

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on 7 November 2022

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

Also present was one member of the public

Cllr Gilbert signed her acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk
Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from KCCllr Rich Lehmann (County Council business) and SBCllr David Simmons: apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 26 September 2022

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Payne reported that a local contractor is going to refurbish the notice board.

22/503098/FULL Address: Plantation House The Street Eastling Kent ME13 0AZ

Proposal: Erection of a detached outbuilding

Cllr Bailey reported that the application has been permitted.

To Appoint Representatives to External Bodies

i. KALC Swale Area Committee Representative

It was agreed that Cllr Bailey be the representative.

ii. Swale Borough Council Eastern Area Committee Representative

It was agreed that Cllr Bailey be the representative.

iii. Faversham Engagement Forum Representative

To be agreed when meeting arises.

iv. Village Hall Representative

It was agreed that Cllr Adams be the representative.

6. Public Time

No matters were raised.

7. Website

Cllr Bailey reported that there has been an 18% increase in usage of the village website.

8. Chairman's Report

Cllr Bailey reported that she had attended the KALC Swale Area Committee on 29 September, topics discussed included waste paper and dog bins in Faversham and play parks in Sittingbourne and Faversham. The KALC Annual General Meeting is on 19 November.

On fireworks night, some people raised concern regarding the defibrillator and that they did not feel comfortable to use it; they are on the Village Emergency Telephone System list and are concerned as to whether the right numbers are on it. There should not be ten people on a list as this takes too long.

Cllr West said the defibrillator gives instructions when in use.

Cllr Gilbert said that it should be accessible to everyone. People must dial 999 first in an emergency.

Cllr Adams said that the phone box would be the best place for the defibrillator and people have mentioned this. This is the case in other villages.

Cllr Gilbert thought there were advantages to locating the defibrillator at Alan Willson's house as he was able to ensure its maintenance.

Cllr Bailey said that it needs to be made clear to people what they should do.

ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA

9. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £11,392 in the bank account following the payment of last month's bills. Payments from two Parish Councils have been received in respect of a contribution towards the Clerks' Conference fees.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Newington Parish Council £27.83, being a share of the Local Council Administration publication.

Cllr Bailey thanked Cllr Payne for his report.

10. Planning Matters

No applications had been received.

11. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Bailey said the issue is regarding the SLOW signs on the road at the top of Newnham Lane.

ACTION Clerk to contact KCCllr Lehmann to help progress.

Cllr Adams said the Parish Highways Improvement Plan has been delivered.

Cllr Payne reported that there are issues with flooding in Otterden Lane. The issue is that the ponds has silted up.

ACTION: Cllr Adams to report.

12. Telephone Box

Cllr Bailey said a Christmas tree will be put in the phone box.

ACTION 1: Cllr Adams to source alternative tree.

ACTION 2: Cllr Bailey to liaise with expert help to connect the lights.

13. King's Coronation

Councillors to consider ideas for celebration/ commemoration of King Charles III's coronation.

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14. Correspondence

1. 29.09.22- NALC CEO bulletin
2. 30.09.22- KCC Environment briefing
3. 30.09.22- KCC Autumn Parish Seminars 2022

4. 05.10.22- Police & Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey 2022
5. 10.10.22- SBC: Launch of Eastern Area Committee funding scheme round two
6. 11.10.22- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Kettle Hill & Kettle Hill Road, Eastling - 2nd November 2022
7. 11.10.22- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Holbeam Road, Eastling - 25th October 2022
8. 13.10.22- Friends of Citizens Advice Swale newsletter
9. 13.10.22- NALC CEO bulletin
10. 13.10.22- KALC: Annual General Meeting - Saturday 19th November 2022
11. 14.10.22- KCC Highways: National Highways & Transport survey, closing date 28 Feb 2023
12. 14.10.22- KCC Highways: Forward Work Programme (Years 1 & 2)
13. 17.10.22- NALC CEO bulletin
14. 17.10.22- Helen Whatley MP- Roundtable discussion with MP and Swale Parish Councils in Faversham and Mid Kent
15. 24.10.22- NALC CEO bulletin
16. 24.10.22- Kent County Council: Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation, deadline 4 December 2022
17. 01.11.22- NALC CEO bulletin
18. 02.11.22- NALC Newsletter

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Payne asked if the meetings could be changed to a different evening.
It was agreed that they will be held on the third Monday of the month.

Date of next Meeting: 16 January 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.29pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 16 January 2023