

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held in Eastling Village Hall 28 March 2022

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

Cllr West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann and Ward Member David Simmons; apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 4 January 2022

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 January 2022 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr West asked for an update on the barbed wire fence.

The Clerk reported there had been no response.

ACTION 1: Clerk to write again to Belmont

ACTION 2: Clerk to contact SBCllr Simmons

Cllr West said the flowerbed around the Village sign has not been weeded and needs further work.

Cllr West said the contractor needs to be engaged for the forthcoming year and the scope of work should be expanded to include the area around the village sign and notice board.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to engage Mr Nick Swatland for another year and for the area around the village sign and notice board to be included in his schedule of work plus the hedge towards the end of the church path to be cut back.

Cllr Ainsworth reported that he had contacted Daniel Bacon at Swale Borough Council regarding a new litter bin at the Village Hall and that he is waiting for a response. This is now a Village Hall Committee matter.

Cllr West said the potholes in Newnham Lane are worse.

ACTION: Clerk to contact KCCllr Lehmann and SBCllr Simmons

Cllr West reported that the highways works was not too disruptive and that there is a section at Painters Forstal to be completed.

Cllr West thanked Mr Ben Binder and his team for cutting the hedge along The Street.

5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

6. Village Warden's Report

No report had been received.

7. Website

Cllr Ainsworth reported that there had been an issue with uploading documents, a call had been put in to find out the problem.

8. Chairman's Report

Cllr West said that tyres have been dumped near Pett Dane, this has been reported to KCC Highways but nothing has happened.

Cllr Adams reported there had been flytipping near the turning to Frith, five lots of rubbish have been removed, three large lots in the past two months.

Cllr West asked for an update on BroadBand..Cllr Payne reported that the cabling has gone in. Cllr West said BT Openreach will notify residents when it is ready.

Cllr West reported that Mr Colin Bell has done a brilliant job in the phone box. BT has removed the telephone equipment; the consultation period is over and now the phone box is the responsibility of the Parish Council. A notice will be put up. It is a listed building and it is an older style and this is recognised by the shape of the crown. The electricity is still connected. Cllr Bailey said the books have been removed, they had become damp and it would be difficult to manage as a library and someone would need to be responsible for it.

Cllr Adams said a defibrillator in the phone box would be ideal. It is iconic and could simply be left with the door screwed up if necessary.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to allow up to £250 for further work on the phone box if necessary.

Cllr West said the notice board needs maintenance. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to ask Mr Swatland to varnish the notice board,

Cllr West thanked Cllr Ainsworth for his contribution to the Council and for his work on the village website.

9. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £8955 in the bank

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mr P Ainsworth £240.00 for the village website.

iii. To consider request for a grant from Kent Sussex Surrey Air Ambulance.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £300 to the Kent Sussex Surrey Air Ambulance.

iv. To consider donation in memory of former Ward Councillor Colin Prescott

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a donation of £100 to charity, being £50 to UK Sepsis Trust, and £50 to Diabetes UK, in memory of former Ward Councillor Colin Prescott.

10. Planning Matters

i. Lenham Heathlands

Cllr Bailey said there was nothing to report.

ii. Address: Carpenters Arms The Street Eastling Kent ME13 0AZ

Ref: 22/500793/FULL

Proposal: Installation of a kitchen extract system.

Ref: 22/500794/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a kitchen extract system.
Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

11. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Bailey said there was no update, there had been a change of staff at KCC Highways.
ACTION: Clerk to chase.

12. Telephone Box

Already covered.

13. Correspondence

1. 12.01.22- Kent Police: Rural reports
2. 12.01.22- Kent PCC newsletter
3. 12.01.22- SGN: Notification of works Eastling Road Area of Eastling and Painters Forstal
4. 14.01.22- KCC Highways- Temporary Road Closure – Various Roads, Maidstone & Swale – 21 January
5. 17.01.22- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Seed Road, Newnham - 7 February 2022
6. 18.01.22- NALC CEO bulletin
7. 18.01.22- KALC Swale Area Committee: papers for meeting 15 February
8. 20.01.22- Swale Borough Council Eastern Area Committee Meeting - Thursday 3 February
9. 20.01.22- NALC Chairman open letter
10. 21.01.22- KCC Members Newsletter Waste Management Update
11. 22.01.22- KALC events flyer
12. 22.01.22- Swale Borough Council Local Councils' Liaison Forum - note of agreed actions
13. 27.01.22- NALC Policy Briefing attached regarding OFCOM's Postal Regulation Consultation
14. 28.01.22- Swale Borough Council Omicron Covid-19 business grant schemes
15. 31.01.22- Faversham Town Council: Parishes to Town: Active Travel Network
16. 30.01.22- Kent Downs AONB Unit: Experience Swale - Linking Coast to Downs
17. 01.02.22- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Various Roads, Swale - 14 February 2022
18. 01.03.22- KALC Swale Area Committee: minutes and enforcement documents
19. 02.02.22- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Petts Dane Road, Eastling - 23rd February 2022
20. 03.02.22- NALC Newsletter
21. 03.02.22- Swale Borough Council: Swale CCTV Control Centre Visits
22. 04.02.22- KALC newsletter
23. 10.02.22- Swale Borough Council: Area Committee meetings
24. 12.02.22- Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop 'off-roading' in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
25. 15.02.22- KALC training events
26. 16.02.22- NALC Policing Online Event - 30th March 2022
27. 17.02.22- NALC: Newsletter
28. 21.02.22- NALC CEO bulletin
29. 24.02.22- KCC consultation on proposed reduction of bus services
30. 02.03.22- NALC: Newsletter
31. 08.03.22- KALC: Newsletter
32. 10.03.22- NALC: Newsletter
33. 10.03.22- KALC: Planning Conference
34. 14.03.22- Swale Borough Council: Swale Eastern Area Committee meeting 22 March
35. 16.03.22- Swale Borough Council: Swale Transportation Board minutes
36. 24.03.22- Swale Borough Council: invitation to Green Grid meeting Wednesday 4 May 2022
37. 24.03.22- Kent County Council: Environment Briefing January – March 2022
38. 24.03.22- NALC: Newsletter

14. Annual Parish Meeting 4 April

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Hall AGM starts at 7.30pm, set up will be from 7pm.

Cllr Bailey said the Council will provide the drinks and the Hall Committee the food.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Payne to liaise on the Finance report.

15. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Councillors agreed the celebration will take place on Thursday 2 June from 4pm onwards, The Carpenters Arms will be invited to host the celebration.

16. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised

Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting: 23 May

Dates of meetings: 4 July; 26 September; 7 November; 16 January 2023 and 6 March 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 23 May 2022