

Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 12 February 2020, 6.30PM

Elvington Community Centre, St John's Road, Elvington

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr Hansell, Cllr Millard, Cllr Morgan Lovett, Cllr Wiles and Cllr Whitehead. DDC Cllr Keen, KCC Cllr Lymer, 14 members of the public. Also in attendance C Westbrook, minute taker.

Apologies

S Collins – personal reasons.

DDC Cllr Woodgate and Community Warden Julliette West – attending other meetings

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 8 JANUARY 2020

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

5. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTION

i. A member of the public asked about overgrown brambles which need cutting and mentioned the broken light on Ash Grove again. Cllr Keen said she would ask again about the light.

ii. A lady asked if the branches and twigs that have been blown from the trees in The Rectory onto the pavement on Church Hill could be cleared as they are a trip hazard to her neighbours. Cllr Whitehead explained that street cleaning is DDC's responsibility but as there is concern for residents falling, Stuart would be asked to clear them in this instance.

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR, COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

DDC Cllr Linda Keen arrived and asked if there were any sites within the Parish that Councillors are particularly interested in, for or against for the Local Plan. Cllr Hansell said the old allotment site would be an ideal site for development and is already owned by DDC.

Cllr Keen also mentioned that 80% of local funding has already been spent.

KCC Cllr Lymer arrived and gave the following report:

i. Local Councils are understaffed and overworked.

ii. KCC are liaising with public health England regarding Coronavirus.

iii. Lower Thames Crossing consultation 29 Jan to 29 March 2020

iv. There will be a Straits meeting with Northern France and Belgium about imports and exports.

2 people arrived and wished to speak under public contributions, Cllr Ledger allowed this.

5 iii. Cutting of the verges, the adoption of the triangle by the Parish Council and the installation of a litter bin and dog waste bin in Barfrestone were all addressed by the member of the public. As these items were not on the agenda, the Councillors could not discuss them at length or vote for any proposals. Cllr Whitehead said the installation of bins have to be paid for by the Parish Council and needs to be part of the budget.

6. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed Cllr Wiles, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried.

| Finance Report | | |
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| Payee | Cheque number | Amount |
| Canterbury Electrical Contractors | 300757 | £1,398.00 |

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| B Young Grounds Maintenance | 300758 | £144.00 |
| S Thomson | 300759 | £36.44 |
| S Collins | 300760 | £66.66 |
| S Thomson | Standing Order | £587.50 |
| S Collins | Standing Order | £1,250.37 |
| KCC Pension Fund | Standing Order | £291.07 |

A cheque from David White for £566.40 was added by Cllr Whitehead, this will be added to the monthly report for March.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

i. DOV/20/00043 - Erection of a single storey side extension, raising the roof ridge height, insertion of rear dormer window and alterations to windows and doors (part side extension to be demolished) – Meadow Cottage, Flax Court Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4AB – no objections

ii. DOV/19/01241 – Retrospective application for the change of use of land and the erection of 5 buildings for use as 2 classrooms, tool and machinery storage, toilet block, including change of use of adjacent land for educational use and erection of a woodland classroom – Woodpecker Court, 45 Wigmore Lane, Eythorne CT15 4BF – the next door neighbour to Woodpecker Court told the meeting that it is good to see children looking after animals and the paddock has been grazed for 30 years, so he is backing Woodpecker Court. It was proposed by Cllr Whitehead to continue to support the application, seconded Cllr Hansell and unanimously carried.

Decisions:

i. DOV/19/00503 – Erection of a single storey rear extension and chimney flue to side elevation (existing conservatory to be demolished) - 10 Sun Valley Way, Eythorne CT15 4HL – granted 7 January 2020

ii. DOV/19/01308 and 01309 - Alterations to agricultural building to include inserting a first floor extension with 3no rooflights & door openings to front elevation. 3no dormer windows & shutters to rear elevation. Internal works include insertion of a staircase & first floor structure with partitions to form rooms for a workshop & storage purposes - Barfrestone Court Farm, Barfrestone Road, Barfrestone CT15 7JJ – refused 17 January 2020

iii. Erection of 2 detached dwelling, creation of a new vehicle access and parking – Land rear of 56 Sandwich Road, Eythorne CT15 4DE – granted 4 February 2020

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 8 JANUARY 2020 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

C Westbrook gave the following updates:

i. Stuart has been replenished with bin bags after the litter picks he undertook after Christmas. DDC provide these to the PC.

ii. Precept demand was sent to DDC and documents uploaded to the website.

iii. DDC planning have allowed an extension to the container application to March.

iv. Inquiries have been made but to no avail about the defibrillator on Milner Road

v. A complaint from a resident regarding mud and grit on Pike Road and Barfrestone Road has been reported

vi. A complaint from a resident regarding plastics escaping from a lorry on Barville Road has been reported

vii. Work on the website is ongoing, a new domain name has been bought www.eythornepc.co.uk

viii. Broken dog waste bins on The Street and The Green have been reported

ix. A branch overhanging a path in Eythorne has been investigated and reported to the landowner

x. A reply from DDC regarding the Local Plan was received with dates of the Town and Parish meetings

xi. The bus shelter repairs have been put on hold with the supplier, any fees were waived.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett said Tilmanstone PC were not informed about the planning application on Pike Road for cement silos.

