



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

on 9th June 2021 at 6.30 pm, Barfreestone Court Farm Barn.

Present: Cllr M Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr Hansell, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Meehan, Cllr Millard, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Wright.

6/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Caroline Vincent (Clerk to Eythorne Council), due to illness.
Community Warden Juliet West
DDC Cllr Linda Keen

6/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Millard declared an interest in planning application DOV/21/00682 as this is his son's application.

6/3. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 14th of April were circulated to members and the Annual meeting minutes from the 5th May.

Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr Wright and carried. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

6/4. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE APRIL MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk circulated the actions to all members prior to the meeting, actions completed as follows:

- Replacement bin ordered for Eythorne Playing Field & fitted.
- Annual insurance arranged.
- Planning Comments made for applications via DDC Planning Portal
- Comments made to KCC regarding application KCC/DO/0080/2021 at The Old Tilmanstone Colliery, Pike Road, Eythorne, Kent, CT15 4ND.
- EPC interest registered with Bruno Peeks for the 5th July NHS Celebration Day.
- The fire brigade contacted in reference to Cherry Way and the vehicle recovery truck.
- Children's play area gate fixed at Eythorne Playing Field.
- Letter sent to the Chief Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable with reference to speeding in the villages.
- Tree surgeon arranged to look at the sycamore tree and all trees in Eythorne Playing Field.

One item outstanding for quotes for the alley way off of Willow Way near Eythorne Playing Field.

6/5. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Report from Community Warden Julliette West

ASB recreation ground Eythorne
Graffiti recreation ground Eythorne
Damage caused to fencing recreation ground Eythorne
Straying animals. Dogs/horses
Bonfire smoke nuisance
Nuisance noise. barking dogs
Suspicious persons/vehicle
Parking issues/ obstructions
Individual welfare concerns
Neighbour disputes
Multiple referrals to other agencies
Village Litter pick with students from Woodpecker Court
Community project work. (Elvington community welfare works)
Community group walks

Report from Cllr Linda Keen

The last year has been dominated by the Local plan and, latterly bins. Local Plan – I worked closely with DDC officers and each PC to ensure that your views were represented as strongly as possible by me on every possible occasion, and I wrote in my views in complete support of all your objections to the completely unsustainable and untenable overdevelopment indicated for Eythorne and Elvington. Will continue to give you my full support for the second round.

Bins – have dealt with masses of complaints although it seems to have settled down more recently. Have just at a meeting about this with the DDC CE who basically said it was down to Veolia over which they seem to have little control. I pushed strongly for a press statement to be sent out which apologises, explains why there was so much disruption and saying what is being done – whether this will appear or not I don't know. The reorganisation also affected litter bin – numbers, conditions and emptying frequency, and have taken up a number of complaints here because in many areas you need more bins and/or more frequent emptying. Longer term solution I think would be best would be to take back in house like Canterbury have where it seems to be working well now after initial disruption.

Other things – have dealt with planning applications, and also tried to help by contacting KCC as well as DDC about the problematic parking and traffic issues your parish councils have faced. Have also liaised with DDC CDO for your area who is doing good work, I think, especially in Elvington.

Report from KCC Cllr

No report provided.

Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of attendance of KCC/DDC Councillors and felt at the very least a regular monthly report could be provided if unable to attend.

5/6. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no questions put forward from members of the public.

6/7. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

- a) Authorisation of payments: The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Hansell, unanimously carried.

Finance Report April/May 2021 Payments		
Payee	Payment Type	Amount £
C Vincent	Salary (April)	1,269.79
S Thomson	Salary (April)	601.80
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
Came & Company	Annual Insurance	1,701.34
KALC	Annual Subs	810.60
Microsoft	Office 365 Account subs	79.99
Rawlins Trade Paint	Anti-Graffiti Paint	88.55
Viking Direct	A4 box of printer paper	20.22
C Vincent	Minute Books pack of 5	11.99
Mileage/Petrol	S Thomson	26.18
C Vincent	Salary (May)	1,269.59
S Thomson	Salary (May)	724.63
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
Sutcliffe Play	Cradle Swing Elvington	246.76
Glasdon	Replacement Bin Eythorne	357.62
Idverde	March Mowing	110.12
Idverde	April Mowing	117.54
S Thomson	Mileage/Petrol Expenses	24.53
S Collins	McAfee Reimbursement	89.99
ICO	Data Protection Fee	40.00

6/8. PLANNING

DOV/21/00568, The Old Tilmanstone Colliery Pike Road Eythorne CT15 4ND, Erection of an industrial storage unit (existing storage containers to be removed). Expires 14.06.21

Resolved: Object because of the impact on the PROW. It was felt that it couldn't be re- routed & any development on the site should not affect the footpath.

Action: The Clerk to contact the PROW Officer to arrange to have the pathway cleared as it is overgrown, EE337A.

DOV/21/00602, 5 Larch Road, Elvington, CT15 4EW, Variation of Condition 3 (materials, external surfaces) to allow cladding to the front and rear elevations of planning permission DOV/18/01292 (application under Section73) (part retrospective). Expires 16.06.21

Resolved: No objections.

