

Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13 March 2019, 6.30PM

Elvington Community Centre, St John's Road

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Boiston, Cllr Butcher, Cllr Hansell, Cllr Millard, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Sluder and Cllr Whitehead. DDC Cllr Ovenden (from end item 13), 4 members of the public. Also in attendance S Collins.

Apologies

Cllrs Rogers and Wiles – personal reasons. KCC Cllr Lymer – stuck in traffic. Community Warden Julliette West – attending training.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 13 FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Boiston, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett and were signed by the Chair.

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

In her absence Community Warden Julliette West sent an update:

- i. Complaints regarding 60 Sandwich Road are being followed up with DDC's Community Service unit, Environmental Health and Kent Fire and Rescue Service
- ii. Complaints regarding a recovery vehicle parked overnight on Cherry Way have been investigated by the PCSO
- iii. Anti-Social behaviour reported near Green Lane on Eythorne Playing Field is being monitored
- iv. A volunteer community support warden from Elvington is in training to work in Eastry
- v. PCSO Emma Carmichael has left her post and will be replaced with Luke Sanderson

5. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

A member of the public commented that the church clock is running 10 minutes fast. Cllr Millard said the time will be amended when the clock is moved forward an hour for the summer time.

6. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr Boiston and carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Cheque number	Amount
S Thomson	300682	£570.86
S Collins	300683	£1,169.14
KCC Kent Pension Fund	300684	£259.34
Development Engineering Solutions Ltd.	300685	£1,646.22

7. CAPITAL SPEND 2019–2020

Small amendments to the capital spend budget were proposed by Cllr Whitehead and seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried.

8. PLANNING

- i. DOV/19/00083 – Erection of 5 dwellings, access and associated parking and landscaping – Land

North of 8 Sunnybank, Adelaide Road, Eythorne. Cllr Whitehead proposed to object, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried on the grounds that there are concerns relating to this development being outside the settlement confines of the village. There is over development of the site with 5 houses on this area. The Parish Council agrees with Kent Highways that the permanently parked cars to the south of the site block the site lines when accessing Adelaide Road. There is also agreement with the public comments which state the front of the site will look like a car park from the road and the houses built in front of the current housing line is not in keeping with the street scene.

The Parish Council would also like to know why the developer cut down all the mature trees on this site before applying for planning permission. There was a disregard for the local environment by conducting this practice.

ii. DOV/19/00192 – Erection of a single storey rear conservatory, side porch roof, insertion of 2 windows, new front porch opening, 2 rooflights and extension to existing garage (existing conservatory to be demolished) – 1 Barfreestone Court Cottages, Barfreestone CT15 7JJ. No objection.

iii. DOV/19/00213 - Erection of garage to side elevation, 2 no. rooflights to side elevation (existing windows to be removed) – Yew Tree, Back Road, Barfreestone CT15 7JH. Looking at the history of the development of this property it was noted that condition 4 of the planning application DOV/11/00324 stated that no fences, gates, walls or other enclosures shall be erected along the front (north-west), side (south-west) and rear (south-east) boundaries, or buildings, enclosures, pools or containers erected within the curtilage of the dwelling. This application is contrary to this condition and on those grounds it was proposed by Cllr Whitehead to object, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried.

Decisions

i. DOV/18/01204 – Erection of a single storey rear extension with raised decking and balustrade (existing conservatory to be demolished) – The Outback, 110 Sandwich Road, Eythorne CT15 4DQ – granted permission 12 February 2019

ii. DOV/18/01292 – Erection of 2 storey and single storey side and rear extensions (retrospective) – 5 Larch Road, Elvington CT15 4EW – granted permission 11 February 2019

iii. DOV/18/01311 – Erection of a 2 storey side and rear extensions, front porch, formation of additional parking to front – 10 Green Meadows, Eythorne CT15 4GP – granted permission 12 February 2019

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 13 FEBRUARY 2019 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

S Collins reported the following:

- i. The Speed Indicator Device consultation is currently in progress
- ii. A letter to KCC has been written regarding yellow lines on Eythorne Roundabout and the no right turn road markings on Sandwich Road
- iii. Work on quotes to change the MUGA light bulbs is still on going
- iv. The posts in the allotment site have been cut down by Stuart ready for the next stage
- v. DDC waste charges consultation results have been published
- vi. Insurance renewal documentation has been completed
- vii. Complaints regarding 60 Sandwich Road have been escalated to the relevant agencies
- viii. Tilmanstone Brickworks planning application has been granted with numerous conditions
- ix. Stuart has received many compliments when litter picking on Adelaide Road and the lower part of Kennel Hill

The Councillors wanted to also express their thanks to Stuart for litter picking and suggested that the children at the school are reminded not to drop litter on their way home. S Collins to contact Juliette West and write about litter in the Community Magazine.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

None.

11. PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

S Collins reminded the Councillors of the timetable of proceedings for the District and Parish elections. Receipt of nominations being from 10am on 10 March to 4pm on 3 April 2019.

12. ALLOTMENTS

- i. Cllr Rogers sent confirmation that more than 6 people who have recently expressed an interest in an allotment.
- ii. Stuart has cut down the blue poles which now need filling in, S Collins to speak to Stuart.
- iii. Cllr Millard agreed to look into fencing options and quotes for a fence and gate to go where the posts and chain are.
- iv. The land needs further vegetation removal and levelling to allow for the plots to be marked out.
- v. There is encroachment of the boundary fences of several dwellings along Adelaide Road, this will need to be addressed with private owners or the housing association.

13. WIGMORE LANE FOOTPATH PROJECT

Cllr Whitehead reported that after a site visit the preferred option was agreed, option 1 make existing pathway slightly longer on the south side of Wigmore Lane, with a pedestrian crossing over to the north side, then a footpath continuing on the north side to the existing pathway near Millyard Way. The next step is a site visit with KCC's Stephanie Wadhams to agree the proposal before approaching landowners. A topographical survey is required, David White has received 3 quotes of which 2 were almost the same. Cllr Whitehead asked for the Council to agree to spend up to £800 +VAT, proposed Cllr Sluder, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried with 7 votes to 1 against. Cllr Whitehead to organise a traffic count.

Mr Whitehead, said he hoped this project is the beginning of improvement works and other dangerous roads without pavements, for example The Street will be looked at in the future. There is also the hope that KCC will also have an input.

Cllr Ledger thanked the Whiteheads for their continued work on this project.

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS - revisited

Cllr Ovenden joined the meeting and gave her report:

- i. Once costings for the Wigmore Lane project are finalised, the project should be logged with DDC for future S106 contribution.
- ii. In the May elections, Elvington will be a new polling station at the Community Centre.
- iii. The DDC budget has been finalised including the Council Tax Demand. Dover is the lowest in East Kent, the biggest rise has been in the Police contribution.
- iv. The proposed Barville Road resurfacing on 29 March which is still the date for Brexit is an issue. Cllr Ovenden has approached KCC and asked if the works can be rescheduled for a bank holiday when there are less HGV's using Barville Road.

14. PORTABLE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

There has only been 2 replies to the consultation and both are for Wigmore Lane. Both support the SID however, the grass verge is privately owned and cannot be used. There are no other sites which are appropriate especially without a footpath after Wigmore Woods.

The Speed Watch Group have been approached about moving the SID.

With the Wigmore Lane site discounted at present, Cllr Butcher proposed that the other 3 sites have a double bracket so the SID can face in both directions, seconded Cllr Hansell and carried. S Collins to liaise with KCC and Speed Watch.

15. ST PETER AND ST PAULS CHURCH DONATION REQUESTS

Cllr Hansell read out a letter from the church regarding works that are needed. The Powers of the Parish Council are specific and only certain help can be given to the church from the Council. The Board which details the names of the fallen needs refreshing and updating. The ladder accessing the clock and bells needs to be replaced and the switch to disable the clock striking during bell ringing needs to be moved. The Parish Council cannot donate towards the Memorial board but suggested that the Royal British Legion may be able to help. However the ladder and switch are covered under the Powers of the Council. It was agreed to consider making a donation for the works involved on the Clock once quotes have been sourced.

S Collins to reply to the Church.

2 members of the public left the meeting at 7.50pm

16. VILLAGE HALL ELVINGTON – COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Ledger was asked if he would like to continue. Proposed Cllr Whitehead, seconded Cllr Boiston and carried.

17. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

A variety of ideas were given for speakers for the APM. S Collins to make contact and report back.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Email from Whitfield resident regarding NHS services – discussed
- ii. An email received regarding the Big Spring Clean was discussed, Cllr Millard agreed to speak with the sender.

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Hansell had the following matters:

- i. The overflow of sewage on the Pit Path was visited by Southern Water, however after the blockage was cleared, the waste was left at the site.
- ii. Parking on Terrace Road is causing the people opposite issues with leaving their property – S Collins to inform Juliette West.
- iii. Kent Salads have changed their lights and people in Elvington are having problems sleeping due to light pollution.
- iv. KCC are trialling an alternative bus service
- v. The five aside football pitch on Eythorne Playing Field was bought up. S Collins said she cannot find anyone locally who wants the work.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 8.20pm.

- vi. Cllr Ledger asked if he could find out how much it would cost to put up a plaque on the beacon, stating who it was made by and why is erected.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm