



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

on 9th March 2022 at 6.30 pm, Elvington Community Centre. Eythorne.

Present: Cllr M Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr W Hansell, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Meehan, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Whitehead (Vice Chair) and Cllr Wright.

Also, present Caroline Vincent (Clerk to Eythorne Council).

3/1/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Millard (Due to being unwell).

3/2/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3/3/22. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 9th February were circulated to members.

Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr C Ledger and carried. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

3/4/22. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk circulated the actions to all members prior to the meeting, actions completed as follows:

- Planning comments made on the DDC portal.
- Response received from Ovenden's regarding recycling:
We recycle the following materials: mixed construction and demolition - so wood, metal, bricks, concrete etc. We also recycle skips and trade waste - so plastics, paper, card etc. there is also green waste - hedge cuttings, grass etc.
The soil is created during the recycling of the concrete, and it is waiting to be deposited on the old colliery slag heaps as part of the pit restoration.
- Southern Water were contacted regarding the sewage spillages at Elmton Lane Pumping Station, a response was received for the reasons this happened: A build-up of fat and rags were discovered within the wet well, which had caused the telemetry to record incorrect wastewater levels and consequently the pumps were unable to operate at full capacity. An urgent clean-up of the wet well was carried out that evening, to remove the build-up and restore full functionality.
A further email sent to SW on 21.2.22 to ask what is being done to prevent further spillages!
- Allotment tenants contacted with the new padlock code and asked to ensure the gate is closed and locked properly.
- Reverend Sean Sheffield contacted to arrange a bugle player for the Queen's Jubilee Beacon lighting.
- Elvington Community Centre booked for the remainder of 2022.

The Clerk explained that arrangements were being made for the children's play area gate at Eythorne playing field to be looked at.

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Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked members if they would prefer to have Barbara Danson's plaque added to a wooden post and placed in the ground at the railway opposed to being added on the beacon post. Everyone was happy with the plaque being added to a wooden post and placed in the ground as others have been at the railway.

3/5/22. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

There were no Councillors or Community Warden present this month.

3/6/22. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present.

3/7/22. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

- a) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation, circulated prior to the meeting: The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr Wright, unanimously carried.

Finance Report December/January 2021 Payments		
Payee	Payment Type	Amount £
C Vincent	February Salary	1269.59
S Thomson	February Salary	601.80
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
Lloyds Bank	CC monthly fee	3.00
S Thomson	Expenses February	50.30
Idverde Ltd	Grass Cutting	316.08
Smith of Derby	Church clock service	297.60
G Hirst	Repairs to allotment gate	455.71

- b) **Funding Request from Elvington Heritage Group** – The Heritage Group have arranged a family fun day for all 3 villages in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, funds have already been raised and have asked if we could make a contribution.
Resolved: Cllr Whitehead proposed we make a contribution of £250; this was seconded by Cllr Meehan and all agreed.
- c) **Tree works in Eythorne Playing Field** – Quote not received.
- d) **Damage to a fence** – Members felt the resident should claim from their own insurance for the repairs which is the correct procedure.

Cllr Butcher questioned the service of the church clock and the cost as each time a service is done the clock is often not working and seems a waste of money and perhaps a different clock should be in place. Members were in agreement that this was money wasted when the clock doesn't work the majority of the time and perhaps the Rev Sheffield should be contacted.

Action: The Clerk to contact Rev Sean Sheffield regarding the clock.

3/8/22. PLANNING

Applications:

22/00193, Land Between South View and Dean Holme, Flax Court Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4AB, Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission DOV/20/01407 to allow amendments (application under Section 73) (for the erection of a detached dwelling). **Expires 11th March 2022.**

Resolved: Object over the size, it is overbearing, it has previously been refused by DDC and members are in support of resident's objections. Proposed by Cllr Whitehead, all members were in agreement.

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22/00213, The Old Rectory, Barfrestone Road, Barfrestone, CT15 7JJ, Erection of new entrance gates and boundary fencing to existing vehicular access. **Expires 1.4.22**

Members showed concerns over the actual siting of the gate, if it came level with the road, it may cause a safety issue with vehicles not being able to pass safely, particularly emergency vehicles. Although members were not objecting to the application it was felt that the safety aspect be mentioned to planning along with a photo.

Resolved: In members in agreement to provide comments over possibly safety issues with vehicles passing safely.

