



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

on 9th February 2022 at 6.30 pm, Elvington Community Centre. Eythorne.

Present: Cllr M Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Meehan, Cllr David Millard, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Whitehead (Vice Chair) and Cllr Wright.

Also, present Caroline Vincent (Clerk to Eythorne Council), Juliet West (Community Warden), PCSO Emma Carmichael, KCC Cllr David Beaney and DDC Cllr Charles Woodgate.

2/1/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

2/2/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Paulette Butcher declared an interest in item 8 on Planning application 21/01923, this is her property.

2/3/22. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 12th January were circulated to members.

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

2/4/22. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk circulated the actions to all members prior to the meeting, actions completed as follows:

- Planning comments made on the DDC portal.
- Community Warden contacted for further information on recent dog attacks, unable to disclose due to GDPR.
- PROW near Pike Road previously reported due to rubbish and barb wire has been chased.
- Objections to Eythorne roundabout yellow lines have been passed to KCC Highways.
- KCC Highways contacted to amend the 20 mph project and costs have now been received ready to agree.
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- Costs of a heavy-duty laminator have been found between £300 to £700.
- Precept agreement form has been sent to DDC, keeping the precept the same as the previous year.

The Clerk commented the quote for a night vision camera was still outstanding.

Cllr M Ledger said the MUGA switch had been fixed and the defibrillator box has been fixed to the community centre wall near the entrance.

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2/5/22. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Report by Community Warden Juliet West

Some of the issues I have dealt with over the last few weeks.

- Bonfires/smoke issues
- Fly tipping
- Litter
- Dog fouling
- Noise nuisance
- parking/parking obstructions
- Theft/theft from vehicles
- Straying animals
- Welfare/ Individual welfare issues
- Multiple referrals to other partner agencies
- Deal food bank are hoping to bring the food bank bus out to Elvington on a weekly basis and are currently liaising with the community centre to set up an appropriate time and day.
- Another successful Let's Eat lunch afternoon was enjoyed by the residents with 23 people in attendance.
- Kath from the pop-up cafe; rural Kent is hoping to bring the pop up to Elvington to offer free tea, coffee, cake and Information to the residents and is currently liaising with the community centre.

Juliet met with DDC officers and the PCSO to discuss local dog issues in the area and a dog event is being arranged in March.

Cllr Butcher asked if further details were able to be given on the dog on dog attack as she had heard a rumour a dog had died, the PCSO/Community Warden replied they can't comment on individual cases but she was not aware of any dog being killed, there are no laws on dog on dog attacks.

PCSO Emma Carmichael

- Dog Issues
- Bikes on the pit, 5 calls received in total this year, advised residents to report these incidents via 101 for the police to be able to monitor
- RTC on Barville Road
- Stolen van re-appeared that was stolen last November.
- NHS COVID passport fraud in Eythorne
- Advised of My Community Voice where the public can find information and keep in touch with their local policing team www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Report received from Cllr Linda Keen (DDC)

Cllr Keen sent in her apologies and provided the following report:

Local Plan

Unfortunately, the likely date for the second public consultation on the revised local plan (amended following the first public consultation) has now been put back until March/April because of issues which still need resolution with National Highways and Natural England.

Car parking on pavements, footways and grassy area

This Involves work with KCC on issuing Traffic Regulation Orders in selected (by DDC in response to local requests) problem areas. Have asked for information/report for next meeting on how DDC can approach this – complicated by the fact that central government may be about to change the law to give district councils more powers over this – will pursue further.

Cycling

Cash is being applied for from government fund Active Transport Fund to improve existing cycle routes – see attached strategies on cycling, although there are currently no plans for these routes –

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no cash. But overwhelming need for MORE routes... Apparently Dover is a HUB for the South Downs Cycle Route – need to find out what this actually means – have asked for details for next meeting.
EV charging – 16 locations currently live – have asked for more details and progress.

Cllr Charles Woodgate (DDC)

Cllr Woodgate said he didn't really have anything to report but came along to keep in touch with local issues and reminded us all he is on the Planning Committee at DDC and to please contact him if we have any issues.

Cllr David Beaney (KCC)

Cllr Beaney reported on the following:

- KCC Budget time and a full council meeting is tomorrow, there is a shortfall of around 40 million pounds, concerns over what cuts will be made.
- Consultation on household waste facilities ended and bookable appointments will continue including the Whitfield site.
- Cllr Beaney was invited to the Dover Transport Museum, which is re-opening, recommended the museum for visiting.
- Voucher fuel scheme to help people with fuel costs, there is a criterion involved to qualify.
- Local Plan final consultation will be due soon
- The Border facility application has been out back in.

Cllr Beaney spoke about his members grant funding to local communities and said please contact him if funding is required to help locally, he was happy to report he would like to offer us £800 towards our Highway Improvement Plan projects.

Cllr Whitehead thanked Cllr Beaney for his support with funding, which will help EPC a great deal to achieve the current HIP projects.

