

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

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

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Bailey **PROPOSED** Cllr West for the office of Chairman: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr West was duly elected Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from KCCllr Andrew Bowles (at another meeting) and SBCllr David Simmonds: apologies noted.

3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

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4. Election of Representatives

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** for Cllr Adams and Cllr Bailey to be the representatives at KALC Swale Committee Meetings.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 13 March 2019 and the Extraordinary meeting on 24 April 2019

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019 and the Extraordinary meeting on 24 April and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as true records of the meetings. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Signs on the footpath

Cllr West reported that they will be removed.

Memorial Garden

Cllr Ainsworth reported that the memorial Garden has been weeded, the grass will be removed and the garden composted. There is space for more roses and these will be planted in the autumn.

Z- bend

Cllr West said the issue is ongoing.

Item for next agenda.

Road Names

Cllr West said this will be carried forward for SBCllr Simmonds.

Resurface of The Street

Cllr West reported resurfacing work has been carried out in Painters Forstal.

Cllr Ainsworth said work was scheduled for the Eastling side of the z-bend but this has not happened.

Cllr West said Kent Highways have a programme of work.

Farm Manager's Report

Cllr West said the Farm Manager gave an excellent report at the Annual Parish Meeting and an article has gone into the Good News magazine.

7. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

8. Village Warden's Report

There was no report from the Village Warden.

A brief report was received from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

9. Website

Cllr Ainsworth reported the Village Website is in good order and is updated every month. The invoice for the last year has been reduced to £20 per month.

The Clerk said the Parish Council website is up to date.

10. Chairman's Report

Cllr West said that following a request at the Annual Parish Meeting, residents need to be made aware that the Parish Council is able to offer grant to village organisations. Attention needs to be drawn to the Grants Policy on the website.

ACTION: Clerk to write article for the Good News.

11. Finance

i. Annual Governance Statement

Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by Cllr West and the Clerk.

ii. Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

Councillors approved the Accounting Statement which was duly signed by Cllr West and the Clerk.

iii. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported the first instalment of the precept has been received. BACS payments made were £139.47, Clerk's salary and expenses Salary- £125.87; HMRC - £31.40; Microsoft office and memory sticks- £139.97 reimbursed to the Clerk.

Cllr Payne informed Members that the lighting rig, as previously agreed, is out of stock and the supplier will refund the payment.

iv. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was agreed to pay by BACS:

Mr P Ainsworth £250- Village website maintenance June 2018- March 2019 and renewals for ownership of the site URL and software for hosting/updating the website.

Kent Association of Local Councils £181.97- subscription

CPRE £36- subscription

Mrs J Bailey £32.68- Annual Parish Meeting expenses.

12. Village Emergency Telephone System

Cllr West said there has been a request to pay £100 for Village Emergency Telephone System which costs £100.

Cllr Adams said some residents are unaware of the system.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay, by BACS, Community Heartbeat £100 for the Village Emergency Telephone System.

ACTION: Clerk to request the system be promoted within the village.

13. General Power of Competence

It was resolved that Eastling Parish Council, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, adopt the General Power of Competence until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

14. Planning Matters

Ref: 19/501799/FULL

Address: Porch House The Street Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AY

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a single storey one bedroom dwelling with 4 roof lights and bike store. Proposed Parking and garden to side. (Revised scheme to 18/502384/FULL)

Councillors considered the application and it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to the proposal raising the same concerns as for the last application and to add that when there had been recent work to install a cess pit, the heavy machinery used the driveway and the water pipe broke causing water to enter the neighbour's cellar.

15. Correspondence

1. 18.03.19- SBC: Local Plan Review, updating Rural Sustainable Settlement Study
2. 19.03.19- KCC Streetworks: Emergency Road Closure - Newnham Lane, Newnham - 20 March 2019
3. 25.03.19- Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: Newsletter
4. 29.03.19- PCSO engagement with Parish Councils
5. 04.04.19- Kent Police reports
6. 09.04.19- KCCllr Bowles: Newsletter
7. 10.04.19- KCC Streetworks: Temporary Road Closure – Sharsted Hill, Newnham, Sittingbourne – from 1 May 2019
8. 10.04.19- KCC Streetworks: notification of works Eastling Road, Eastling
9. 29.04.19- KALC News
10. 01.05.19- KCC Highways interim programme for the beginning part of 2019 – 2020
11. 01.05.19- Faversham Town Council: invitation to planning training
12. 10.05.19- Kent County Council Highways and Transportation: information regarding Highway Improvement Plans
13. 10.05.19- KALC: Dynamic Councillor courses
14. 14.05.19- Cllr Bowles's Newsletter

Cllr Payne said he was concerned about KCC's plan to charge for residents taking non-domestic waste to the tip as it will create more fly tipping. It is a very negative thing to do.

ACTION: Clerk to write to KCCllr Bowles to ask whether KCC have considered the implications this will have and that there will be an increase in fly tipping.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Hall may request another grant towards the heating system from the Parish Council.

Dates of next meetings:

31 July 2019

25 September 2019

13 November 2019

8 January 2020

11 March 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 31 July 2019