



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Community Meeting held at Elvington Community Centre
on 18th May 2022 at 6.30 pm.**

PA 1/22. WELCOME

The Chairman Cllr M Ledger welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly meeting.

PA2/22. KEVIN BROWN FIRST RESPONDER DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATION

Kevin Brown our gave his demonstration. He lives in Eythorne and has many years' experience as a first responder with extensive defibrillator knowledge both in practical use and in running training courses. He explained that the unit is known as an AED – Automatic Exterior Defibrillator - and that its purpose is to act to regulate the heartbeat back to a normal rhythm and NOT to restart a stopped heart as is commonly thought. He indicated the unit's various settings and switches and, with the aid of his trusty dummies, demonstrated how to use the defibrillator from switch on, placing of pads, to shocking, etc. All the information is given by the machine voice when activated and gives step by step instructions. He further instructed on the different methods for adults and children – number of chest pumps, breaths, positioning of pads, hands, etc. A very informative and interesting demonstration which elicited several questions from those in attendance which were answered clearly, concisely and on occasion giving technique advice when needed.

PA3/22. EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS/FUTURE PROJECTS

Cllr M Ledger gave an outline of achievements during this last difficult year and the impact on the Parish Council and projects: The last year has continued to be a difficult year for everyone and none of us expected the pandemic to still be continuing now. Our Parish meetings reverted to face-to-face last May for the first time in a year.

Sadly, many projects still had to be put on hold due to COVID as other organisations have not been able to hold site visits with us to progress further, but projects are now starting to take shape and are progressing.

Work regularly undertaken by Eythorne Parish Council

- Cllrs are continuing to walk all Public Rights of Way to check for any damage and overgrowth of plants and bushes and to ensure are kept open. Any issues are reported to KCC.
- Continually keeping all 3 villages clean and tidy with the hard work from our Handyman Stuart.
- Continuing to help St Peter and St Paul's Church with repairs and maintenance to the Church Clock.
- Regularly reporting overflowing bins, potholes, damage to highways, missing signs, HGV issues, litter issues and speeding issues to name a few.
- Regular checks on the play areas to make sure they are kept safe.
- Volunteers have been working hard on the Wildflower area along Green Lane

Projects This Coming Year

- 20mph along Adelaide Road near the school, this is now progressing
- Double yellow lines along Pike Road to prevent lorries parking, this is also progressing.
- Repairs to the alleyway leading to Eythorne Playing Field, not owned by the Parish but would like to repair for the community.
- Eythorne Roundabout Safety Improvements including nearby roads is now moving on with the help of KCC Highways.

Cllr M Ledger thanked everyone for their continued help and support with Eythorne Parish Council.

PA4/22. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Progress of the 20mph zone was brought up and Cllr Annette Whitehead explained that it is in the hands of KCC Highways but that it is progressing. Another resident asked about the policing of the zone and again Annette explained that a Police presence had been requested in the early stages of its implementation to see what the response of drivers is once the zone is in place.

Motor bikes on Roman Way (and generally within the villages) were discussed and questions asked about what, if anything, can be done. Annette advised that we can only really keep reporting incidents as and when they occur giving as much information as possible. After discussion about what actual laws were being broken it was resolved that we will consult with our PCSO Emma Carmichael to find out about this. It was further suggested that the use of cameras in strategic places around the villages could be of use and that we will put this on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting to discuss.

A question regarding locations for collection of Ukrainian Aid was asked as the site on the Sandwich bypass had now closed. It was explained that we had made enquiries with DDC and KCC without much response and it was suggested that we could possibly co-ordinate with the local churches to see if they would still accept donations.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.