2/6/22. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

One resident in attendance had the following concerns:

- Churchill tree in The Meadow, is in a bad way and asked if anyone maintains the tree?
Members explained this is on private property and is the responsibility of the owner, Cllr M Ledger will contact them.
- Concerned over parking at the old White Horse pub with parking.
This is a query for DDC Planning and advised to contact them with his concerns.
- Concerns over Ovendens recycling centre with what is being recycled there and what is the huge spoil pile for?
Action: The Clerk will contact Ovendens for clarification.
- Elmtan Lane Pumping Station, concerns over the ongoing raw sewage issue pouring into the local field.
Action: The Clerk will contact Southern Water to find out what is being done to prevent this.
Juliet West left the meeting.

2/7/22. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

- a) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation, circulated prior to the meeting: The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr Millard, unanimously carried.

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Finance Report December/January 2021 Payments		
Payee	Payment Type	Amount £
C Vincent	January Salary	1269.59
S Thomson	January Salary	601.80
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
Lloyds Bank	CC monthly fee	3.00
S Thomson	Expenses January	46.14
Lloyds Bank/Fastmail	Email Subs	40.72
St Johns Ambulance	Defib Pads	119.93
Scribe	Accountancy annual subs	345.60

2/8/22. PLANNING

Applications:

21/01923, Elvington House, Church Hill, Eythorne CT15 4AG, Erection of an outbuilding. Expires 18.02.22.

Resolved: Members had no objections to this application.

Decisions:

No decided applications have been received this month.

Appeal:

APP/X2220/W/21/3278274, Yew Tree House, Back Road, Barfrestone, Erection of a detached double garage with solar panels, shed, access gates and retaining wall (existing garage to be demolished, trees to be removed).

No action is required, this is for our information only.

Cllr Whitehead spoke to Cllrs Beaney and Woodgate about planning applications that we receive and how it is felt our comments appear to be ignored and despite an application receiving several objections it doesn't go to committee. Also that a lot of retrospective applications are received continually for the same applicant and is there anything we can do?

Cllr Beaney explained the planning process and urged us to let our ward member Cllr Woodgate know as he can call in an application to committee as well as concerns over retrospective applications, this was echoed by Cllr Woodgate.

Cllrs Beaney and Woodgate left the meeting.

2/9/22. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk explained that no correspondence received this month requires any decisions.

2/10/22. COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Cllr Meehan explained that due to COVID and Rev Sheffield being away a meeting has not yet taken place to discuss the community magazine but is hoping to meet with him next week.

Action: Add this item to the next meeting.

2/11/22. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Meehan reported that the gate to the allotment has now been fixed and an invoice will follow. Cllr Millard mentioned there is no longer a padlock on the gate which is needed and for the gate to be closed properly.

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Action: The Clerk will ask Stuart if he knows the location of the padlock and will inform all allotment tenants to close the gate and lock it once the padlock is back on. If required all members agreed to purchasing a new padlock.

2/12/22. PROW

Cllr Meehan has the PROW maps and will try to scan to create a leaflet of the footpaths in the area. Cllr Millard asked if he could receive the PROW list.

Action: The Clerk to forward on the spreadsheet to Cllr Millard.

2/13/22. MEMORIAL/BEACON EVENT

The lighting of the beacon for the Queen's Jubilee is taking place on the 2nd June this year with the beacon to be lit at 9.45pm. Cllr Whitehead suggested we find someone to play the unique Bugle Call 'Majesty' at 9.40pm. Cllr Millard mentioned someone from the local band to play on the evening.

Action: The Clerk to contact Sean Sheffield for a bugle player.

The memorial for Barbara Danson was suggested to take place the weekend before the Queen's Jubilee and to invite her family.

Action: Clerk to contact the Danson family.

Action: Clerk to ask Stuart to put up the plaques.

2/14/22. HIP UPDATE

Updated costs were circulated to all members for the cost of the 20mph project which is £1,673.08.

Resolved: Cllr Meehan proposed to accept the updated cost of the 20MPH HIP project, seconded by Cllr Wright and all agreed.

An updated design for Eythorne roundabout was also circulated with notes from the meeting held yesterday with KCC Highways. The design is more accommodating to everyone to ensure no parking spaces are lost.

Resolved: Cllr Whitehead proposed to accept the amended design for Eythorne roundabout, seconded by Cllr Millard and all agreed.

2/15/22. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk spoke to members about where to hold the meetings from April due to the Resource Centre no longer being available. Elvington Community Centre have asked if we will require use of the hall from April.

Resolved: Members agreed to continue at Elvington Community Centre this year and investigate again for next year.

Action: The Clerk to book the hall for the rest of the year at Elvington Community Centre.

Cllr Millard asked if we have been contacted to book in the work to tarmac the path leading to Eythorne Playing Field.

Action: The Clerk to contact the contractor to arrange a date for the works.

Cllr Millard also mentioned the gate to the children's play area not auto closing which is a safety issue and asked if Cllr Meehan's contractor who fixed the allotment gates could look at this along with the broken slats adjacent to the gate.

Action: Cllr Meehan to arrange for his contractor to have a look at the gate and provide a quote.

Cllr Whitehead thanked Cllr Wright for attending the local area KALC meeting recently and for providing notes.

2/16/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 6.30pm.

All were in agreement for 9th March 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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