

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held on Wednesday
10 January 2018 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Jimmy West (Chairman), Cllr Julia Bailey, Cllr Nigel Bickerdike and Cllr John Payne and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Cllr West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Andrew Bowles and from Ward Member Cllr Colin Prescott; apologies noted.

2. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Cllr West reported that following the resignation of Cllr Higgs, Swale Borough Council was informed and a notice placed on the notice board and on the website. There has been no call for an election so the Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Cllr West thanked Cllr Higgs for her long service to the Parish Council.

3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 22 November 2017.

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Eastling Road

Cllr West reported he had forwarded an email from a resident to the Farm Manager concerning the flooding on the z bend on the Eastling Road. The flooding is caused by a blocked drain. The Clerk informed Members she has contacted KCC again and Alistair Coleman, KCC Highways, has re-assigned the matter for further work.

Cllr West said he has written to KCCLr Bowles and is waiting for a response.

Cllr Bickerdike said there has been no recent work, the drains are only soakaways and as the fields are saturated the water has no where to go. The camber of the road is wrong and the water is unable to run away.

Village Website

Cllr West said he was unsure if the administration rights have been delegated.

Cllr Bailey said she has found a hard copy of the Village Statement and the webmaster think he can take a photo of the photos to add to the website.

Garden by Village Sign

Cllr West informed Members that Mrs Higgs has agreed to prune the roses. The area behind will need to be cut back.

Cllr Payne said he has contacted Mr Swatland about the area and he will inform Mrs Higgs when he maintains the area.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for discussion. The Clerk will maintain a list of correspondence received between meetings.

7. Report from Village Warden

The Village Warden was unable to attend due to an earlier commitment and had nothing to report as Village Warden. There was no Neighbourhood Watch report as it has been very quiet over the Christmas period.

8. Website

Cllr West reported the Parish Council website was up to date.
The Village website has been covered earlier in the meeting.

9. Farm Manager's Report

Cllr Payne said the Farm Manager has raised concern about the flooding on the z bend in Eastling Road, the field on the left-hand side is lower than the right.

10. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

11. Chairman's Report

Cllr West asked whether the Council wanted to enter the South East in Bloom competition.

Cllr Bailey said most gardens cannot be seen from the road.

It was agreed not to participate in the competition.

Cllr West said the new notice board needs to be installed.

Cllr Payne said Mr Swatland has agreed to install the notice board and there are volunteers available to help as well.

12. Finance

i) Finance Report

The latest finance report having been previously circulated did not give rise to any queries and were duly noted.

ii) To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Arien Signs £936.00 plus £187.20 VAT, total £1,123.20 for the notice board by bank transfer.

iii) To consider budget 2018-19

Councillors considered the budget and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to a precept of £5137.00, equivalent to £35.00 per band D property, the same as the current year.

13. Planning Matters

i) Ref: 17/506152/FULL

Address: 2 Kettle Hill Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0BB

Proposal: Erection of a single storey front extension.

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposals.

14. KALC Community Awards 2018

Councillors agreed the wording for the citation on the certificate.

ACTION 1: Cllr Bailey to inform residents of the presentation.

ACTION 2: Cllr Bailey to purchase suitable gift for the recipient.

15. Rural Buses

Cllr West reported the County Councillor has indicated the proposed bus cuts will not affect the parish. Route 660 is vital to the village especially for the elderly.

Cllr Bailey said that Ospringe Parish Council has invited the Council to submit a joint response. Eastling parish Council should submit a holding response.

ACTION: Cllr Bailey to draft and circulate to Members a response to be submitted to Ospringe Parish Council and Kent County Council.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr Payne said the General Data Protection Regulations legislation needs to be considered at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 21 March 2018 at Eastling Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.38pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman
21 March 2018