

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on 18 September 2023

Present: Cllr Julia Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Annie Adams, Cllr Caroline Gilbert, Cllr Barrie Neaves and Cllr John Payne; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann (Council commitments) and Ward Member Terry Thompson (work); apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 17 July 2023

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Bailey thanked Cllr Payne for organising the refurbishment of the notice board.

Cllr Payne said there is no cost to the Council for the work as he had supplied the paint and a resident carried out the work.

ACTION: Clerk to thank resident for their help.

5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

6. Proposed Closure of the KCC Faversham Household Waste Recycling Centre

Cllr Bailey reported that Faversham Town Council has funded a bus to take residents to County Hall for a demonstration on Thursday 21 September. The consultation has been delayed and a response will be submitted when it is opened.

7. Chairman's Report

There was nothing to report.

8. Website

i. To receive an update

Cllr Adams said the website needs to be reviewed as the current provider will start charging from 4 October.

ii. To agree criteria for external links

Councillors agreed that no businesses would be allowed to advertise on the Parish Council website and Village Hall groups and events would be promoted on the Village Hall website. A link to free support services will be included on the website.

iii. To consider quotations for website

Councillors considered the quotations for the Parish Council website and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation of £9.99 per month for the bronze package from HugoFox.

9. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there was £10,182 in the bank accounts.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED** to pay Newington Parish Council £55.80 being a share of SLCC fees.
It was **AGREED** to pay KALC £60.00 in respect of Councillor training course.

10. Planning Matters

There were none.

11. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Bailey reported that she will attend a meeting with Jennie Watson, KCC Highways Community Engagement Team Leader, to review the Parish Highway Improvement Plan on 29 September, Cllr Adams and the Clerk will also attend.

12. Correspondence

1. 20.07.23- NALC CEO bulletin
2. 29.07.23- NALC newsletter
3. 29.07.23- KCC Highways: Emergency Road Closure - Kettle Hill Road, Eastling - 31st July 2023
4. 29.07.23- NALC CEO bulletin
5. 31.07.23- South East Water update on installation of new water main to improve the resilience of the water supply network in east Kent.
6. 08.08.23- KALC bulletin
7. 09.08.23- Kent Police: Annual survey
8. 09.08.23- KALC newsletter
9. 10.08.23- NALC CEO bulletin
10. 10.08.23- Swale Borough Council: Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation
11. 21.08.23- KALC bulletin
12. 23.08.23- NALC newsletter
13. 24.08.23- NALC CEO bulletin
14. 30.08.23- Helen Whately MP: Boosting the local environment project
15. 30.08.23- NALC newsletter
16. 31.08.23- NALC CEO bulletin
17. 04.09.23- Faversham Town Council: update on campaign against the proposed closure of Faversham's Household Waste Recycling Centre
18. 07.09.23- KALC: newsletter and events flyer
19. 07.09.23- KALC: guide to taking part in D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

Cllr Gilbert said there were suggestion for D-Day Anniversary events including a fish and chip day and beacon lighting.

Cllr Payne said there could be a lighting of the beacon in Eastling, Otterden and Stalisfield.

ACTION: Cllr Payne to liaise with the parishes.

13. Any Other Business

Cllr Adams asked if the Council could consider a village green in Eastling.

Item for next agenda.

Cllr Adams said the opening of The Carpenters Arms was successful.

Date of next Meeting

It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to Thursday 16 November 2023

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 7.25pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 16 November 2023