

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Churchfields on 16 September 2025

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

Also present was Ward member Terry Thompson

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Annie Adams (unwell) and Cllr Caroline Gilbert (holiday); apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from KCCllr Rich Lehmann.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 15 July 2025

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 July 2025 as a true record. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Bailey reported that Mr Ben Binder, Farm Manager at the Belmont Estate has another farm management post and will leave the village at Christmas. An event will be organised to thank Mr Binder.

5. Public Time

No Members of the public were present.

SBCllr Thompson reported that there will be an Extraordinary Council meeting on 17 September to discuss the Local Government Review and consider the options.

6. Chairman's Report

All matters on the agenda.

7. Planning Matters

Ref: 25/502663/FULL

Address: Forge Cottage The Street Eastling Kent ME13 0AY

Section 73 - Application for variation of Condition 2 (to allow insertion of an additional rooflight and a log burner flu combined with a reduced size of the extension) pursuant to application 24/501365/FULL for Erection of single storey extension and alterations to existing extension and existing studio annex (subsequently changed under 24/504325/NMAMD).

Application permitted.

Ref: 25/501769/FULL

Address: Orchard View Eastling Road Eastling Kent ME13 0AN

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 2no. shepherds huts for use as holiday let accommodation.

Awaiting decision.

Ref: 25/500935/FULL

Address: Land Rear Of The White House Eastling Road Eastling Kent ME13 0AN

Proposal: Erection of 1 No. two storey 4 bedroom detached chalet style residential dwelling

Awaiting decision.

8. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Bayne reported that the bank balance is £13,149.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Newington Parish Council £72.00 being share of the Clerk's SLCC fees.

9. Highways

Cllr Bailey said there have been concerns from a resident regarding traffic issues in the village. Councillors noted that the incidents raised were within the national speed limits.

10. Correspondence

1. 17.07.25- KALC bulletin
2. 17.07.25- NALC CEO bulletin
3. 17.07.25- Kent Wildlife Trust regarding Biodiversity Net Gain
4. 25.07.25-KCC Highways: National Highways & Transport Network - Public Satisfaction Survey
5. 25.07.25- NALC CEO bulletin
6. 25.07.25- SBC: consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy
7. 30.07.25- SBC: Local Government Review workshop
8. 01.08.25- NALC CEO bulletin
9. 04.08.25- SBC: Policy round-up
10. 06.08.25- KALC newsletter
11. 08.08.25- NALC CEO bulletin
12. 08.08.25- KALC: webinars for Swale - Community Resilience
13. 11.08.25- SBC: Policy round-up
14. 13.08.25- Resident concern regarding speeding traffic
15. 18.08.25- NALC CEO bulletin
16. 18.08.25- SBC: Policy round-up
17. 19.08.25- Swale Borough Council: Local Parish Councils Liaison Forum: Wednesday 24 September
18. 19.08.25- KALC bulletin
19. 22.08.25- NALC CEO bulletin
20. 26.08.25- SBC: Policy round-up
21. 26.08.25- KALC training bulletin
22. 02.09.25- SBC: Policy round-up
23. 02.09.25- KALC: KCC Highways fault reporting tool trial
24. 03.09.25- KCC Highways: Emergency Road Closure - Eastling Road, Painters Forstal - 3 September 2025
25. 05.09.25- NALC CEO bulletin
26. 05.09.25- KALC newsletter
27. 11.09.25- KCC Highways: Autumn Seminars
28. 11.09.25- Kent County Council: Budget Consultation 2026-27
29. 11.09.25- NALC CEO bulletin

30. 12.09.25- Kent & Medway Resilience Forum: information session about the Swale Strengthening Community Preparedness Together project

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Neaves said there has been further fly tipping at the bottom of Mill Hill.

ACTION: Clerk to report.

Cllr Payne said the school bell is going to be repaired.

SBCllr Thompson reported that Swale Borough Council had put in an appeal against the appeal for the solar farm at Rodmersham next to the National Landscape; the application had been passed seven votes to six.

Vigo: a lost appeal for another solar farm on Grade 1 Agricultural Land. There has been a lot of agricultural land lost to development.

Winterbourne Fields: proposal for 2,000 houses has been passed.

MacDonalds: sites have been approved on the hill and at Faversham.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 11 November 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.38pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 11 November 2025