

Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11 March 2020, 6.30PM

Elvington Community Centre, St John's Road, Elvington

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr Hansell, Cllr Morgan Lovett, Cllr Wiles and Cllr Whitehead. DDC Cllr Keen, 7 members of the public. Also in attendance S Collins, Clerk.

Apologies

DDC Cllrs Walker and Woodgate and Community Warden Juliette West
Cllr Millard – personal reasons

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 12 FEBRUARY 2020

An amendment to the minutes under item 11 to read "Cllr Wiles requested a more legally binding contract with St Peter and St Paul's Church regarding the use of the garage".

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

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR, COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

In Juliette's absence, a report was given via email.

i. Multiple agencies have given advice regarding the parking of the recovery vehicle on Cherry Waye. The vehicle is not causing a dangerous obstruction as traffic could still pass by. It was suggested to the owner that it would be a good neighbourly gesture if the vehicle could be parked in a less built up location, since then the vehicle has been parked in alternating parking spots. If the vehicle is blocking the road so much that other vehicles cannot pass, the advice is to report to the police on 101 as an obstruction.

ii. The incidences in the village on Friday night regarding the bus shelter on Milner Road, vehicles and the community centre have been recorded.

iii. Complaints regarding off road parking causing damage to fields, noise nuisance as well as dog barking noise

iv. The PCSO has been updated on all the current issues in the Parish

v. There continues to be theft of car number plates and advice is to park safely in well-lit areas.

vi. Advice regarding Corona Virus is being constantly reviewed and updated will be passed on.

DDC Cllr Linda Keen gave the following report:

i. DDC are taking back ownership of all social housing from East Kent Housing. The transition will take about a year and Cllr Keen thinks this is a very positive outcome.

ii. Cllr Keen has had an interview with the planning department to look at the land allocations for housing in the Local Plan. Cllr Keen cannot disclose any information until the plans have been revealed to the Parish Councils. However, she did say there were more housing allocated with in the ward than she expected. The sites are coloured coded into a RAG system; Green are the most likely to proceed, Amber are a maybe and Red are probably not. Cllr Keen advised to rehearse arguments for and against all the sites and she will support the Parish Councils in her ward to make representations during the consultation period.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked about the RAG system and said brownfield sites should take precedent over the green field sites. Cllr Keen said the Council has to meet housing targets and 30% of the derelict and unoccupied properties in Dover have been bought back onto the housing market.

5. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTION

i. A member of the public noted that the bus shelter on Milner Road had been targeted over the weekend and glass panels were smashed. They reported that the light on Ash Grove has been replaced with a new LED lamp but the hedgerow on the corner of Sweetbriar and Terrace Road is still overhanging the pavement and it is difficult to walk along.

6. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed Cllr Wiles, seconded Cllr Hansell and carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Cheque number	Amount
S Thomson	Standing Order	£587.50
S Collins	Standing Order	£1,250.37
KCC Pension Fund	Standing Order	£291.07
Dev Engineering Solutions Ltd (paid 12 Feb 2020)	300761	£566.40

7. PLANNING

Applications:

None.

Decisions:

- i. DOV/19/01482 – Erection of detached garage with ancillary accommodation/storage above, erection new 900mm high boundary wall, landscaping, formation of parking and turning area – Gardeners Cottage, Coldred Road, Eythorne CT15 4BE – granted 14 February 2020
- ii. DOV/19/01511 - Change of use of land for the purpose of walking dogs and the erection of a 1830 mm boundary fence - Barville Farm, Barville Road, Waldershare, CT15 5BQ – granted 26 February 2020
- iii. DOV/20/00043 - Erection of a single storey side extension, raising the roof ridge height, insertion of rear dormer window and alterations to windows and doors (part side extension to be demolished) – Meadow Cottage, Flax Court Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4AB – granted 6 March 2020

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 11 FEBRUARY 2020 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Whitehead gave an update on Pike Road, work is still on going with the prohibition of HGV parking overnight. The project needs to be discussed with Kent Highways. Cllr Morgan-Lovett said the business can put up their own no parking signs, but they would not be enforceable.

S Collins gave the following updates:

- i. Environmental Crime are investigating the scattered plastics on Barville Road from lorries.
- ii. Tree debris on Church Hill was cleared by Stuart.
- iii. There have been emails with a resident on The Street regarding speeding and traffic calming.
- iv. Awaiting a reply from DDC regarding a litter bin in Barfreestone. Costs for installation of a bin and concrete base in 2017 was £376.75.
- v. The planning application for the container at Elvington Community Centre has been withdrawn.
- vi. Stuart has completed a temporary repair on the garage roof with a tarpaulin.
- vii. The allotment gates have been fitted with heavier duty hinges by Stuart.
- viii. the idverde mowing quote for 2020 season has been accepted.
- viii. DDC has been contacted regarding placing the caretakers shed in the garage.
- ix. The new website has gone live as www.eythornepc.co.uk.
- x. DDC were contacted regarding advice for a Cllr moving house.
- xi. Contacts were made with idverde and B Young for moving of the Glebe Field for the church.
- xii. Allotment holders have been contacted regarding payment of deposit and yearly fee from April.
- xiii. Data regarding traffic on The Street has been received.
- ixx. Reply from Kent Highways regarding mud on Barfreestone Road received.
- xx. Damage to bus shelter has been reported to agencies.

