

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

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

Also present was County Councillor Andrew Bowles and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Paul Adams; apologies accepted.
Apologies had also been received from Ward Councillor Colin Prescott; apology noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 16 January 2019

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 January 2019 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Notices and fencing along footpath

Cllr Payne reported the game keeper has given assurance that the signs will be removed.

Newnham Lane- 30mph speed limit

KCCllr Bowles reported the issue is on a list of schemes put forward to KCC Highways for consideration.

Memorial Garden

Cllr Ainsworth said this will be worked on when the weather improves.

Z-bend flooding issue

KCCllr Bowles reported the matter is in the system and that he is waiting for a report. The next Swale Joint Transportation Board is in June and officers are gathering evidence.

Naming of roads

KCCllr Bowles said Swale Borough Council have indicated they will name the roads and have sent details of the process which involves a local canvas of residents on the route.

Cllr Payne said the road is called Mill Lane although it is not actually named on maps.

Resurface of The Street

Cllr West said he had reported issues in January and white lines were put around pot holes but these are now worn out. The Parish Council has received notice of various road works to be carried out in Eastling Road, Eastling to Painter's Forstal and The Street and Whitehill, Eastling. There will be road closure between Kettle Hill Road and Plumford Lane.

KCCllr Bowles informed Councillors that KCC's Pothole Blitz in Swale has repaired the second highest amount of any district.

5. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time.

A member of the public said the road closure is to repair eighteen patches and potholes. The previous road closure was to allow SGN to install a gas pipe.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Village Warden's Report

There was no report from the Village Warden.

7. Farm Manager's Report

Cllr Payne reported the Farm Manager has expressed concern regarding the field down to the school as they are damaging crops.

ACTION: Cllr Bailey to draft an article for the Newsletter and website requesting people to keep to the footpath and to respect the crops growing in the field.

KCCllr Bowles said he will contact the PROW Officer to request signage.

8. Website

Cllr Ainsworth reported there were no problems with the Village Website.

Cllr West said the Parish Council website was up to date.

9. Chairman's Report

Cllr West said an invitation to become a member of Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

Cllr Bailey said the Council is currently a member of CPRE.

Cllr Ainsworth will give details of Action with Communities in Rural Kent to the Village Hall Committee for consideration.

10. Finance

Cllr Payne reported the only payments had been to the Clerk and also for the Parish Council's insurance.

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Hall has had a quotation for £313 for the lights.

Cllr West said the Council has agreed to purchase the heating system up to £1,250, and £500 for the erection of a permanent mounting infrastructure for stage lighting for attaching the stage lighting.

Cllr Ainsworth said the Village Hall has a quote of £2,500 for the heating system which has been costed for four blowers and will need to pay £1,250 deposit for the system.

Cllr West reported that a local craftsman has offered to build the church a new noticeboard for free.

Cllr West said the church has planned a Flower Festival and Concert in June, they will also be creating a Memorial Garden in the triangle outside the churchyard wall and might apply for a grant. The Memorial Garden will have a rose for each of those who died in World War I and World War II

11. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 19/500642/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an oak framed garden room, replacing existing lean-to extension and existing pergola with retractable canopy (Resubmission of 18/503848/FULL)

Address: 6 Kettle Hill Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0BB

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

ii. Ref: 19/500942/FULL

Proposal: Erection of timber boundary fence including reduction of fence height from 1.8m to 1.5m and planting of hawthorn whips (part retrospective)

Address: Rose Cottage, Kettle Hill Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0BB

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

iii. Any other planning matter received by 13 March 2019

Ref: 19/500869/FULL Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage
The Old Post Office The Street Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AZ

Cllr West said the Parish Council has just received notification of the application and the planning decision will be made on 2 May. The matter will be considered at an extra Parish Council meeting on 24 April at 7.20pm.

12. Correspondence

1. 17.01.19- Faversham & District Engagement Forum agenda
2. 18.02.19- SBC: confirmation of precept
3. 31.01.19- SBC notice to charge Parish Councils for paper copies of plans
4. 03.02.19- KCCllr Bowles's newsletter
5. 06.02.19- KCC: Newnham Lane road closure
6. 12.02.19- KALC Swale Area Committee Meeting agenda
7. 21.02.19- Rural Police Team report attached
8. 21.02.19- Swale Joint Transportation Board agenda
9. 05.03.19- KALC Newsletter
10. 07.03.19- KCC: notice of various road surface treatments
11. 07.03.19- KCCllr Bowles's newsletter
12. 08.03.19- ARCK: Invitation to consider becoming a member of Action with Communities in Rural Kent for 2019/20
13. 12.03.19- SBC: confirmation that Parish Councils will not be charged for paper plans

13. Any Other Business

Cllr Bailey reported that she had attended the Faversham Future Forum which was concerned with local infrastructure. There will be no further meetings until after the elections.

Cllr Bailey said she will buy the wine for the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April.

Cllr West said the dates for future meetings will be agreed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Clerk distributed election packs to Councillors.

Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting- Wednesday 15 May 2019

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

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 15 May 2019