

# Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Jimmy West (Chairman), Cllr Paul Adams, Cllr Paul Ainsworth and Cllr Julia Bailey; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present was County Councillor Andrew Bowles.

Cllr West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr John Payne; apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from Ward Member David Simmons (at another meeting); apology noted.

## 2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

## 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 13 November 2019

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 November 2019 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

### Independent Internal Auditor

Cllr West said the new Independent Internal Auditor had been appointed.

### Planning

Cllr West said the planning application for The Old Nursery had been permitted.

Cllr Bailey said the application for Churchfields is going to appeal.

Cllr West said the new house at Porch House is being built.

Cllr Ainsworth said it is nearly finished, there has been little disruption and sometimes a car has had to be moved to allow deliveries.

### Volunteer Scheme

Cllr Bailey reported that there are five new volunteers for the scheme. A new vacuum cleaner has been bought by the church.

### Memorial Garden

Cllr Ainsworth reported that three roses had been ordered for the memorial garden. The other roses have been pruned.

## 5. Public Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

## 6. Village Warden's Report

There was no report from the Village Warden.

## 7. Website

Cllr West said the new website looks good.

Cllr Ainsworth said photographs can be taken from the Eastling Village website.  
Cllr Bailey said photographs can be taken from the village statement which is owned by the village so there are no copyright issues.

The Clerk said the website is nearly complete and needs historic documents to be uploaded.

*ACTION: Clerk to inform the Good News magazine of the new website.*

Cllr West said the governance statements may need updating.

*ACTION: Clerk to check*

Cllr Ainsworth reported the Eastling Village website is updated each month from the Good News. The number of people using the website is constant.

KCCllr Bowles said that his report is not appearing in the Good News magazine.

*ACTION: Clerk to ask for the procedure for items in the Magazine.*

## **8. Chairman's Report**

Cllr West reported the pot holes are an issue in the village, this is the worse time of the year for potholes.

Cllr Ainsworth said the corner seems better although there seems to be a hole by the field and the flooding is lower.

KCCllr Bowles said that he had spoken to the KCC Highways Director about the issue.

Cllr West said issues should continue to be reported to KCC online or by phone.

Cllr West said there had been excellent publicity for the Newnham Lane petition.

Cllr Bailey reported that everyone was given a form to sign and the forms had also been inserted in the Good News Magazine. Cllr Adams had distributed the forms at the pub. A resident had gone to the school for support. There were one hundred and forty-four returns and the petition needs to be submitted with photographs.

KCCllr Bowles said the petition needs to be presented to the Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board, who will give it to the Officer, this is the established process. The next meeting is in March. A Parish Councillor can attend the meeting to submit it.

Cllr Bailey asked whether if the petition is posted in with photographs, will it go on the agenda.

KCCllr Bowles said Officers will have to draw up a report.

*ACTION 1: Cllr Bailey to write covering letter for Clerk to submit petition.*

*ACTION 2: Clerk to inform resident of the procedure.*

Cllr West thanked all concerned for their help with the petition.

## **9. Finance**

### i. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was agreed to pay Mr Swatland £260 for strimming around the sign and removing the ivy and cutting the edge of the Church path. This the invoice total for a year.

### iii. To consider budget set precept for 2020-21

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the precept at £5,259.

### iv. To consider insurance renewal

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation from Came & Co for £330.00, subject to approval from Cllr Payne.

## **10. Planning Matters**

There were no further planning matters.

## **11. Correspondence**

1. 16.11.19: KCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 consultation

2. 16.11.19: KCCllr Bowles's confirmation of Democratic Services being advised of the Newnham Lane petition

3. 16.11.19: KCCllr Bowles's newsletter

4. 16.11.19: KALC Swale Area Committee notice of meeting 9th December 2019
5. 16.11.19: KCC Highways winter ready presentation
6. 28.11.19: KALC Swale Area Committee Newsletter
7. 16.12.19: KALC CEO Newsletter
8. 19.12.19: Bensted's Charity, Faversham grant funding opportunity
9. 07.01.20: KALC Swale Area Committee draft minutes

## **12. Any Other Business**

Cllr Bailey reported that she had attended the CPRE Annual General Meeting and was very impressed with the calibre of the people. Hilary Newport, Director, and Amanda Cottrell OBE, Vice-President, were impressive. The subscription to CPRE is a very good use of the Council's money. CPRE has taken action to the Court of Appeal concerning an issue in the Weald. KCCllr Bowles said CPRE gave strong support to Swale Borough Council during the Gladman Appeal at Pond Farm, Newington.

Cllr Bailey reported that she had attended the KALC Swale Area Committee meeting. Cllr West thanked Cllr Bailey for attending these meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

KCCllr Bowles said there is a change of leadership and Roger Gough is the new leader of the Council. The last Full Council meeting was on 17 December. Roger Gough has just launched the draft five-year plan which is out for consultation.

Cllr West said there is a lot of development around Faversham and asked about the infrastructure.

KCCllr Bowles said there is S106 money on housing units and this goes to KCC Highways, KCC Education Services, National Health Service, youth club provision, footpaths and public transport. The S106 money is an additional charge to the developer. The Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the right to check NHS decisions and if it is not satisfied the committee can refer it to the Secretary of State.

Cllr West thanked KCCllr Bowles for attending and for his update.

## **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 March 2020**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman  
Date: 11 March 2020