

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6.30pm on Wednesday
11th March 2015 in Eastling Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence.

Present: Cllrs. Jimmy West, Peter Cheeseman, Julia Bailey, Helen Higgs, Alan Willson (Village Warden) and Jill Seaman (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrew Bowles and Nigel Bickerdike

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2015

The minutes were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

Footpaths - Cllr Cheeseman advised that some of the verges had been cut although the plants along the path had been destroyed. The foot path along from Tong was not useable. Cllr West had the report from Hugh Perks' meeting with Highways. The drains had been cleared as a result but were silted up again and flooded after heavy rain. Cllr West would speak to Hugh to see if he can get more action.

There had no response to the letter sent to Mr Hadley Polhill. The height of the leyandii trees had been lowered at Glebe Cottages. It was decided to check if more has been done by the next meeting.

4. Election

The clerk gave out the the Nomination Pack for Parish and Town Elections – 7 May 2015. These were duly completed and a pack delivered to John Payne and Nigel Bickerdike. The clerk would take these to Swale on 1st April 2015.

5. Village Warden's Report.

Alan Willson gave his report and advised that a trailer had been stolen at Churchfields. This was wanted after a ram raid and to transport the cash machine. It was noted that Doddington now has a defibrillator and has two new village wardens that it had not had before.

6. Chairman's Report

It was distributed and placed on record, a letter from the Kent Police Rural Team, with sincere thanks to the Eastling Parish Council warden Alan Willson for his help in supporting the Kent Rural Liaison Team during the past year. The information that Alan had provided along with his wholehearted dedication to preventing crimes has been invaluable when policing the Eastling area and surrounding parishes. As a result of information we have

been able to bring these who commit crime to account for their actions. His direct assistance has led to the seizure of numerous items of property, seizure of vehicles and arrests. The valuable information he provided could have been missed had it not been for his attention to detail and personal knowledge.

Cllr West had nothing further to report.

7. Treasurer's Report and precept.

The Treasurer advised that the balance on account at the end of February was £2795. Expenses for the clerk and village warden were required before the end of March. As Cllr Cheeseman would be resigning on before the election, he said that he would complete the Annual Return and the internal auditor to verify by 23rd April Annual Parish Meeting. There is a deadline to forward to the Audit Commission by 1st June 2015. It was agreed to donate £100 to the Kent Air Ambulance.

8. Planning Report.

There were no applications.

9. Correspondence

All correspondence was available to read.

10. Any Other Business

There was none raised.

11. Date of Next Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 8pm (following the Village Hall AGM). The Parish Council were supplying the 'nibbles'.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 7.20pm.

