

# Eastling Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on Monday 15 November 2021

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

Also present were County Councillors Rich Lehmann and Ward Member David Simmons

Cllr West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **1. Apologies**

All Members were present

### **2. Declarations of interest**

None were declared

### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 6 September 2021**

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 September 2021 as a true record of the meeting. Cllr West duly signed the minutes as a true record.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Cllr Bailey reported the KALC Community Award had been presented to Mr Colin Bell for outstanding service to the village, the presentation was made in his garden due to the pandemic. Mr Bell was delighted with the award and thanked the Council for the photo. An article was put in the Good News magazine.

Cllr West thanked Cllr Bailey for organising the presentation.

Cllr Bailey reported that she had attended the inter-parish meeting regarding the proposed development at Lenham, there were also representatives from Newnham Parish Council and Doddingon Parish Council. Cllr Bailey said she will continue in dialogue with Lenham Parish Council and the Save Our Heath Lands (SOHL) group.

Cllr West thanked Cllr Bailey for her report.

Cllr Ainsworth reported a letter and photos have been sent to the Belmont Estate regarding the barbed wire on the top of the fence along the footpath from the church.

### **5. Public Time**

No members of the public were present.

### **6. Village Warden's Report**

There was no report from the Village Warden.

### **7. Website**

Cllr Ainsworth informed Councillors that the village website is working well, most of the COVID related articles have been removed.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council website was in good order.

### **8. Chairman's Report**

Cllr West reported that fibre broad band is planned for the village.

Cllr Payne said this is not being provided to Otterden. The cable is currently being laid, Stalisfield is being upgraded as is Kettle Hill. This is an extra service which will be charged for if residents want it.

Cllr West asked how the History of Eastling by Hugh Perks could be made available.

Cllr Ainsworth said the Council will need permission to publish the book, a link could be put on the website.

*ACTION: Clerk to seek permission from Mrs Perks to make the books available.*

Cllr West said a salt bin was requested for the z-bend but has yet to be installed.

KCCllr Lehmann said he will chase this.

Cllr West said some residents have raised concern about the roses around the village sign; it has been suggested that the railings could be removed and the area flattened. The railings and roses were given by residents so this course of action would not be appropriate. The area is spoilt by the nettles.

*ACTION: Cllr Payne to ask Nick Swatland to deal with the weeds.*

Cllr West reported there had been an issue with the grain store at Tonge Farm, some of the grain has fallen out.

Cllr West asked for an update on the defibrillator. Many adopted phone boxes have defibrillators in them. Does the information need to be updated.

Cllr Bailey said that there are people on the contacts list who are no longer in the village.

## 9. Finance

### i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £11,022 in the bank accounts, all bills from the last meeting and staff salary have been paid.

### ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Nick Swatland £265 for maintenance in the village.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Upchurch Parish Council £10.00 contribution towards the Clerk's attendance at the Finance Conference.

### iii. To consider request for a grant towards a Memorial Garden at the School

Councillors considered the request from the school for a grant towards the Memorial Garden at the school.

Cllr Bailey **PROPOSED** that the Council purchase a Gruffalo for £580; **SECONDED** by Cllr Ainsworth: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

*7.25pm SBCllr Simmons left the meeting*

## 10. Planning Matters

### i. Ref: 21/505475/FULL

Address: 1 Bankside Newnham Lane Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AT

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension (resubmission: 21/503608/FULL)

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

### ii. Ref: 21/505737/LDCEX

Address: Goosemeadow Newnham Lane Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AT

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate to establish that the existing house Goosemeadow has been divided into two dwellings

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

## 11. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr West reported that Sarah-Jayne Ellcock has left the department.

KCCllr Lehmann said the role is currently being covered by two officers on a temporary basis and it is hoped to have someone in place by January.

## 12. Telephone Box

Cllr Bailey said the Council has applied to adopt the phone box and there is a public consultation. Cllr Bailey **PROPOSED** that if the Council is permitted to adopt the phone box there be a budget of £500 for the refurbishment: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## 13. Correspondence

1. 07.09.21- KCC Highways: Road Closure - Petts Dane Road, Eastling - 10 September 2021
2. 07.09.21- NALC CEO newsletter

3. 07.09.21- KCC: Plan Bee newsletter
4. 09.09.21- KCC: Members Briefing on the Environment
5. 13.09.21- NALC CEO newsletter
6. 13.09.21- SBC: Eastern Area committee meeting 21.09.21
7. 13.09.21- The Queen's Green Canopy Project briefing note
8. 13.09.21- SBC: 'Great Big Green Week'
9. 13.09.21- Kent PCC newsletter
10. 13.09.21- Bensted Charity: information regarding grant funding
11. 17.09.21- Swale JBT minutes
12. 21.09.21- NALC CEO newsletter
13. 21.09.21- KALC CEO bulletin
14. 30.09.21- Helen Whately MP: Parish update
15. 30.09.21- SBC: Local Plan Review further consultation
16. 01.10.21- KALC AGM 13 November
17. 07.10.21- KALC News
18. 07.10.21- SBC details of Swale Area Committees.
19. 07.10.21- KCC Plan Bee
20. 08.10.21- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Stalisfield Road, Eastling - 27 October
21. 13.10.21- NALC CEO newsletter
22. 14.10.21- KFRS: Fire Hydrant Initiative Project
23. 21.10.21- KALC CEO bulletin
24. 25.10.21- NALC CEO newsletter
25. 25.10.21- KALC SAC minutes
26. 26.10.21- KALC training courses
27. 26.10.21- Letter from Swale Borough Council leader
28. 29.10.21- Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review Regulation 19 Consultation
29. 02.11.21- KALC Newsletter
30. 04.11.21- KCC Highways- Parish salt bags
31. 10.11.21- Helen Whately MP: Parish update
32. 10.11.21- Kent Police: Rural Task Force report and Summer Edition of Rural Matters

#### **14. Any Other Business**

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Hall Committee asked for the Council's decision regarding a litter bin in the village.

Cllr West said the Council had considered various sites and had decided not to locate it in the village.

*ACTION: Clerk to formally write to the Village Hall Chairman.*

Cllr Payne reported that the dip in Newham Lane has multiple potholes.

*ACTION: Cllr Payne to report.*

#### **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4 January**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 4 January 2022