

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 3 March 2021

Present: Cllr Paul Adams, Cllr Paul Ainsworth and Cllr Julia Bailey; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present was County Councillor Andrew Bowles, Ward Member David Simmons and three members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed for Cllr Bailey to take the Chair. Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jimmy West and Cllr John Payne; apologies accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Ainsworth declared a pecuniary interest in item 10. ii as owner of the neighbouring property.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 13 January 2021

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 January 2021 as a true record of the meeting.

4. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

Cllr Ainsworth left the meeting for the discussion on 2 The Street.

A resident said that he has objected to the position, size and location of the shed in planning application 21/500640/FULL. There had been no planning permission. It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Area. There was an unobstructed view from his property and this has been spoilt which is unacceptable.

Cllr Adams asked for detail on the right of way.

The resident explained that there is a gate and prior to the shed being built the gate opened fully, the previous shed did not encroach on the gate. White goods and furniture has to go through the back door as the front door is too narrow and the shed is a complete obstruction. There was a right of way conveyance granted in 1951 and this has been used until a few months ago.

ACTION: Clerk to send resident details of Ward Councillor Simmons.

Another resident said that she supported the comments and urged the Parish Council to make further comments. It is a retrospective application and it is not fair that people build things without obtaining planning permission first.

The meeting was reconvened.

5. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 21/500640/FULL

Address: 2 The Street Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AZ

Proposal: Removal of shed and erection of new wooden based weather boarded shed with cedar shingle roof (part retrospective).

Councillors considered the application and agreed that neighbours' views should be given consideration.

Cllr Ainsworth rejoined the meeting.

ii. Ref: 21/500386/FULL

Address: 12 Meesons Close Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AW

Proposal: Demolition of front and side porch's. Erection of single storey rear/side extension, front porch, internal alterations and insertion of front rooflight.

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

iii. Local Plan Review (Reg 19)

KCCllr Bowles reported that eleven Parish Councils have objected to the way the review and consultation has been carried out. There have been strong objections from CPRE and also a consultation from Helen Whately MP. Swale Borough Council is trying to do the review consultation in six weeks during a global pandemic when public meetings are not permitted. There have been no hard copies available as the libraries are closed. Swale has gone straight to a Regulation 19 Review and has left out Regulation 18 without including details of sites in the plan. Some Parish Councils are holding special meetings to consider the proposals.

6. Village Warden's Report

Mr Willson was unable to attend the meeting and had reported that there was a police raid on industrial premises in Newnham Lane which resulted in two people being arrested and many cannabis plants being discovered. There is also a problem with litter and dogs mess in the village, litter bins are needed.

Cllr Ainsworth said residents could be consulted at the Annual Parish Meeting to ascertain if they would be prepared to pay for litter bins. Consideration would need to be given for suitable sites.

ACTION: Litter bin provision for Annual Parish Meeting agenda.

7. Website

Cllr Ainsworth reported that the village website is up to date. The number of hits remains constant.

7.07pm SBCllr Simmons joined the meeting.

8. Finance

i. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay David Jenner Photography £165.00 for the KALC Award gift.

ii. To consider membership of CPRE

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to continue with membership of CPRE £36.00

Cllr Bailey said that consideration could be given to amending Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to enable invoices to be paid between meetings.

The Clerk said the invoice is dated 10 February so has been paid within an acceptable time frame.

9. To consider broadband upgrade scheme

Cllr Bailey reported that Cllr Payne had concluded that Stalisfield had managed to get an upgrade as enough residents had come forward for the scheme. There are not enough

residents in Eastling. Residents in Kettle Hill Road have managed to join the Stalisfield scheme. Stalisfield are looking to see if Eastling can be included in another scheme. Cllr Ainsworth said that broadband speed is not an issue in the centre of the village although it may be so on the periphery. A member of the public said there will be another scheme in April although there are no details yet.

10. Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Bailey said the Annual Parish Meeting is traditionally held in April and is tied with the Village Hall AGM.

Cllr Ainsworth said ACRE is recommending that Parish Councils delay this until mid to late June so it can be held indoors.

KCCllr Bowles said the Government dispensation allowing Parish Councils to meet remotely ceases on 6 May and would require legislation to extend this.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting remotely on 22 April at 8pm.

ACTION: Clerk to put article in Good News

11. Correspondence

1. 19.01.21- NALC: CEO bulletin
2. 20.01.21- KCC Member Briefing: environment
3. 20.01.21- SBC: Notice of Local Plan Review (Reg 19) consultation date
4. 21.01.21- KCCllr Bowles: Newsletter
5. 25.01.21- KALC CEO bulletin
6. 25.01.21- Kent & Medway CCG COVID vaccine update
7. 27.01.21- NALC: CEO bulletin
8. 27.01.21- NALC: Consultation Briefing EPC1-21 - MHCLG Consultation on Right to Regenerate to turn derelict buildings into homes and community assets
9. 27.01.21- KCC: Vision Zero: The Road Safety Strategy for Kent 2020 – 2026 consultation
10. 27.01.21- Kent & Medway Covid-19 Datasets Overview, and mortality and NHS sitrep data
11. 02.02.21- NALC: CEO bulletin
12. 04.02.21- KALC: Newsletter
13. 08.02.21- KALC: copy of letter to Kent MPs seeking support to extend COVID-19 regulations to enable remote meetings to continue beyond 7 May
14. 08.02.21- SBC: Local Plan Review Reg 19 consultation
15. 11.02.21- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure notice, The Street, Eastling – 24 February
16. 16.02.21- Helen Whately MP: SBC Local Plan Review press release
17. 06.02.21- KCCllr Bowles: Newsletter
18. 16.02.21- NALC: CEO bulletin
19. 17.02.21- Kent Police & Crime Commissioner: e-newsletter for Winter 2020/2021
20. 18.02.21- KCC: Shaping Adult Care Social Strategy engagement workshop
21. 18.02.21- KALC CEO bulletin
22. 22.02.21- KALC: remote meetings information and details of lobbying
23. 22.02.21- Kent Wildlife Trust: Parish Council Spring Newsletter
24. 24.02.21- SBC: Fuel and Water at Home Advice Service
25. 24.02.21- Helen Whately MP: Parish update and Local Plan survey
26. 24.02.21- KCC: COVID-19 briefing, Roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions
27. 25.02.21- SBC: Office for National Statistics helper packs for parish councils in supporting their residents to complete the 2021 Census
28. 26.02.21- MHCLG: Model Design Code consultation
29. 01.03.21- KALC Swale Area Committee: meeting details (9 March)

12. Any Other Business

SBCllr Simmons reported that there was no diversion notice at the end of Brogdale Road.
Cllr Ainsworth said KCC Highways is carrying out work on the railings in Kettle Hill Road.

13. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Adams said the Kettle Hill Road railings need to be removed from the plan.
KCCllr Bowles reported that Sarah-Jayne Ellcock has spoken to KCC Highways regarding the railings.

Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 12 May 2021

Cllr Bailey thanked everyone for attending and particularly thanked KCCllr Bowles for his support of the parish.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman
Date: 4 May 2021