

# **Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019, 7.00PM**

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## **1. WELCOME BY CHAIR**

Cllr Ledger welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.  
Apologies were given from DDC Cllrs Walker and Woodgate.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018**

Minutes were agreed as a true record proposed Paul Boiston, seconded John Lovett carried with a show of hands. The Chair signed the minutes for the records.

## **5. REPORTS FROM KENT COUNTY AND DOVER DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

DDC Cllr Linda Keen introduced herself; she has lived in East Kent since the 1970's and been a Councillor for Aylesham for the last 12 years. Linda is looking forward to receiving enquiries from Eythorne residents and deals with a multitude of issues including footpaths, speeding, potholes, planning and housing. Linda said she will 'nag' DDC departments for answers and results. DDC Cllr Keen left the meeting at 7.10pm.

KCC Cllr Geoff Lymer reported that he has 14 parishes in his Ward and works out of Maidstone. Recently Geoff has been working on reducing pollution in the area and liaising with the French over traffic delays following Brexit. Geoff works with start-up companies in Kent and Medway helping with business plans. New businesses pay business rates and if they expand there are employment opportunities. Another venture Geoff is involved with looks at differences between French and UK medicine to share knowledge. He has had a successful bid for funding from Northern Europe to research into diabetes, dementia and Alzheimer. KCC Cllr Geoff Lymer left the meeting at 7.20pm.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS**

Iona Dubieniec from White Cliffs Countryside Partnership

Iona said the WCCP is 30 years old and based at Dover District Council offices although they have partnerships all over Kent. They mainly look after chalk grassland which is rarer than pandas. They organise walks and have many volunteering roles. Locally there is a Miners Way Trail walk that runs every Tuesday and a walk that ends in Shepherdswell in the pub. WCCP look after rare butterflies, the river Dour, Fort Burgoyne, areas in Hythe, Samphire Hoe to name a few, where they are clearing the natural and military heritage.

Andrew Bigginton from Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Andrew has worked for the KFRS for 25 years and it has evolved to a customer focused service. There have been 44 safe and well-being visits in Eythorne in 2018-2019. They help with things like equipment, fire retardant sprays, switches and locks, fire alarms and also refer people to other services as well. Every fire station now has a defibrillator located on site and they are currently recruiting on-call fire fighters. Andrew had a number of leaflets and local open days to share.

A question and answer session followed regarding types of fire engine, the armed forces network, fire hazards locally, how to apply for safe and well-being equipment for neighbours, innovations in fire safety equipment used by fire fighters and the fire hydrant scheme.

Iona Dubieniec left the meeting at 7.40pm

## **4. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY WARDEN**

None submitted.

## **6. PROVISIONAL FINANCE REPORT**

S Collins took the meeting through the end of year bank reconciliation 2018-2019.

## **7. CHAIRMAN OF PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT**

Cllr Ledger gave a brief outline of all the work the Parish Council has completed this year:

- The Battles over Campaign was very successful, a beacon was erected at the East Kent Railway for the lighting ceremony in the evening. Thanks to Paul Boiston, John Danson and Eythorne Builders for their help with this project.
- Eythorne Playing Field had a new toddler climbing frame installed for our younger members of the community and five aside football pitch for the older youth.
- A new Miners Way panel has replaced the old one at the top of Adelaide Road.
- A Speed Indicator Device to show drivers their speed has been consulted on and purchased. There will be 3 locations around the Parish on Adelaide Road, Chapel Hill and Sandwich Road where the device will be located. These roads have been highlighted as speeding hotspots by the Speed Watch Group.
- Allotments continue to be worked on, the ground has been levelled and the plots are being marked out.
- Wigmore Lane footpath project is ongoing. A consultant has been hired and a plan decided. A traffic count and several surveys have also been completed. Discussions with KCC have begun.

Cllr Ledger thanked the Clerk for her ongoing work and the Parish Councillors for their continued commitment and support.

## **8. RESOLUTIONS – IF ANY SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY 10TH MAY**

None submitted.

## **9. ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH**

None.

Chair thanked everyone for attending with special thanks to the speakers, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.