22/00192, Flax Court, Flax Court Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4AB, Erection of side extension to existing garage to facilitate conversion to ancillary annexe. **Expires 1.4.22**

Resolved: Members had no objections for this application.

Decisions:

21/01923, Elvington House, Church Hill, Eythorne CT15 4AG, Erection of an outbuilding. **Granted.**

21/01762, Land at Eythorne Court Cottage Shepherdsweil Road Eythorne CT15 4AD, Change of use of land and siting of a railway carriage for residential use. **Granted.**

DOV/01518, Land at Envirograf House Pie Factory Road Barfrestone CT15 7JG, change of use of land for the siting of a building for recreational purposes, workshop, covered swimming pool area, decking and formation of hardstanding areas (retrospective). **Refused.**

3/9/22. CORRESPONDENCE

- Funding request received from Elvington Heritage Group for funding towards a family event for the Queen's Jubilee this year. **Resolved: Dealt with in the Finance item.**
- Great British Spring Clean, the Clerk advised that DDC had also sent an email for anyone wishing to take part to contact them and they will provide the necessary equipment.
- Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation from DDC covering the following:
Failing to remove dog faeces; Not keeping a dog on a lead in specified areas; Not putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer; Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded. Street drinking and unauthorised camping.
It would be an offence to breach any of the above requirements and would be punishable via a fixed penalty notice of £100 (reduced to £75 if paid within 10 days). A fine of up to £1,000 could be imposed upon prosecution.

Members were astounded to find our areas were not part of the consultation as it was felt these issues are quite major and were also frustrated over the length of time to respond being quite short. Members asked if the Community Warden could be contacted about the consultation to see if she was aware and if she felt our areas warranted being included. It was suggested members could respond individually. **Action: The Clerk to contact the Community Warden regarding the consultation.**

3/10/22. COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Cllr Meehan met with Rev Sean Sheffield to discuss the possibility of a new community magazine, there is still funding available left over from the original newsletter. It was envisaged to have a glossy colour magazine this time to make it more appealing. A Facebook survey would be arranged first to see if the residents would like a community magazine in place. An editor has been found to take this on, it would be funded by stakeholders who would contribute annually towards the production costs including Eythorne Parish Council who would then provide a monthly article for the magazine. Cllr Meehan would like to present the costings at our next meeting for members to make a decision.

Action: The Clerk to add this item to our April meeting.

3/11/22. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk informed members that a new combination lock and now been placed back on the gate as the previous one had broken during a storm and all tenants had been informed.

3/12/22. MEMORIAL/BEACON EVENT

Cllr Morgan-Lovett read out the itinerary from the press release received this week and members discussed if there was a choir who could sing on the evening when the beacon would be lit. It was suggested that the school may possibly be able to help with this.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett mentioned our insurers had requested a risk assessment be arranged which has now been done jointly with Eythorne railway as it is on their land and now require written permission from the landowner to satisfy our insurers criteria.

Action: Cllr Meehan will contact the school regarding a choir for the evening of the 2nd June.

3/13/22. HIP UPDATE

The Clerk asked members for approval for the TRO to be arranged for the Pike Road and Eythorne roundabout project designs at a cost of £2,500.

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett to agree to the TRO for the Pike Road double yellow line design and the Eythorne roundabout design, seconded by Cllr Wright and carried.

Action: The Clerk to contact KCC Highways to progress to the TRO.

3/14/22. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked members to think about what we may be able to do to help the refugees from Ukraine, particularly if the war escalates and halls may need to be used in an emergency. It was suggested that DDC/KCC be contacted to find out if there is a co-ordinator and find out what we can do to help.

Action: The Clerk to contact DDC/KCC to find out if there is a co-ordinator and what we can do to help.

Cllr Wright mentioned the pathway leading to Eythorne playing field now that our contractor is unable to complete the works. The Clerk said she will ask for further quotes.

Action: The Clerk to arrange further quotes for the work to the pathway leading to Eythorne playing field.

Members spoke about our hall hire and already having agreed to use Elvington Community Centre for this year but felt we should contact the Baptist Church for pricing and availability for next year.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Baptist Church for hall hire pricing and availability.

3/15/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April at 6.30pm.

All were in agreement for 13th April 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

3/16/22 – STAFF PAYSCALES AND BACKDATED PAY

Resolved: Cllr Wright proposed to accept the pay increase from the unions for the year 2021/22 and to back date this to the previous year, seconded by Cllr Meehan and carried.

Action: The Clerk to arrange the backpay in this month's salary.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.