

MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY WEDNESDAY 11th November 2020

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Millard, Cllr Morgan-Lovett and Cllr Whitehead. Invite with an opportunity to send a report to: KCC Cllr Lymer, DDC Cllr's Keen, Walker and Woodgate and Community Warden Julliette West. Also, C Vincent, Clerk Community Warden Julliette West and Stacey Clark (DDC). 1 Member of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Hansell, unable to attend.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Ledger and Cllr C Ledger both declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda for planning application **DOV/20/00833**, the applicant is a relative.

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 10 OCTOBER 2020 MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr C Ledger and carried. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Report from Community Warden Julliette West

Fuel thefts. (HGVS)

Theft of tools from vehicle

Theft of tools from shed

Theft of property from caravan

Power cables bought down by transporter vehicle

Emergency call out for power networks to make area and cable safe and restore power

Fly tips reported

Local minor flooding in Monkton Court Lane

Complaints raised reference a local business taking up multiple parking spaces along the road which frequently restricts the residents from Parking nearby their homes

Visited local businesses for discussion

Checked the relevant area for any enforceable parking restrictions around the location

Complaints raised ref noise and nuisance fireworks

Multiple complaints received reference fireworks causing distress to animals

Complaints raised ref nuisance bonfire smoke

Some cases of avian flu have been noted in the Deal district, so farmers and poultry owners are asked to maintain vigilance

Welfare checks and individual welfare cases

Community project work

With reference to the second wave 'lockdown' situation if any residents are struggling to make ends meet with food supplies or have limited support networks for collecting shopping etc, please call or email me and I will do what I can to help.

Cllr Millard asked Julliette how the Community Supermarket was progressing? Julliette said they are currently waiting for the bank account to be available before it can progress any further and would welcome funding from the Parish Council.

Report from Geoff Lymer KCC

One issue I wish to raise is the Customs Declaration System lorry park that is planned to be constructed behind to the east of the B&Q store on the White cliffs business park.

Whitfield Dover. To give you an idea of the dimensions of this lorry park if you go west from the B&Q store situated on the White Cliff enterprise zone to Whitfield roundabout, that area of land which takes in Tescos, DDC offices and all commercial buildings back to Lidl's and B&Q will fit into the proposed lorry park around two and a half times. The Old Roman Road running towards Eythorne between Whitfield and Guston will disappear under concrete along with the White Cliffs trail and North Downs Way. The south side of villages such as Guston, Pineham, Whitfield during

the hours of dusk to dawn will be subjected to daylight bright lighting as found within the Port of Dover so the lorry park will be enveloped by daylight type lighting 24/7 x 365 days a year.

This will be detrimental to the health & well-being of people residing near the proposed site with an increase in noise levels caused by the revving of HGV engines on cold start up, where they will run at higher revs to operate the brake air pumps to replenish the HGVs air tanks. There will be the continually hissing of air brakes, the continual noise from the refrigerated units motors and the extra pollution created by the concentration of diesel engine powered HGVs. Depending upon the direction of winds throughout the year will depend upon how much additional pollution the villages of Eythorne and Elvington will receive.

This site may well receive HGVs arriving at the Eurotunnel Cheriton, Folkestone, being diverted over to the Dover Whitfield site. This will give our villages a repeat of the foreign HGV mayhem as they attempt to take short cuts across our countryside relying upon mobile phone satellite navigation systems that are intended simply for light vehicles such as cars and vans, because these sat nav apps do not include bridge height restrictions, weight restrictions, width restrictions etc, which HGV systems include.

To ensure we do not end up metaphorically speaking having our house standing at the end of a runway to an international airport, could I invite as many of you as possible to write to your Tory MP Natalie Elphicke on natalie.elphicke.mp@parliament.uk to give your objections to the project.

Action: Members advised to write to the local MP as above.

5. PRESENTATION BY DDC OFFICER STACEY CLARK

Stacey is the Community Development Officer for Elvington and started the role just before lockdown, which has proved difficult for her with so many groups not meeting due to COVID. During lockdown Stacey was involved with the DDC Community Hub to help vulnerable people and over the summer was able to go back out into the community. Stacey has now managed to meet with various people and has been looking at projects that will help residents by writing a report/plan for Elvington. Working alongside the Community Warden, a Community Supermarket is in the process of being set up. As soon as the bank account is ready, further funding can be sought and will be up and running from the Elvington Community Centre.

There had been an increase in graffiti within the area and Stacey had set up a graffiti cleaning event but sadly due to another lockdown this had to be cancelled, this will go ahead at a later date.

Due to the second lockdown Stacey is now back in the Community Hub and said if any residents need help with shopping or prescriptions to refer them to the Community Hub at DDC.

Stacey said if anyone requires project funding to please contact her.

6. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no questions put forward from the public.

7. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Whitehead, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, unanimously carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Payment Type	Amount
C Vincent	Bank Transfer	£1349.80
S Thomson	SO	£687.70
Idverde	Grass Cutting	£65.98

7.a) Community Supermarket Donation

Cllr Whitehead felt we should support the Community Supermarket to help residents and suggested we should donate £250 which is within the budget. Cllr Millard felt it should just be £100 in case other organisations need funding. Members discussed a compromise and suggested the £200 originally requested by our Community Warden.

Resolved: Cllr Whitehead proposed a donation of £200 to the Community Supermarket project, this was seconded by Cllr Butcher and unanimously agreed.

7.b) Quarterly Accounts – to receive the 2nd quarter accounts April to 30th September 2020. The quarterly accounts were circulated to members, the Clerk reported that all budgets were very much on target and no major issues.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

Cllr M Ledger and Cllr C Ledger both left the meeting during this item.

DOV/20/00833, Land to The North West Of Eythorne Station, Shooters Hill, Eythorne, Outline application for the erection of up to 11 dwellings (appearance, landscaping and scale to be reserved).

Cllr Whitehead reported to members that DDC had received a lot of objections for this application and listed the main objections. These included:

- Land is too close to the level crossing and the Whitehorse Crossroads
- The bus stops are too close by and there is not anywhere to move them
- Lack of parking
- This is open land and should not be developed as it is a greenfield site
- Out of the village confines

A resident was also present at the meeting who also strongly objected to the application with similar views and was concerned for the wildlife in this area.

Resolved: Cllr Butcher proposed to object against this application, Cllr Whitehead seconded, and members unanimously agreed.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 10 October 2020 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

1. The Community Centre Committee have confirmed the defibrillator installation at the front of the building.

2. A sign has been arranged to be placed at along the footpath off of Kennel Hill EE401A and EE401B into the Waldershare estate as previously mentioned at the August meeting and said it is very dangerous due to crossing Kennel Hill where traffic speeds at 60mph with no footpath which then leads down some very steep unsafe steps.

3. Cllr Millard asked if the unsafe steps had been dealt with yet by KCC, the Clerk replied that she had contacted the Officer at KCC who said this had been dealt with but it doesn't appear to have been done. **Action: The Clerk to chase up.**

4. Cllr Millard also asked about the ownership of Willow Waye, the Clerk replied that information had come back, and the Clerk needs to re submit the enquiry. **Action: The Clerk to arrange the enquiry.**

5. Cllr Millard asked Cllr Butcher is she had managed to find out about the Speedwatch data, Cllr Butcher said she will report back.

Action: Cllr Butcher to contact the Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

6. Cllr Millard spoke about the posters with the 30mph speed limit and warning drivers to slow down, Cllr Millard is happy to put these up, but he was told only individuals can put these up and not organisations.

Action: The Clerk to add this item will be added to the December meeting.

10. ALLOTMENTS – Water containers/tenant's update

The Clerk reported that plot number 11 has now been filled, leaving just plot 2 vacant.

Cllr Millard has contacted Envirograf who have 3 water containers available and can earmark another 7, these will be delivered to Cllr Ledger.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – to discuss setting up a committee

Cllr Millard asked members if a committee could be set up and for the members to walk the pathways every few months to ensure they stay open and to have a map/list of all the pathways.

Cllr Whitehead said she was happy to walk on the pathways and she does this regularly.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett said DDC had recently asked the public to keep a list of any overgrown pathways and to report to DDC.

Cllr Millard suggested to have this as a regular item on the agenda every other month or so.

Action: The Clerk to see if there is already a map at the office and a list. To add this item to the December meeting.

12. KCC HIGHWAYS – Pike Road, Wigmore Road and Eythorne Roundabout

Cllr Whitehead reported that the Wigmore Lane project had come to a stand still at the moment due to waiting to hear from KCC.

Cllr Whitehead and the Clerk attended a virtual meeting for Pike Road today 11th November with KCC, DDC and Tilmanstone PC to discuss the on-going issues at Pike Road with HGV parking. It was a very positive meeting and KCC are looking at placing double yellow lines, but the downside is there is no funding available and it will be down to the Parish Council to fund. It was suggested to ask the businesses help to contribute towards this. Also, KCC said we could link this project to the Eythorne roundabout project to save costs. The Clerk will circulate to members the notes taken from the virtual meeting.

The Clerk circulated costings for Eythorne Roundabout parking improvement scheme from Cllr Whitehead for members to look at and provide any comments. Cllr Millard felt the costs were very expensive, but Cllr Whitehead said KCC will fund part of this project. It was still felt this work is a safety issue and didn't feel it should be down to the Parish Council to fund. Members suggested seeking advice from Cllr Lymer and Cllr Keen.

Action: The Clerk to contact Cllr Lymer and Cllr Keen for any help or advice due to the safety aspect as to whether we should be funding this.

13. WILDLIFE AREA

A site visit was due to be arranged with Kent Wildlife Trust but due to lockdown this could not happen. Cllr M Ledger said the lady who would like to arrange the wildlife garden has contacted residents in the area and everyone was happy for this to go ahead and that perhaps we contact the lady to make a start.

Action: It was unanimously agreed for the Clerk to contact the resident to make a start with the wildlife area.

14. THE HANDYMAN'S VEHICLE – to discuss vehicle use for his work

Cllr Millard asked if we should supply the handyman with a vehicle due to his own needing to be replaced and he uses this for work purposes.

Members showed concerns over this due to the costs involved and regular running costs which the Parish Council can not afford. Other parish councils do not seem to provide work vehicles and do as we do with paying petrol expenses, only larger Town Councils provide a vehicle. The Clerk was asked if it was in the Handyman's contract to supply a vehicle, the Clerk replied no just that mileage expenses are paid.

There were suggestions of hiring a vehicle, having a trailer or buy our own grass cutter. Members felt that this should be revisited.

Action: The Clerk to speak to Stuart and to revisit this item again.

15. THE PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT

The Clerk reported that the inspections had been completed and there were no high or urgent issues to attend to at this time.

16. BUS SHELTER AT MILNER ROAD

Cllr Millard said he had arranged 2 quotes from JEB Welding for galvanized steel panels at a cost of £368 or to replace all panels within the shelter at a cost of £631 and a peep hole at head height could be added for people to see the buses coming for an additional £40.

Members discussed the options available or whether to just leave as it is for now.

Resolved: Cllr M Ledger proposed to leave the bus shelter as it is for now, Cllr Morgan-Lovett seconded, and members unanimously agreed.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk received notification from Electoral Services that we may proceed with the Co-option to replace Cllr Pat Wiles.

An email has been received from the Clerk at Nonington asking for members thoughts on the

HELAA proposals for our area? If we are in favour of the sites identified for housing or do, we have actions planned against them?

Action: Clerk to respond to Nonington and suggest a Zoom meeting with other parishes and a DDC Officer once further information has been received from DDC about the Local Plan.

A complaint had been received by residents of parking outside a business along Sandwich Road causing issues to residents. This was reported to our Community Warden who has spoken to the owner regarding this and the residents have been informed.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

A question was raised as to why the local newsletter had stopped? This was due to the difficulty of the group getting together due to COVID and not having any advertisers which pays for the costs of the magazine. Members suggested a joint magazine with the church.

Action: The Clerk to add this to the December meeting.

Cllr Millard asked for a copy of the Handyman's job description to be circulated.

Action: The Clerk to forward on a copy.

19. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CLERKS CONTRACT

The minutes for this item are on confidential papers as part of the closed meeting.

Resolved: It was agreed that all members were happy for the Clerk to carry on, which the Clerk agreed to.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.