DOV/21/00769, Falconsview Meadows, Barville Road, Waldershare, CT15 5BQ, Removal of Conditions 1 and 2 of planning permission DOV/07/00315 (siting of one mobile home and one touring caravan and ancillary facilities) to withdraw restriction on residential use by named occupiers and allow unrestricted residential use/occupancy (application under Section 73). Expires 17.06.21

Resolved: Object to removal of conditions 1 and 2, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr Millard and unanimously carried.

DOV/21/00142, Gardeners Cottage, Coldred Road, Eythorne CT15 4BE, Internal alterations to incl. enlargement of existing opening between kitchen & hallway; replacement of staircase; raising ceiling within

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bathroom; alteration of inglenook fireplace to south; insertion of new fireplace to north; replacement of structural timbers; insertion of new structural timber support to ground floor & erection of partition walls to ground floor. Insertion of 1no rooflight & 1no sunpipe. Re-roofing to incl. insertion of membrane. Expires 02.07.21

Resolved: No objections.

Comments Made via Clerk delegation:

DOV/21/00523, Elvington Court Nursery, Adelaide Road, Eythorne, Dover CT15 4AN, creation of wildlife pond. (expired Friday 28th May). (No objections but request gate remains closed to prevent accidental drowning of a child)

DOV/21/00663, 14 Sun Valley Way, Eythorne CT15 4HL, insertion of 2no Windows to front and side elevations to facilitate a garage. (expired Friday 28th May). (No objections)

DOV/21/00682, 66 Sandwich Road, Eythorne, CT15 4DQ, Erection of an attached garage to the side elevation (existing garage to be demolished). (expired Friday 4th June 2021). (No objections)

Resolved: Members were happy with comments made as per above, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett and seconded by Cllr Whitehead, unanimously carried.

Decided Applications:

DOV/21/00305, 5 Chaucer Road, Elvington, CT15 4ER, Erection of an outbuilding for use as a dog grooming salon (existing shed to be removed). **Granted.**

DOV/21/00469, 29A Adelaide Road, Elvington, CT15 4DP, Erection of 2no. attached dwellings with associated parking and vehicular access. **Granted.**

6/09. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email received from a solicitor regarding a Defamation case against EPC in 2006.
Resolved: Cllr Hansell proposed not to pursue the defamation case costs, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried.
2. Email received regarding **planning application 21/00731, Land North of Eastling Down Farm Cottages and East of Sandwich Road Waldershare CT15 5AS**, Change of use to Gypsy/Traveller Site for 8no. pitches with 1no. static, 1no. tourer, 2no. parking spaces and dayroom per pitch (part retrospective). This is not within our boundary but Sutton Parish Council.
3. Response received from KCC planning application, **KCC/DO/0080/2021 at The Old Tilmanstone Colliery.**
Action: The Clerk to contact KCC and ask for details of sub-contracts and movements as members were still concerned over the volume of traffic.
4. Email received from The Heritage Group, requesting use of the Elvington playing field and hardstand area at the playground for a family fun day in September to mark the 35th anniversary of the closing of Tilmanstone Colliery. The Clerk informed members our insurers have been contacted and as long as we receive a risk assessment and PL insurance this is fine but use of a bouncy castle requires a professional who has their own insurance, who will set up, mand and take down again and we accept no responsibility.
Resolved: Members unanimously agreed for the Heritage Group to have use of the play area and playing field at Elvington in September.

6/10. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members discussed the HIP plan and the order of importance.

Action: Cllr Millard proposed that the 20mph from the garages to Church Hill be placed and any other traffic calming measures that would make this self-enforceable as the 1st priority on the HIP, seconded by Cllr Meehan and carried.

Action: The Clerk to contact other Parish Councils to see if anyone else has a 20mph speed limit near a school and if it was self-funded.

6/11. SYCAMORE TREE AT EYTHORNE PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that Stuart had cut back the sycamore tree and has a meeting with our Tree specialist to investigate further what maintenance is required.

Action: The Clerk to arrange for 3 quotes for tree maintenance work.

6/12. WILDFLOWER AREA AT THE GREEN

Members discussed the information received from the meeting held with the volunteers and Kent Wildlife Trust.

Action: The Clerk to contact DDC to ask if the dog poo bin can be moved to the footpath across the road and a street sign to be arranged. A quote for a sign with Wildflower Area. The Clerk to liaise with the Handyman for the upkeep of the area.

6/13. ALLOTMENTS

Members discussed the water situation at the allotments, this will be looked at further at a later date.

A quote of £300 had been provided to repair the gate at the allotments, Cllr Meehan to obtain a further quote.

6/14. POLICIES TO AGREE

Resolved: Cllr Whitehead proposed to adopt the Operation London Bridge Policy, seconded by Cllr Wright and carried. Cllr Butcher proposed to adopt the Scheme of Delegation Policy, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried.

6/15. ANY OTHER MATTERS

It was asked if KALC could be contacted to find out if they are aware of any other councils being asked to fund Highway safety improvements and do they have any advice about it. Would EPC be liable to any vehicle damage if posts were installed on our roundabout?

Members asked about the possibility of notices on how to obtain COVID tests could be placed on the notice boards for those who do not have internet access. Whether tests could be held for locals.

6/16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14th July 6.30pm