

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on 20 March 2023

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

Also present were two members of the public.

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from KCCllr Rich Lehmann (at another meeting) and also from Ward Member David Simmons: apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Gilbert declared an interest in item 11.ii as the owner of a short-term holiday let.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 16 January 2023

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Payne reported the notice board would be refurbished next week.

Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Adams had both reviewed the Eastling Village website, Eastling Parish Council website and the Swale Borough Council website. Cllr Adams pointed out that the Village Hall also has a website so there are currently four covering different aspects of the village. The statutory information for the Parish Council is covered by its own website and information regarding amenities and public services could be included on those sites. The Eastling Village website does include things about the local area which may be helpful for residents and visitors but is in need of updating. It may be sensible to explore combining this with the Village Hall website.

ACTION: Cllr Bailey to contact the webmaster.

5. Public Time

No matters were raised.

6. Website

Discussed under matters arising.

7. Chairman's Report

Cllr Bailey said KALC had sent notification to nominate someone to attend the Royal Garden Party with two days to respond. Cllr West was considered to be a worthy candidate due to his service to the Parish Council and village, but he declined to be nominated.

Cllr Bailey said the Council can nominate someone for the Coronation Champions Award.

ACTION: Councillors to consider and send nominations in within the next seven days.

8. King's Coronation

Cllr Bailey said the Council has been successful in its bid for £634 from the National Lottery Community Fund. The event will take place on 8 May 12.30pm- 3pm. There will be a ploughman's lunch with bubbles and beer; a raffle and cakes. The national anthem will be sung. There is a working party of nine volunteers including Councillors and the group is being very effective.

Cllr Adams said details of the event will be published in The Good News and also on WhatsApp.

Thanks was extended by the Chair to the Clerk for her persistence in making the lottery application even though it seemed to be out of time. It was because of her efforts the village will be enjoying a lottery funded event

9. Community Transport Service

Cllr Bailey reported that Faversham Town Council have been successful in their bid for grant funding and will be coming back with a proposal for bus services.

10. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £10,290 in the bank. It had been agreed to pay up to £348.78 for the insurance policy but this has been reduced to £312.00.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Eastling Village Hall £76.50 for room hire.

11. Planning Matters

Ref: 23/500129/FULL

Address: Orchard View Eastling Road Eastling Kent ME13 0AN

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 2no. mobile shepherds huts and the installation of a septic tank, for use as holiday lets, including associated works and planting of wild meadow on existing site.

The Clerk reported that this application has been withdrawn.

12. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

KCCllr Lehmann had sent a report with regards to the request for slow markings on Newnham Lane that was made some months ago now., he has had the following response from Highways:

"We don't have a prescribed sign saying slow and would look at slow markings on the carriageway if there was a warning sign. I have looked at google maps and can't see any warning signs along Newnham Road so not sure this would be possible. We certainly wouldn't look at installing a SLOW marking at the entrance into the road."

ACTION: Clerk to request KCCllr Lehmann to make further enquiries.

KCCllr Lehmann also reported that Kent County Council has a scheme called Plan Tree, which gives councillors the chance to plant up to £5,500 worth of trees in their divisions. The trees can be supplied as whips (about £4 each) small trees (£40 each) or 'standard' 180cm+ trees for about £160 each. If the Parish Council would like to be involved in this (probably only to the value of about £500, sadly, given the number of parishes in Swale East), it should inform him.

ACTION: Clerk to request further details.

13. Telephone Box

Cllr Bailey said this will be decorated again at Christmas.

14. Village Sign

Cllr Bailey said that at the funeral of Mr John Darlington, there was a desire to put a plaque on the village sign as he had designed the sign. The plaque has already been made and there is no cost to the Parish Council. When the roses were pruned, it was discovered that the sign needed some remedial work.

Cllr Payne **PROPOSED** a budget of £350 to repair the sign: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

15. Correspondence

1. 19.01.23- KCC Highways: emergency road closure Seed Road
2. 23.01.23- Friends of Citizens Advice Faversham newsletter
3. 24.01.23- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Stalisfield Road, Stalisfield - 20th February
4. 24.01.23- South East Water- drop in sessions
5. 24.01.23- National Highways: M20 update
6. 24.01.23- NALC newsletter
7. 25.01.23- KCC Highways: Emergency Road Closure - Kettle Hill Road, Eastling - 25th January
8. 02.02.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
9. 03.02.23- Southern Water update
10. 06.02.23- Kent Local Authority Chief Executives Policy Round -up
11. 06.02.23- KALC Newsletter
12. 06.02.23- KALC elections bulletin- 2
13. 06.02.23- Kent Highways: Temporary Road Closure and Temporary 40 & 20 MPH Speed Restrictions - Various Roads, Swale (Surface Treatments) - 17th March 2023
14. 10.02.23- KCC's Community Services Consultation
15. 10.02.23- Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter - Victim Voice Special
16. 13.02.23- Kent Local Authority Chief Executives Policy Round -up
17. 15.02.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
18. 17.02.23- NALC: newsletter
19. 20.02.23- SBC: Swale Joint Transportation Board details
20. 22.02.23- KCC Highways: Urgent Road Closure - Doddington Lane, Newnham
21. 22.02.23- KCC Highways: Emergency Road Closure - Seed Road, Doddington
22. 27.02.23- NALC: newsletter
23. 27.02.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
24. 27.02.23- KALC Swale Area Committee: meeting details
25. 28.02.23- SBC Consultation on Draft Pavement Licence Policy 2023 – 2026
26. 28.02.23- SBC Consultation on amendments to street trading policy
27. 28.02.23- KALC Climate Change conference
28. 02.03.23- Kent Highways: Emergency Road Closure - The Street, Eastling - 2nd March 2023
29. 02.03.23- Civility and Respect March Newsletter
30. 02.03.23- NALC: newsletter
31. 03.03.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
32. 06.03.23- KALC: newsletter
33. 06.03.23- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - The Street, Eastling - 23rd May 2023
34. 08.03.23- NALC: newsletter
35. 10.03.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
36. 10.03.23- Faversham Town Council: success in grant bid for the Faversham Community Bus scheme
37. 13.03.23- Kent Police Rural reports
38. 13.03.23- Kent Local Authority Chief Executives Policy Round -up
39. 14.03.23- KCC Highways: Start of Works Notification for Otterden Road, Stalisfield, carriageway patching
40. 16.03.23- NALC: newsletter

- 41. 16.03.23- KALC: Coronation Champions Awards
- 42. 17.03.23- South East Water consultation

16. Any Other Business

Councillors were sad to note the passing of Mr Allen Payne; he had served the Parish Council for over twenty years as Clerk and also a Councillor. He was a founder member of the committee which raised funds for the village hall which will be twenty-five years old this year.

Cllr Bailey said the whole Council is up for re-election in May.

ACTION: Clerk to draft article for The Good News.

Cllr Bailey said the Annual parish Meeting is on 11 April at 8pm, the Parish Council will provide the food. The Hall AGM is at 7.30pm.

Date of next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 15 May 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 15 May 2023