



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held
on 10 January 2024 at 6.30 pm, Elvington Community Centre, Elvington.**

Present: Cllr A Whitehead (Vice Chair), Cllr Ray Luckhurst, Cllr Morgan-Lovette, Cllr Martin, Cllr Wright, and Cllr Hansell.

Also, present: Four Members of the public, the Parish Clerk Cllr D Beaney and Cllr Mamjan.

01/126/24. Chairmans welcome and opening comments

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting wishing them a Happy New Year and thanked residents for their attendance.

01/127/24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M and C Ledger, Cllr French, and Cllr Pout. Apologies received and accepted by all Cllrs present.

01/128/24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

01/129/24. MINUTES

The minutes from the Council meeting held on the 13 December 2023 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record. **RESOLVED:** proposed by Cllr Luckhurst, seconded by Cllr Wright, and unanimously carried. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

01/130/24. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The actions for November had been completed. The outstanding actions from December where for the Clerk to transfer further monies into the Reserve account, to research a litter bin for Adelaide Road and once the fencing has been agreed at the allotments to make a KCC Member community grant application towards the cost of this project.

01/131/24. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

The KCC and DDC Councillors

The Community Warden was not present, and no updates had been received.

DDC Cllr Manjam did not have any updates for the meeting but wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Cllr Beaney also did not have a report to provide as such but noted that he was happy to take any issues away with him. He also reminded the Council that he still had his Member Grant money available to spend.

Cllr Morgan-Lovette asked Cllr Beaney what KCC were going to do about the proposed hold ups on the M20 that are due for the next three years. Such hold ups will cause disruption in the Villages. Cllr Beaney suggested installing 'unsuitable for HGV signage' on the roads in question. Cllr Morgan-Lovette explained that there is an issue when HGV's try to turn around in the Village, when invariably they become stuck due to the narrow roads, which holds up other traffic. Cllr Beaney noted that he understood the issues in question and will raise this with KCC portfolio holders to see if any solutions can be found. Cllr Morgan-Lovette explained that it was the volume of traffic on Barville Road, which is a narrow road, and the road surface requires some attention as does the amount of litter in the vicinity. Cllr Wright also explained

that there is similar issue near Falconsview in terms of litter and people driving too fast. Cllr Luckhurst suggested hiring speed strips on Barville road to monitor the volume and speed of the traffic. Cllr Beaney explained that litter comes off the back of skips in the vicinity. **Action: the clerk will contact Mr Williamson at KCC to see if there is a solution to the issue & cc Cllr Beaney.**

Cllr Mamjan suggested monitoring the parked vehicles in Pike Road and taking pictures of the vehicles and litter for three weeks to gather evidence.

01/132/24. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

A member of the public explained that due to the lack of gully cleansing surface water was running down Church Hill into the station. A member of the public also raised concerns about people parking on the footways and blocking disabled crossing points. Cllr Beaney explained that it was a criminal offence to block such crossing points.

Cllr Luckhurst explained that since the resurfacing in Sandwich Road the double yellow lines have not been replaced near the roundabout. Cllr Whitehead has reported this to KCC, as have other residents, she suggested that residents should take photographic evidence and send it to DDC. It was also noted that the no right turn had not been reinstated on the road. **Action: the clerk will report this again on the Highways portal and cc Cllr Beaney in. Also report that due to the parking issues on Sandwich Road people with pushchairs must venture into the road to cross.**

A member of the public noted that not all the salt bins had been refilled. **Action: please report depleted salt bins to the clerk with the location**

A member of the public explained that play field direction sign on Willow Way was ineligible. **Action the clerk will ask ST to have a look.**

A member of the public explained that the new gate to the Eythorne playpark was shutting too quickly. **Action: the clerk will ask ST to look at this and reset if required.**

The meeting reconvened to complete the remaining business on the agenda

01/133/24. PLANNING

Applications:

None received

Applications commented on under the scheme of delegation – None.

