

Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 10 July 2019, 6.30PM

Eythorne Resource Centre, Barfreestone Road, Eythorne

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr Hansell, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Wiles, DDC Cllr's Keen and Woodgate and 8 members of the public. Cllr Millard and KCC Cllr Lymer (from middle of item 5). Also in attendance S Collins clerk.

Apologies

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 12 JUNE 2019

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

4. APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Following a vote by ballot, the application made by Marjorie Ovenden was unsuccessful.

5. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Julliette West gave the following report of the issues she has been dealing with:

Anti-social behaviour, overgrown hedges on Monkton Court Lane; the land owner was contacted, door step sellers and charity collectors, phone and computer (email) scams including National Insurance, HMRC and TV licencing. Criminal damage at Tilmanstone bowls and welfare club. Noise nuisance of early morning machinery, smoke nuisance, parking issues and neighbour dispute. Funding and grants research, litter and dog fouling complaints. Speeding and careless driving complaints, also thefts from lorries.

Cllr Wiles asked about hedge cutting – Julliette said the height is not usually an issues but if a hedge grows over a footpath or highway, then she can request it is cut back. Cllr Ledger said farmers are allowed to cut hedges from 1 September after all nesting birds have fledged.

Cllr Millard arrived at 6.40pm

Cllr Morgan-Lovett said she is looking at funding opportunities from the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and Julliette shared some leaflets with information about funding streams.

DDC Cllr Keen gave the following report:

- i. She is getting to know the Ward and attended the lunch last month at the Resource Centre.
- ii. Following a complaint regarding Pike Road HGV parking, Cllr Keen has emailed KCC and Cllr Lymer.
- iii. The draft Local Plan consultation document has been published with 3 options for rural and urban developments which Cllr Keen ran through. She is happy to take forward any representations made by the Parishes and will send through any information through the summer.

Cllr Wiles asked about the Richmond Park development in Whitfield which has fallen significantly behind schedule due to viability and infrastructure issues. DDC Cllr Woodgate said this could be whether the development is economically viable, but any discussion on potential reasons would be speculation.

KCC Cllr Lymer arrived at 6.45pm

DDC Cllr Woodgate reiterated what Cllr Keen had said about getting to know the area and any local concerns and that their door is always open.

KCC Cllr Lymer apologised for his lateness. He then spoke about parking issues on Pike Lane, saying he is exploring a design of the road side which makes it impossible for HGV's to park there, which would be self-enforcing, however KCC are worried about damage to vehicle claims. He is also

exploring with Kent Police the option of having a car that polices the villages in the evenings/night giving out fines for HGV fly parking for example and then moving onto the next village. Cllr Morgan-Lovett explained about the issues with damaged kerb stones and verges on Pike Road and illegally leaving trailers unattached to cabs, as well as how Bakkavor is being affected. Cllr Lymer said yellow lines in rural areas do not look particularly nice, so is looking at alternative ideas. DDC Cllr Keen said there have been similar issues in Aylesham on Cooting Road, the double yellow lines come into force overnight to stop HGV fly parking. DDC enforcement have come out and issued fines. Julliette West said it would be an idea to look at statistics on thefts from lorries. A member of the public said if the HGVs' were clamped and there was an on the spot fine of £300, like in Ashford, the fines would pay for the enforcement officer.

Julliette West and KCC Cllr Lymer left the meeting at 7.00pm
Cllr Whitehead said Kelly Garrett has agreed yellow lines on Pike Road, but the businesses wanted a clear way which was declined.

6. GUEST SPEAKER DOMINIC MEEHAN FROM WOODPECKER COURT

Dom started Woodpecker Court in 2015 as an Alternative Education Centre to engage with pre and post 16 children who struggle with mainstream education. These children spend 50% of their time outside and 50% of their time inside the classroom, courses include Catering and Enterprise qualifications. This year 18 post 16 learners left with them all going on to Education, Employment or Training with improved levels in English and Maths.

Dom also explained about his Community Interest Company where the Young People work with East Kent Railway in Shepherdswell and Tilmanstone Welfare Club. On the Welfare grounds, they are currently setting up 4 paddocks for animals which will allow for the young people to complete courses in animal welfare from September which fills a gap left by Hadlow College in the area. 3 youth from Adelaide Road will be helping to set up the paddocks over the summer holidays.

The purchase of Wigmore Woods was made recently by Dominic at auction when he bid against 2 developers to secure the woods. Dom assured the meeting that it will not be developed but kept as a wood which the community can continue to use. Dom wants to set up a forest school in the woods with mobile classrooms. The woods need clearing with many trees taken down or made safe. The woods will be maintained, sustained, retained and loved. Cllr Butcher asked about covenants on the woods to stop development, and was told one already existed but they can be removed during a planning application.

Cllr Butcher also asked about the Welfare Land. Dom said they have a one year licence to graze animals which needs to be extended. The land belongs to Tilmanstone Welfare and the sports pitches will not be touched.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked about funding, Dom said his is from KCC, grants, contracts with schools and NEET reduction money but that it is not statutory funding.

Dominic said he is proud to be involved in the Wigmore Footpath project and if anyone has any gravel for the driveway to the Education Centre he would gratefully receive it, as the 200m driveway is being eroded by the taxi's which bring the children to the school daily. Dom also mentioned that the driveway has a 300 year old badger sett running for 100m within the bank.

Some of the public asked about speeding on the roadway down to Tilmanstone Welfare and if the entrance could be gated again.

Cllr Ledger thanked Dominic for speaking and Cllr Whitehead expressed thanks from the Parish Council and the local residents for saving the woods from potential developers and keeping it open for the community.

