

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31 July 2019 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Paul Ainsworth (holiday); apologies accepted. Apologies had been received from KCCllr Andrew Bowles and SBCllr David Simmins; apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2019

Councillors considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2019 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as true records of the meetings. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Memorial Garden

Cllr Ainsworth will deal with this in the autumn.

Z-bend

There has been no progress.

Road names

ACTION 1: Cllr Payne to send the Clerk a map with the exact locations.

ACTION 2: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council Street Naming team.

Resurface of The Street

Cllr West said the Eastling Road surface is worse than The Street had been.

ACTION: Clerk to report the road from Carpenters Arms to Newnham Lane to KCC Highways.

Parish Council Grants

Cllr West said an article had gone into the Good News magazine regarding grants.

Village Emergency Telephone System

Cllr West reported the Parish Council had paid for VETS and there had been no feedback.

Charges at KCC Tips

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain if this had been reviewed and if so what the outcome is.

5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

6. Village Warden's Report

There was no report from the Village Warden.

A brief report was received from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and it was reported that there had been a vehicle causing problems down near Hockley Farm

Cllr Payne said Mr Binder, the Farm Manager, had reported the vehicle to the Police who are taking an active interest in the matter. Mr Binder has re-iterated that residents must not approach anyone or anything suspicious but to call the Police immediately.

7. Website

Cllr West said the websites look up to date and are working well.

8. Chairman's Report

Cllr West informed Councillors that a resident had contacted the administrator at Belmont regarding footpath clearance as some were impassable and the matter was dealt with the following day. Cllr West said this was an excellent outcome and thanked Mr Binder for his sterling work. Cllr West said the Farm Manager encourages residents to report any issues with the footpaths.

Cllr West reported that there had been a wasps' nest on the church footpath, a dog was stung and the nest has been dealt with.

Cllr West said the notice board has become very overgrown with ivy growing into it and holly growing across it and that he had dealt with the issue. The contractor has been asked to include this in his maintenance schedule.

9. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is just under £7,000 in the bank. BACS payments made were Clerk's salary and expenses Salary- £52.15; HMRC - £10.80.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

There were no invoices for payment.

iii. To consider a request from the Village Hall Committee for a grant

Cllr West said there had been a request from the Village Hall Committee for a grant of £1,250 being the cost to upgrade the heating system for the removal of current convection heater and replacement with four new convection heaters.

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to purchase the remainder of the heating system upgrade.

Councillors considered a Grants Policy and application form and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to adopt the Grants Policy.

ACTION: Clerk to add to the website

10. Planning Matters

Ref: 19/502194/FULL Address: Woodbine Cottage Newnham Lane Eastling ME13 0AS

Demolition of existing 2 no. outbuildings whilst retaining the concrete platform and erection of a single storey, multi purpose outbuilding consisting of a double carriage barn and a garage.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the application has been permitted.

11. Correspondence

1. 29.05.19: KALC Swale Area Committee Agenda for meeting on 17 June 2019
2. 03.06.19: Invitation to the Swale Planning Enforcement Briefing
3. 03.06.19: KALC Councillor Conference flyer
4. 13.06.19: Swale Community Led Housing project
5. 26.06.19: Swale Borough Council's first draft Car Parking Supplementary Planning Document on Parking Standards
6. 26.06.19: KALC Newsletter

7. 08.07.19: Draft minutes of KALC SAC and copy of planning powerpoint presentation
8. 16.07.19: County Councillor Bowles's newsletter
9. 24.07.19: Invitation to comment on the draft Swale Landscape Sensitivity Assessment

12. Any Other Business

Cllr Bailey informed Members that Eastling Holiday Centre has changed its name to Eastling Centre and that a planning application has been submitted to Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Adams reported that he has been approached by residents wanting a village green with a cricket pitch.

Councillors discussed the matter which had also been raised several years ago. The cost of renting the land would be prohibitive and there would be costs to bring it up to standard as well as ongoing maintenance costs making the scheme unviable.

Date of next meeting: 25 September 2019

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

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 25 September 2019