23/01147

Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellings, parking, and vehicular accesses
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Location: 96 Sandwich Road, Eythorne, CT15 4DQ – Permission granted 20 December 2023
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23/01148

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling (existing dwelling and garage demolished)
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Location: 96 Sandwich Road, Eythorne, CT15 4DQ – Permission granted 20 December 2023
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23/00451

Proposal: Change of use of land for the erection of 2 buildings for manufacturing and assembly purposes (retrospective)

Location: Land North of Birchfield and Woodfield Cottages Pie Factory Road Barfrestone CT15 7JG – permission granted -15-Dec-2023

Decisions noted.

Action: the clerk will write to DDC with reference to 23/00451 to ask why another retrospective planning application had been granted.

The application number 23/1148 that had been granted permission – the Parish Council had not been notified of this second application to demolish the existing building. **Action: the**

clerk was asked to write to the planning department to ask why the Parish Council had not been notified of this application. CC DDC legal department, Cllrs Beaney and Mamjan.

01/134/23. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

- a) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation, the invoices detailed below were initialled for payment, proposed by Cllr C Ledger, and seconded by Cllr Hansell, these were unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

Finance Report Payments		
Jo Pannell	Salary (January)	
S Thomson	Salary (January)	
KCC LGPS	Pension	£350.43
HMRC	National insurance	£462.45
S Thomson	Expenses	£5.76
Clerk expenses	Fastmail annual subscription	£54.00
Smith & Derby	Church clock service	£321.60
Hugo Fox	To note DD payment	£23.99
	Total	£4,659.23

- a) The payments above were proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovette and seconded by Cllr Hansell and unanimously carried by the remaining Cllrs.
RESOLVED. Action: the clerk will list the payments for two Cllrs to authorise and the clerk will contact the bank again to ensure that two Cllrs need to authorise payments and remove the clerk as a signatory.
- b) This item was deferred to the January meeting - to ask to attend to service the Church clock. **Action: the clerk will check the date of the last service and if the maintenance checks were carried out by Smith of Derby.**
- c) It was agreed that the clerk will be requested to transfer another £3,000.00 to the instant access account. **Action: the clerk will transfer a further £3,000.00 to the instant access account.**
- d) The clerk explained that looking at the current financial situation she advised keeping the 2024 – 2025 precept at the same amount as the 2023 – 2024 level. This was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Luckhurst and unanimously carried by the remaining Cllrs. **Action: the clerk will let DDC know the amount of £45,665.00 for the next fiscal year.**

01/135/24. Allotments

Cllr Martin had spoken to the DDC officer about why the rules about sheds and shelters had been put into place. Discussions were ongoing about the installation of a perimeter fence. Cllr Hansell explained that residents did not want to lose the hedge. Cllr Martin explained that the fence would be installed in front of the hedge.

01/136/24. Play Areas – No further updates

01/137/24. HIP

A member of the public voiced their concerns about the missing yellow lines at Eythorne post office and Sandwich Road. Cllr Whitehead listed the reasons given by KCC Highways, none of which are acceptable. Cllr Wright also explained that the no right turn signage was also missing. It was suggested that as many people as possible log a complaint in relation to this on the KCC Highways portal.

01/138/24. Litter bins and open spaces

The litter / dog bin to be installed at the grass entrance to Tilmanstone Welfare ground on Adelaide Road, (but not on the car park entrance, but the one with the log in situ. **Action: Cllr Martin will forward the clerk a picture of the current bins in situ and the clerk will obtain quotes for a new bin.**

01/139/23. Councillors' items

Action: the clerk will take forward the email drafted by Cllr French to send to businesses in Pike Road. Cllr Luckhurst advised that a member of the public had approached him concerning the dangerous nature of the mobile home site on Barville Road. The member of the public was advised to report that matter to Planning Enforcement". Another Cllr had received correspondence from a local resident about the Street signs that are becoming dirty and need to be cleaned. Action: **The clerk will raise this with the handyman.**

01/140/24. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 February 2024, 6.30pm at Elvington Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date: _____

The Chairman: Cllr M Ledger

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until the Parish Council approves them at their next Parish Council meeting.