Dominic Meehan, DDC Cllrs Keen and Woodgate left the meeting at 7.30pm

7. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

i. A member of the public asked about the bus stop which still has not been moved from behind the disabled parking bays to opposite the school entrance to stop cars parking on the bend. It was agreed to put highways issues on Adelaide Road on the September agenda.

ii. A member of the public reported that they had a youth scare them in their home by opening their door and then coming back to bang loudly on the front door before running off. Juliette West had advised reporting via 101.

iii. A member of the public asked about overgrown hedges and verges on Barfreestone Road. Cllr Ledger said the roadsides are being cleared by farmers at present. S Collin said highways works can be tracked on the KCC website. The lights on Adelaide Road which are not working were asked about these been reported, and will be tracked.

vi. A member of the public said the gate on the allotment does not fit properly. S Collins said the work has not been finished.

4 members of the public left the meeting at 7.40pm

8. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded Cllr Wiles and carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Cheque number	Amount
Idverde Ltd (paid 12 June 2019)	300704	£63.95
Mr D Brown	300705	£75.00
Mr D Millard	300706	£25.20
Rhino Plant Hire	300707	£136.80
B Young Grounds Maintenance	300708	£96.00
S Thomson	300709	£629.12
S Collins	300710	£1,283.86
KCC Kent Pension Fund	300711	£291.07
Mr DM Ledger	300712	£28.50
Playsafe Playgrounds Limited	300713	£1,482.60
HMRC	DD	£943.57

Q1 budget check does not show any overspends at present.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

i. DOV/19/00585 – Erection of a 2 storey side extension (existing garage to be demolished) – 1 Willow Waye, Eythorne Ct15 4DB – the Councillors agreed to object on the grounds of over development of the site. The extension will be over bearing and there are concerns over loss of privacy and light to 15 Rose Gardens.

Decisions:

i. DOV19/00514 - Erection of a single storey industrial shed (retrospective) – Envirograf House, Pie Factory Road, Barfreestone CT15 7JG – granted 19 June 2019

ii. DOV/19/00192 - Erection of single storey rear conservatory, side porch roof, insertion of 2 windows, new front porch opening, 2 rooflights and extension to existing garage (existing conservatory to be demolished) – 1 Barfreestone Court Cottages, Barfreestone Road, Barfreestone CT15 7JJ – granted 24

June 2019

iii. DOV/19/00083 - Erection of five dwellings, construction of access and associated parking and landscaping - Land North of 8 Sunnybank, Adelaide Road, Eythorne – granted 28 June 2019

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 10 JUNE 2019 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

S Collins gave the following updates:

- i. Bench at Elvington has been installed
- ii. Play equipment for Elvington has been ordered and resurface of wet pour under Eythorne swings has been agreed and 50% deposit to be paid.
- iii. Allotment fencing has been started but adjustments on the gate are required.
- iv. The Tommy Soldier on the roundabout has been installed
- v. The big Speed Indicator Device has been handed over by KCC, insurance has been informed, no additional payment for this year
- vi. A new allotment holder from the waiting list is the TotsRUs preschool
- vii. VAT rebate has been paid
- viii. Awaiting 2 quotes for CCTV installation and MUGA lights replacement
- ix. A reply from KCC regarding a post to house the big SID on The Street has been received.
- x. A resident asked about the adopt a red box scheme, but unfortunately BT do not move boxes and as Eythorne does not have one, the PC cannot apply to adopt it.

Cllr Millard showed concern that a number of the allotments are not being worked on. Cllr Morgan-Lovett said she has secured 2 1000litre containers from Envirograf for water collection at the allotments. Once the gate has been finished, a combination lock is needed for the chain, S Thomson will purchase the lock.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

None.

12. FENCE AROUND ROSE GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS TO ROUNDABOUT

Paul Boiston agreed to get a quote for a metal defining line to go around the rose garden on the roundabout. A discussion about bollards to stop HGV's mounting the roundabout and causing damage, changes to the trees and other improvements will be brought to the budget meeting in the autumn.

13. SUMMER HEDGE CUTTING ISSUES IN THANET

Taken in item 5 above.

14. COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

Cllr Hansell said she had been approached by people saying they were being charged for membership to join the Thanet Community Transport Association, but the Parish Council paid for a group membership. S Collins had looked into this, the group membership expires on 26 July 2019, but TCTA also said the group membership for the parish was only allowed for the first year. After this date people would need to join themselves and pay the annual fee for an individual membership.

The Councillors expressed disappointment with this information as it was not made clear it was only for one year when the membership was purchased for the Parish. S Collins to email back and also to liaise with DDC and other local PC's to see if this has happened to other group memberships.

15. WIGMORE LANE FOOTPATH PROJECT

Cllr Whitehead reported that the topographical survey had been completed and the findings will take 3 weeks. Then they can go back to KCC about the preferred option for the footpath.

16. PARISH PROJECTS FOR S106 CONTRIBUTIONS

The Councillors discussed the projects that they would like logged with DDC for future S106 contributions from developers: Wigmore Lane footpath, Eythorne roundabout improvements, village signs and Pike Road improvements. S Collins to ask DDC Cllrs Keen and Woodgate how to proceed.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Meeting in Whitfield Village Hall 20 July 2019, 12 to 5pm to discuss DDC's Local Plan for 2020-2038

ii. DDC's community grant scheme 2019-2020 is open, applications close 12.00pm on 19 August 2019.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

i. Cllr Hansell asked if the TPO's on the trees in The Old Rectory could be looked at to ascertain whether they had been cut down.

ii. Paul Boiston said the bus stop on Adelaide Road was not moved to opposite the school because the school objected.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Closed Session

Correspondence was looked at. It was agreed for Cllrs Ledger and Whitehead to draft a reply for circulation and comment to the Council before being sent.