**Eastling Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6.30pm on Wednesday

9th March 2016 in Eastling Village Hall

**1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence.**

Present: Cllrs. Jimmy West, John Payne, Nigel Bickerdike, Julia Bailey, Alan Willson (Village Warden) and Jill Seaman (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrew Bowles, Colin Prescott and Helen Higgs.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th January 2016.**

The minutes were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising**

Website –Cllr Payne would go back to Paul Ainsworth, following his meeting with him, to check how much it would cost to manage the PC website. Cllr Bickerdike had contacted Neville Perkins. There were photos on Community Events – historical but nothing for the future. Much of the information posted had been taken from the Good News.

Cllr Bailey was asked to draft a letter of termination giving 6months notice.

Alan Willson did not get a grant application as he had not received a reply to his email. However, the Quiz Night raised £415 which enabled him to buy equipment to be able to run CPR and first aid training. Alan outlined the VETS (Village Emergency Telephone System) which would be a good system to aid villagers. The cost is £45 to set up and £100 to run. If the system is taken up the £100 running cost would be waived for the first year. Cllr West asked if you could get two lines which would be double the cost. It was unanimously agreed to the expense of setting up the system.

Footpaths and potholes– There were deep furrows for the new crop of oats and the field had been ploughed very near the edges. JP had applied to SBC to put in new drains .John Andews had problems with mud off the fields clogging the drains and with flooding after heavy rain. JP advised that he had spoken to Ben Binder about various issues. Cllr West said that Highways faults should be reported kent.gov.uk/faults on the website when the fault is registered and a number given. Faults could be tracked. Alan Willson said that he would report Newnham Lane potholes.

**4. Village Warden’s Report.**

Alan Willson said that it had been a quiet month with not much to report. There had been a number of issues with telephone scams.

**5. Chairman’s Report**

Cllr West advised that the development in Newnham of mobiles and hard standing had now had an Enforcement Notice served on 8th February 2016. The owners are appealing to The Secretary of State.

**6. Treasurer’s Report.**

The Treasurer advised that the balance on account was £3157. £130 had been paid to the Village Warden.

**7. Planning Report**.

There was nothing to report.

**8. Correspondence**

SBC – Draft Corporate Equality Scheme 2016 – 2020

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Kent: Final Recommendations.

All correspondence was available to read.

**9. Any Other Business**

The clerk to check minute numbering.

**10. Dates of Next Meetings**

The next Parish Council Meetings were discussed and agreed

The Annual Parish Meeting would be on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 8 pm (following Village Hall AGM). Cllr West said that he would supply drinks.

The Annual meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 6.30pm

Other meetings were agreed as Wednesdays 6th July, 21st September, 9th November, 4th January 2017 and 8th March 2017. All meetings will be in Eastling Village Hall at ^.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 7.50pm.