Cllr Millard reported that the dog waste bin on The Street had been replaced.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

None.

10. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Morgan-Lovett has arranged with East Kent Railway that parking will be at Shepherdswell and 40's style cars will transport visitors to Eythorne. A steam train will run along the line. Cllr Millard agreed to speak to St Peters and St Pauls Church regarding bell ringing. Cllrs Butcher, Ledger and Hansell agreed to help with preparations.

11. CONTAINER FOR GARDENER / HANDYMAN

Cllr Millard organised for Stuart to keep his equipment in the secure garage at the Resource Centre under a verbal community agreement with the Church. The roof needs repairs in places so Cllr Millard asked if some of the money for repairs could be taken from the budget for the container. This was proposed by Cllr Millard and seconded by Cllr Hansell. Cllr Morgan-Lovett proposed not to pursue the planning application with DDC for a container, seconded Cllr Wiles and carried.

12. WIGMORE LANE FOOTPATH UPDATE

Cllr Whitehead informed the meeting that David White had received 4 or 5 budget quotes for construction of the path and they are more expensive than expected. He is keeping all options open including looking at forming a public footpath through the wooded section to Elmtan Lane. The section from Elmtan Lane would have to be pavement as there is no alternative.

Cllr Millard asked about refuges along the rest of Wigmore Lane for pedestrians to step into rather than a footpath. Cllr Whitehead, said all possibilities are open at present.

13. VILLAGE SIGNS

Following a meeting, the sites recommended for Eythorne are Eythorne Roundabout and Kennel Hill, the sites for Barfrestone are Eythorne end of the village, replace the sign from Shepherdswell and leave the one near Pie Factory Road. Sites for Elvington had not been confirmed. The Councillors voted on the recommended sites and for the sub committee to continue with the project. Proposed Cllr Millard, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and carried unanimously.

14. BUS SHELTER ON MILNER ROAD REPAIRS

The Councillors continue to be divided about mending the broken panes of glass. There are now 3 broken panes. Cllr Whitehead suggested looking at a grille made of metal which could be installed instead of glass or polycarbonate. Cllr Whitehead to look into metal options for the next meeting.

15. EYTHORNE ROUNDABOUT TREES

Following safety reports from the tree surgeons, whereby both recommended a crown raise on the larger tree, but agreed that the trees were safe. The Councillors decided to leave the trees on the roundabout for now.

16. IDVERDE MOWING QUOTE 2020-2021

The quote from idverde was accepted, proposed Cllr Millard, seconded Cllr Morgan-Lovett and unanimously carried.

17. KCC PRENSION FUND ACTUARIES REPORT 2020-2023

The Council are aware of the increase in employer's contributions for 2020-2023 and the budget implications for 2020-2021.

18. ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL KENT MEMBERSHIP

It was agreed to leave the annual subscription renewal for this year. Proposed Cllr Whitehead,

seconded Cllr Hansell and carried unanimously.

19. PIKE ROAD

HGV parking on Pike Road was discussed, the latest idea is to ban parking overnight (6am to 6pm) or for a period of time during the night (12am to 1am) to stop HGV's parking up and removing their trailers. Cllrs Whitehead and Morgan-Lovett to propose this idea to the local businesses.

20. ALLOTMENT AND GATES

Cllr Millard asked for permission for Stuart and himself to fit a stronger bracket onto the gates so that they do not hang down. Proposed Cllr Millard, seconded Cllr Wiles and carried. Cllr Millard also asked for more water containers for the allotment site. Cllr Morgan-Lovett to ask Environgraf if they would be willing to donate any more containers with taps at the bottom.

21. THE STREET

Due to speed data being unavailable, and lack of time, it was agreed to roll this agenda item to next month. Proposed Cllr Whitehead, seconded Cllr Hansell and carried unanimously.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Due to the time constraints, an email from a resident on The Street was rolled over to the next meeting by Cllr Ledger.

21. ANY OTHER MATTERS

i. Great British Spring Clean 20 March – 12 April 2020. Councillors will discuss a litter pick next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm