

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on 14 July 2026

Present: Cllr Julia Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Annie Adams, Cllr Caroline Gilbert, Cllr Barrie Neaves and Cllr John Payne; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

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2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on 12 May 2026

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting as a true record. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

All matters on the agenda.

5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

6. Chairman's Report

Cllr Bailey reported that a resident raised a concern about a hedgerow; this has been cut back. The defibrillator training was a great success with nine people in attendance. The company were very good and have been thanked.

Concern continues regarding the fly-tipping in Mill Lane as it has not been removed.

ACTION: Cllr Adams to contact the Head of Department.

Cllr Bailey said the Harvest Festival is in October, the church will be open and offer tea and cake. This will be advertised in the Good News.

7. Planning Matters

i. Address: Eastling Manor Kettle Hill Road Eastling Kent Me13 0AX

Ref: 26/502208/FULL

Proposal: Revised elevation of fenestration due to design development, to include two no2 structural oak posts to each elevation and reduce the door from 4 to 5 doors/windows/ all other joinery details to remain as approved to the South, East and West elevations of the approved Summer house.

Ref: 26/502209/LBC

Listed Building consent for erection of replacement attached single storey summer house (Revision to 24/504898/LBC for revised elevation of fenestration due to design development, to include two structural oak posts to each elevation and reduce the doors from 5 to 4 doors/windows, all other joinery details to remain as approved to the South, East and West elevations of the approved Summer house).

Councillors considered the application and had no objection to the proposals.

ii. Any other planning matter received by 14 July 2026

Cllr Neaves reported that a new gated access off Newnham Lane between Bankside and The Pheasantry has been installed. This has been reported to Swale Enforcement.

8. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there is £14,696 in the bank.

ii. Independent Internal Auditor's Report

Noted.

iii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mr L Robbins £105 for the internal audit.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mr M Mount £52.50 for gardening work.

iv. To consider request for a donation from the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Trust

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £250 to the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Trust. Residents will be asked what level of support they would wish to give to the charity at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

9. Correspondence

1. 18.05.26- Swale Borough Council: new Local Green Spaces in addition to those already designated with Bearing Fruit Local Plan.
2. 18.05.26- Swale Borough Council: call for items for the next Swale Joint Transportation Board
3. 26.05.26- Kent Ramblers: invitation to meeting 18 June
4. 26.05.26- Swale Borough Council: consultation on election cycles
5. 28.05.26- NALC CEO bulletin
6. 01.06.26- Swale Borough Council: Policy round-up
7. 04.06.26- South East Water: supply update
8. 04.06.26- Kent Downs National Landscape: consultation on draft 5-year Management Plan
9. 11.06.26- NALC CEO bulletin
10. 15.06.26- Swale Borough Council: Policy round-up
11. 18.06.26- NALC CEO bulletin
12. 22.06.26- KALC bulletin
13. 25.06.26- South East Water: update on water supplies
14. 25.06.26- South East Water: hosepipe restrictions to be introduced
15. 25.06.26- NALC CEO bulletin
16. 06.07.26- Kent Highways: reminder the next Virtual Road Safety & Active Travel Group Seminar on 9 July.
17. 06.07.26- Kent Highways: Road Safety and Active Travel Group newsletter
18. 06.07.26- Helen Whately MP: copy of letter sent to Steve Reed, the Secretary of State for Housing, calling on him to refuse the Highsted Park planning applications
19. 06.07.26- Aprille Halle; introduction as the new Community Engagement Officer for Swale in the KCC Highways Improvements Team
20. 06.07.26- Kent Highways: annual highways survey
21. 07.07.26- Kent Highways: notice the Parish Meetings will be paused for 12 weeks
22. 07.07.26- Swale Borough Council: Policy round-up
23. 09.07.26- KALC newsletter
24. 09.07.26- Swale Borough Council: Policy round-up
25. 09.07.26- KALC: promotion of Martyn's Law
26. 13.07.26- KALC: call for motions for consideration at the KALC Annual General Meeting
27. 13.07.26- Kent Highways: Emergency Road Closure - Otterden Road, Eastling - 12th July 2026

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Gilbert informed Councillors that Hopkins are offering a bleed kit.
Item for next agenda.

Clerk to ask for details of the Police Surgery dates for the newsletter.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 15 September 2026

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 15 September 2026