

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on 23 May 2022

Present: Cllr Julia Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Paul Adams and Cllr John Payne; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were PCSO Jessica Stocks, PCSO Katie Jordan and one member of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Payne **PROPOSED** Cllr Bailey as Chairman; **SECONDED** by Cllr Adams; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Bailey duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

Cllr Bailey thanked Cllr West for his excellent Chairmanship.

2. Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Bailey said that there were three applications to be co-opted, one of the Councillors has an interest in this item and would not be able to be part of the discussion therefore the Council will not be quorate.

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3. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jimmy West (unwell); apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann (at another meeting) and Ward Member David Simmons; apologies noted.

4. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

5. Election of Representatives

To confirm:

Representatives at KALC Swale Area Committee Meetings

Representative at Swale Borough Council Eastern Area Committee Meetings

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6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 28 March 2022

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 March 2022 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Bailey asked if the notice board had been refurbished.

Cllr Payne reported that the contractor has been instructed to do the work.

Cllr Bailey said concern been raised that the Parish Council has arranged for a litter bin to be installed at the Village Hall and that this was not the right place for a bin. The siting of the bin is at the discretion of Swale Borough Council and the Parish Council was not able to dictate where it should be placed. The Parish Council is grateful to the Village Hall Committee for agreeing to have the bin in the car park.

Cllr Bailey said there have been emails regarding the fly tipping near Pett Dane, the tyres have been removed but there is still rubbish there.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Adams said Swale Borough Council will not remove fly tipping from private land.

Address: Carpenters Arms The Street Eastling Kent ME13 0AZ

Ref: 22/500793/FULL Proposal: Installation of a kitchen extract system.

Ref: 22/500794/LBC Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a kitchen extract system.

Cllr Bailey reported that the application had been refused.

8. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

PCSO Stocks said that she and her colleague PCSO Jordan had worked on the Island for four years and have changed to cover East Downs, Tenham and Lynsted Ward. They are enjoying the area and getting used to the rural area. PCSO Stocks has nine Parish Councils and PCSO Jordan has eight Councils and they are trying to go to all of them. They work together and also go into schools and take a police car and there is also youth engagement.

Police Community Support Officers are more community based and do not receive all the referrals the police get. Updates are posted on My Community Voice and alerts from other areas are also on this. There has been nothing to report in this area. They would like to hold a Police Surgery in the village.

ACTION: Clerk to send hall booking details.

Cllr Bailey thanked the PCSOs for attending and for their report.

The meeting was reconvened.

9. Village Warden's Report

Cllr Bailey said there had been no report.

It was agreed to remove item from the agenda.

10. Website

There was nothing to report.

11. Chairman's Report

Cllr Bailey said Swale Borough Council had sent a helpful reminder about the defibrillator being the Council's responsibility and that it needs to be maintained.

ACTION: Cllr Bailey to check the maintenance regime of the defibrillator.

Cllr Bailey reported that Adrian Berendt, a consultant for Faversham Town Council to review and report on cycle lanes in Faversham and the parishes, has submitted a report. Cllr Bailey is the representative for the Parish Council.

12. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £11,111 in the bank.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

a) Community Heartbeat VETS £120.00

Councillors considered the invoice in respect of the scheme and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to withdraw from the scheme.

b) Any other invoice received by 23 May 2022

Cllr Payne said there has been a request from Stalisfield Village Hall for £25 being a share of the bunting for the Jubilee celebrations.

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iii. To consider request for a grant from Swale CAB

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a donation of £100 to Swale CAB,

iv. To consider request for grant from Victim Support

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** not to make a grant to Victim Support.

v. Annual Governance Statement- To agree the statement.

Councillors considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by Cllr Bailey and the Clerk.

vi. Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- To receive the end of year return and to consider the adoption and signing of the return.

Councillors considered and approved the Accounting Statement which was signed by the Clerk and duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

vii. To Certify exemption from a limited assurance review under Section 9 Of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to certify exemption from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. The certificate was duly signed by Cllr Bailey and the Clerk.

13. General Power of Competence

It was resolved that Eastling Parish Council, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, adopts the General Power of Competence until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

14. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 22/501267/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for rection of a single storey rear extension, new window in rear elevation and internal works.

Ref: 22/501163/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension, new window in rear elevation and internal works.

Address: Plantation House The Street Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AZ

Councillors considered the additional information and had no objections.

15. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Bailey said the document submitted to KCC Highways started because a request had been received to reduce the speed limit in Newnham Lane to 30mph. The Council organised a petition; we were then told we needed a Parish Highways Improvement Plan; a traffic survey was carried out and then Sarah-Jayne Ellcock left her post. KCC has put the Parish Highways Improvement Plan into a new template and we are waiting for a new officer to be appointed.

ACTION: Clerk to update the resident.

16. Telephone Box

Cllr Bailey said the phone box has been renovated and looks lovely.

17. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Adams reported the hog roast and band have been organised, there is a meeting on Wednesday to finalise the arrangements. The event has been publicised in the Good news, word of mouth and on the website. There will be a raffle and a cake sale. Non-residents will be asked to make a donation for the hog roast.

Cllr Payne said a resident was concerned the event does not take into consideration older members of the village.

Cllr Bailey said games for children were offered but there was no interest; a tea party was suggested but no one wanted this. The committee has organised what it thought best.

18. Correspondence

1. 01.04.22- KALC: event flyers
2. 04.04.22- Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent: annual sponsored walk
3. 06.04.22- PSCO March report
4. 22.04.22- KALC: events
5. 25.04.22- KALC SAC: 20's plenty and Kent and Crime Panel
6. 25.04.22- Kent and Medway Patient Network Meeting on 28th April
7. 25.04.22- NALC CEO bulletin
8. 25.04.22- Helen Whatley MP: update on Operation Brock
9. 26.04.22- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure - Newnham Lane, Eastling
10. 28.04.22- SBC: Announcement of new Leader at Swale Borough Council
11. 03.05.22- Men's Shed movement: information
12. 03.05.22- Adrian Berendt: (Faversham Town Council) Parishes to Town: Active Travel project - stage 1 report
13. 04.05.22- NALC CEO bulletin
14. 09.05.22- KALC newsletter
15. 11.05.22- SBC: appointment of interim Head of Planning
16. 11.05.22- NALC CEO bulletin
17. 11.05.22- SBC: Queen's Speech: key takeaways for the South East
18. 16.05.22- Faversham Horticultural Society: Summer Show
19. 16.05.22- KALC: Councillor Conference 30 June
20. 16.05.22- Scam posters
21. 17.05.22- NALC CEO bulletin
22. 20.05.22- KCC: Kent Homeless Connect – Public Consultation Invitation
23. 20.05.22- SBC Eastern Area Committee: letter re defibrillators

19. Any Other Business

Cllr Payne said the Council's donation to the school has enabled them to complete the sensory garden which will be officially opened on Wednesday. The school is very pleased with the garden, it looks very good.

Date of next Meeting: 4 July 2022

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 4 July 2022