

Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13 February 2019, 6.30PM

Elvington Community Centre, St John's Road

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Boiston, Cllr Butcher, Cllr Hansell, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Wiles. DDC Cllr's Ovenden and Walker (from end item 5), Community Warden Julliette West, guest consultant David White, 5 members of the public. Also in attendance S Collins.

Apologies

Cllrs Millard and Sluder – personal reasons. KCC Cllr Lymer – attending another meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 9 JANUARY 2019 MEETING

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

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Community Warden Julliette West reported on the issues she has been dealing with. In particular was the usage of grit salt on private properties instead of the highway. This needs to be discouraged. Julliette gave an update on support from DDC parking services to yellow lines at Eythorne Roundabout to allow for a clearer site line down Chapel Hill. Also the question was asked if there is any specific concerns the Parish Council has regarding Brexit.

The “no turning right” out of Sandwich Road markings on the road were mentioned as they are fading, also a car is often parked over them. The signage was also mentioned. S Collins to investigate the issues and contact KCC.

5. WIGMORE LANE PROJECT – DAVID WHITE

David White started by giving his credentials as a consultant on this project and his relationship with KCC. He has been looking into options to provide a footpath and / or cycleway from where the existing pavement ends opposite Wigmore Woods to where the pavement starts again near Tilmanstone Salads. David had 4 options to present to the meeting.

Option 1 – Make existing pathway slightly longer on the south side of Wigmore Lane, with a pedestrian crossing over to the north side, then a footpath continuing on the north side to the existing pathway near Millyard Way

Option 2 – Extend the existing footpath further up the south side of Wigmore Lane, with a crossing opposite Elmton Lane (where visibility allows) to the north side and then continue the footpath to existing near Millyard Way

Option 3 – Create a shared footpath and cycleway next to each other on the north side of the road

Option 4 – Create a footpath on the south side of Wigmore Lane and create a cycleway on the north side which crosses to the south side and runs parallel with the footpath until both cross to the north to meet up with existing footpath near Millyard Way.

Discussion about each option resulted in option 3 and 4 with cycleways being discounted. Proposed Cllr Rogers, seconded Cllr Whitehead and carried.

Other topics discussed were:

- i. Tree planting – to replace any lost trees from the construction of the pathway

- ii. Traffic calming – could cyclists be aided by traffic calming instead of a cycleway
- iii. Speed bumps – require street lights and are a set distance apart depending on the speed limit
- iv. Street lighting – of the 3 lights on this stretch of road, 2 are currently not working
- v. Land acquisition and KCC administration – David will need to negotiate with KCC regarding their input with Section 278, possible need for performance bonds and any land acquisition required

DDC Cllrs Ovenden and Walker arrived at 7.40pm

The next steps are for the Councillors to do a site visit with David White and a traffic count of all vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians to prove a need for the footpath.

Cllr Ledger thanked David White for his presentation and insight into the different options. He then invited the DDC Councillors to speak.

DDC Cllr Ovenden gave the following report:

- i. Any rumours regarding a travellers site on Sweetbriar Lane has been refuted by 3 DDC personnel
- ii. At the DDC scrutiny meeting regarding the Land Allocations Plan, it was implied that any Section 106 requests logged with the Council as a Parish 'wishlist' are more likely to get funded. It cannot be assumed that developers will consult with the Parish Council regarding any Section 106 payments.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked who the 'wishlist' needs to be logged with. Cllr Ovenden gave Emma-Jane Allen and Mike Ebbs as the best people.

DDC Cllr Walker gave the following report:

- i. Any land already considered during previous land allocation processes will be looked at again.
- ii. With regard to Section 106, projects with plans and costings need to be ready in case any land in Eythorne is used for developments that would be eligible for a contributions.
- iii. With the new Ward boundaries coming into force in May, the Ward of Aylesham, Eythorne and Shepherdswell will have an existing traveller site near Snowdown and therefore the Parish Council can make a case for not having another in Elvington or Eythorne.

Cllr Wiles asked if social housing would be considered in Eythorne for example Monkton Court Lane if that site was developed. Cllr Walker said all developments should have 30% social housing and that DDC do not adhere to their own policy. Cllr Walker said at the Scrutiny meeting he proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Ovenden that any development within Dover District which does not adhere to the 30% social housing policy should result in a fine for the developer. Cllr Wiles said her concern is that social housing is put in Elvington and not Eythorne, which creates diversity.

Cllr Walker left the meeting at 8.10pm

6. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

A member of the public told the meeting of issues they had encountered on the A2 at the Coxhill traffic lights and HGV's on the A2 stopping traffic near Whitfield roundabout down to the docks.

7. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed Cllr Rogers, seconded Cllr Boiston and carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Cheque number	Amount
S Thomson	300678	£604.71
S Collins	300679	£1,239.55
KCC Kent Pension Fund	300680	£259.34
CPRE	300681	£36.00

2 members of the public left the meeting at 8.15pm

8. PLANNING

i. DOV/19/00083 – Erection of 5 dwellings, access and associated parking and landscaping – Land North of 8 Sunnybank, Adelaide Road, Eythorne. It was agreed to apply for an extension to allow for the PC to take into account the views of neighbouring properties. If this extension is not granted, Cllr Rogers proposed to object, seconded Cllr Whitehead on the grounds that the proposed development is outside the settlement confines, over development of the site with 5 houses and unsafe access onto Adelaide Road with the parked cars impeding sight lines.

Cllr Whitehead proposed to suspend standing orders, seconded Cllr Boiston and carried
DDC Cllr Ovenden and 2 members of the public left at 8.30pm

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 9 JANUARY 2019 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

S Collins reported the following:

- i. KCC Cllr Lymer has been approached regarding funding towards the portable Speed Indicator Device
- ii. Speed Watch have agreed to charge the batteries on the new Speed indicator Device
- iii. KALC, Juliette West and Envirograf have been informed that the new defibrillator is in place
- iv. Dumped rubbish on the allotment site has been cleared by Stuart
- v. The Village Hall Elvington Management Committee have accepted the PC's proposal for admin cover
- vi. Stuart has completed a litter pick along the hedge line of Adelaide Road and collected 21 bags
- vii. The defibrillator on Milner Road is behind a locked gate at present, this will be unlocked when the site is inhabited. PC is in talks regarding keeping the equipment charged for use.
- viii. Stuart has conducted checks of the salt bins and will be topping up any that are low.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

None.

11. EYTHORNE ROUNDABOUT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Juliette West's email gave confirmation that DDC parking services agree to enforce yellow lines around the bend by Flax Court Lane to allow for better sight lines down Chapel Hill. Cllr Whitehead proposed to pursue the issue with KCC by writing a letter regarding DDC's support and costings of the yellow lines. Seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried. S Collins and Cllr Whitehead to compile a letter.

12. SITING OF TOMMY STATUE

The 2 options of the war memorial and the roundabout were discussed. Cllr Butcher proposed the roundabout, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried with 5 votes and 1 abstention. Cllrs Boiston and Ledger to organise the installation.

13. ALLOTMENTS

Following a site meeting, the Councillors were presented with a report. Cllr Rogers proposed to get a quote for a fence which would replace the posts and chain along the path from Adelaide Road which would not require planning permission. Seconded Cllr Boiston and carried. S Collins to action.

14. PORTABLE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

In his absence Cllr Millard requested that the PC opts for the larger screen SID as it is clearer for drivers. Cllr Butcher said the difference in price is negligible so it would be the better option, however we would need to consult with Speed Watch as they have agreed to move the SID around the posts and the larger one is heavier. S Collins said there needs to be a consultation of houses which are around the post sites, evidence and feedback needs to go back to KCC before an order can be placed. Cllr Butcher said the neighbouring house on Wigmore Lane needs particular attention. Cllr Whitehead proposed to purchase the larger unit subject to Speed Watch agreeing and to continue with the consultation, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried.

15. VE DAY 2020

Cllr Morgan-Lovett corrected the date to 2020 not 2019, when 75 years since VE day will be celebrated. She proposed that the PC agrees to become involved in principle, seconded Cllr Boiston and carried.

16. PREPARATION FOR FUTURE DONATION REQUESTS

Cllr Whitehead said the PC needs a set of criteria to deal with donation requests, as there is no policy and she wanted ad hoc requests to be treated the same. Cllr Rogers said the PC used to give grants but that stopped because of many issues. However a set of criteria for donations can be requested from KALC.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. KALC planning conference – Lenham 15 March 2019
- ii. KCC bus feedback portal launched
- iii. Town and Parishes Local Plan meeting 25 February 2019 – Cllr Wiles agreed to attend

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- i. Cllr Hansell said St Peter and St Paul's Church needs to turn the chime off on the clock when the bell ringers are practicing. They need a new ladder and are looking for donations.
- ii. The board within the church showing the names of the fallen needs mending and updating, again donations are requested from the PC. However the PC's powers do not include giving to the church.
- iii. Eythorne and Elvington school has obtained excellent results and placement on Kent league tables. 100% of the children taking SATS in 2018 met the required standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm