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Dated this 8th day of January 2020