Cllr Butcher asked if the data from the traffic strips on Church Hill was available for the Parish to use. S Collins said she had tried but the data was for the Local Plan and is not forthcoming.

Cllr Wiles asked if it was the Parish Council's job to clean the streets. S Collins said no it can be reported as a dirty street on the DDC website, but as there was a well-being issue with elderly people using the pavement, Stuart was asked to clear the debris following the storms.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

It was decided to remove this item from the agenda until further environmental issues effect the area.

10. BARFRESTONE VILLAGE

A letter received and signed by residents from Barfrestone was discussed. It was agreed to write a letter to Envirograf asking if they can install a litter bin for their employees to use to reduce litter on Pie Factory Road. Proposed Cllr Whitehead, seconded Cllr Hansell.

It was agreed to ask Stuart to check the verges in Barfrestone when he cuts the Churchyard grass. Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked if KCC could be contacted to check they are maintaining verges in Barfrestone. Cllr Morgan-Lovett clarified pathway for projects that are discussed at sub-committee.

11. ELVINGTON DEFIBRILLATOR

A member of the public offered to get a postal address to ask for access to reclaim the defibrillator. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Elvington committee if the defibrillator can be placed on the community centre. S Collins to action adding an agenda item.

12. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Morgan-Lovett has received confirmation from the Heritage Centre that they will have a display at Eythorne train station. Plans are ongoing.

13. GARDENER / HANDYMAN GARAGE ROOF

In the absence of Cllr Millard, this item could not be discussed. Cllr Hansell did ask if an agreement could be reached regarding the PC paying for the mowing of the Glebe Field as rental for the garage. As quotes for mowing were not available it was agreed to revisit this item next month.

14. WIGMORE LANE FOOTPATH UPDATE

David White took the meeting through the progress of positioning the footpath through the wooded area from Wigmore Woods to Elmdon Lane. This could potentially be a cheaper option than alongside the road. David has also met with UK Power Networks regarding the transformer and the lights along Wigmore Lane. There will be issues with cabling which could be costly. Discussions were held about the safety of pedestrians walking through a wooded area and minimising the cutting down of trees. Cllr Ledger thanked David White.

15. VILLAGE SIGNS

Cllr Butcher said the sub committee are putting together a proposal for situating 2 signs in each village and also the positioning of white gates for discussion at the next meeting.

16. BUS SHELTER ON MILNER ROAD REPAIRS

Cllr Whitehead had looked up a company that does anti-vandal bus shelters made of metal mesh. It was agreed to take this further and see if the mesh panels can be inserted into an existing shelter and approximate costs for this.

17. THE STREET HIGHWAYS ISSUES

S Collins reported that the data had been received and was overwhelming in its complexity. The initial comments are regarding the top speeds which have been recorded:

79.2 mph on 13 Jan at 8.30am leaving the village

65.3 mph on 11 Jan at 7.15pm entering the village

Although the majority of vehicles are adhering to the speed limit.

There seems to be 2000 more cars using Kennel Hill than The Street, this could be vehicles using Monkton Court Lane as a cut through or to their home in Eythorne.

One other point of interest is the type of vehicles using the roads, there were no heavy lorries recorded during the time the strips were in place (vehicle type 10 to 13 were not recorded).

The next step is to meet with KCC Highways to look at the Highways Improvement Plan. S Collins to action.

18. PARISH LITTER PICK

Cllr Butcher said Barfestone Road and the Pit Path are particularly littered at present. The Pit Path seems to be litter which travels down the slope to the fence line from the businesses above. It was agreed that volunteers needed to wait for the ground to become drier before trying to do a litter pick. It was mentioned that many members of the public litter pick regularly when out for a walk.

2 members of the public left at 7.55pm

19. LOCAL PLAN MEETINGS AT DDC

S Collins said there are 2 meetings at DDC. The first is the most important on 17 March to look at the RAG rated plans of Eythorne Parish for proposed housing sites. Cllrs Butcher and Hansell agreed to attend and report back.

The second meeting is regarding Local Plan and Community Safety on 25 March, Cllrs were to look at diaries to see availability.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Temporary Overnight Speed Limits A256 Whitfield Bypass, Dover 17 March 2020

ii. Citizens Advice Bureau – donation request

iii. Air Ambulance - donation request

It was proposed by Cllr Wiles to give the remaining budget, shared between these 2 requests.

Seconded Cllr Butcher and carried.

iv. Lower Thames Crossing meeting 20 March 2020. Cllr Morgan-Lovett volunteered to attend.

21. ANY OTHER MATTERS

i. Ideas for speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting were offered. Cllr Morgan-Lovett and S Collins to liaise to book 2 speakers.

ii. Insurance renewal May 2020 – the insurance is due to auto renew with Hiscox

iii. Cllr Wiles asked for another report from Stuart.

Meeting closed at 8.17pm