



## EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

**on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6.30 pm, The Resource Centre. Eythorne.**

**Present:** Cllr M Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Millard, Cllr Morgan-Lovett, and Cllr Wright.

**Also, present** KCC Councillor David Beaney, DDC Councillor Peter Walker, DDC Councillor Charles Woodgate, Community Warden Juliet West, Caroline Vincent (Clerk to Eythorne Council) and 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Parish Clerk, Caroline Vincent who joined Eythorne Parish Council in July 2020.

#### **9/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Hansell, (Personal Reasons)  
Cllr Meehan, (Personal Reasons)  
Cllr Whitehead, (Personal Reasons)

#### **9/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

#### **9/3. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July were circulated to members.

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

#### **9/4. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE JULY MEETING/MATTERS ARISING**

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

- Wildflower Meadow Sign, further enquiries made. A budget is required to take this further.
- Interest registered for the Queens Jubilee Platinum Jubilee Beacon event 2022.
- Further quote obtained for the pathway leading to Eythorne Playing Field from Willow Way.
- Pike Road Double Yellow Line project, further letters sent to all businesses.
- Faded white lines, yellow lines and bus stop lines have been reported to KCC and most have now been repainted.
- Tree surgeon contacted to provide a quote for the tree that caused damage to a residents garage and to quote for a tree survey.
- Allotment advert placed at the Co-op in Shepherds Well.
- Broken PROW sign in Barfreestone reported to KCC.
- Pathway along Adelaide Road has been chased with KCC/DDC

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## **9/5. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS**

### **Report from Community Warden Julliette West**

- Multiple incidents of ASB.
- Noise nuisance, large groups congregating causing nuisance.
- Air guns in a public place causing injuries to wildlife.
- Graffiti
- Damage to property.
- Motorbike nuisance/noise nuisance
- Criminal damage to the Welfare club
- Criminal damage to vehicles
- Theft from vehicle
- Litter/dog fouling
- Nuisance dogs off lead
- Overgrown foliage
- Housing repair and maintenance issues
- Individual welfare issues
- Multiple referrals to other agencies
- Community projects
- Elvington community welfare works/Let's Eat/Lunch club/Let's chat /cofree n chat is on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- Eythorne and Elvington Heritage centre Family Fun Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, a free fun event for the community, including activities and free ice-cream for the children.
- Tilmanstone Gala.

### **Report from DDC Councillor Linda Keen**

In response to a request from a local resident, I have sent in objections to the application DOV/21/01153 Land on Shooters Hill. I have continued to deal with a (reduced) number of complaints about refuse - I repeat that my Labour Group of Cllrs would like to take this service back into DDC ownership because Cllrs would then have direct control over the service provision, instead of being at the mercy of a contractor. I think things are gradually improving, and DDC have provided an explanation for the debacle on the DDC website.

### **Report from DDC Councillor Peter Walker**

- Speeding in the village is a continued concern, Cllr Walker met with Kent Police and toured the area of speeding hot spots of Adelaide Road, Wigmore Lane and The Street.
- Continued issues with the waste collections but starting to get better.
- Kent Police and DDC are working collaboratively to resolve ASB issues and other problems.
- Southern Water Problems across the area
- Fly tipping in the District, someone had been fined for tipping on private land. Please report any fly tipping to DDC as they will prosecute if enough evidence is found.
- Dealing with Housing issues throughout the ward. More Affordable Housing has been made available.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked Cllr Walker how the houses are being allocated and if they were being allocated to refugees over local people? Cllr Walker responded that it is on a point system for the allocation but did not have an answer at this time as to whether some will be going to the Afghan refugees but that he has approached Natalie Elphick on issues with immigrants.

Cllr M Ledger asked if fly tippers will be prosecuted on private land, to which Cllr Walker replied yes if there is enough evidence.

(Cllr Walker left the meeting at 7pm)

### **Report from KCC Councillor David Beaney, Dover West**

Cllr Beaney introduced himself and explained he is also a Councillor for Dover District Council and he is still settling in with KCC and is finding it difficult with officers still working from home.

Cllr Beaney discussed the following items:

- Afghan refugees coming into the UK, all councils are responsible for housing some of them.
- KCC joined up with the bus companies over the summer to offer free bus passes for children, this is the only county in the UK to have offered this.
- There is a consultation for commenting on the current waste booking system which ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- Over the summer holidays KCC gave families in need £15 per week in food vouchers.
- COVID stats, numbers have dropped again, Dover area is one of the lowest 4 in Kent.
- Residents had contacted Cllr Beaney over concerns of Church Hill in Eythorne with lack of signage or slow signs and asked members about this.

Members explained EPC does have a Highway Improvement Plan in place, the number 1 priority is to have a 20mph zone and have already requested lines on the roads to be refreshed, some have already been done.

The members of public present discussed speeding in the area and were very concerned over Adelaide Road and have been pushing this for many years for some traffic calming.

(Cllr Woodgate joined the meeting at 7.05pm)

Both Cllr Woodgate and Cllr Beaney were in support of the proposed 20 mph zone, this was discussed along with KCC funding and the double yellow lines project along Pike Road.

Due to the discussions of speeding, the 20 mph and the double yellow lines the Chair, Cllr M Ledger proposed item 11 on the agenda be discussed next, **all members agreed**.

### **9/11.HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Wright updated members on the recent HIP meeting held with KCC Highways, particularly the 20-mph zone near the school, double yellow lines for Pike Road and Eythorne roundabout. Cllr Wright explained to all present that the 20 mph would start from Church Hill (from Our Lady's Flats) and along Adelaide Road up to where the houses end. The KCC Highways Officer had suggested the possibility of making the whole village a 20-mph zone and would put together costings to add to our HIP. Members were asked if they would move approval to go ahead with the next stage to move on with the 20mph limit, the double yellow lines on Pike Road/Eythorne roundabout and start a 2-month consultation with residents on Facebook and our website. The next step would then be to apply for a Road Traffic Order for both projects on the one, but if more than 5 object it would have to go to the Joint Transportation Committee.

**Resolved: Cllr Wright proposed to members that the next stage is started to progress with the projects, all members agreed.**

**Action: The Clerk to arrange the necessary for the consultation stage.**

(Community Warden Juliet West left the meeting).

### **Report from DDC Councillor Charles Woodgate**

- Reported that the bin collection situation appears to be resolving itself.
- Planning applications, he will do his best to represent the community with any contentious issues.

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Cllr Morgan-Lovett discussed the site meeting held with the developers for the application on Shooters Hill for 8 houses and the issues with this application. Eythorne Parish Council have objected to this.

Cllrs Woodgate and Beaney said they are both on the Planning Committee at DDC and explained the planning process and their role on the committee.

(Cllrs Woodgate and Beaney left the meeting).

### **9/7. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

Members of the public present had already spoken about their concerns over speeding earlier in the meeting and had nothing further to comment. (Members of the public left the meeting).

### **9/7. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

- a) Authorisation of payments: The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Millard, seconded by Cllr C Ledger, unanimously carried.

<b>Finance Report August/September 2021 Payments</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
C Vincent	August Salary	1269.79
S Thomson	August Salary	601.80
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
Lloyds	CC monthly fee	3.00
S Thomson	Expenses June/July	68.69
Country Cutters	Sycamore tree Eythorne	850.00
Viking	Stationery & stamps	36.90
Wildflower Volunteer	Lavender Reimbursement	60.96
C Vincent	July Salary	1269.59
S Thomson	July Salary	601.80
KCC LGPS	Pension	360.73
Lloyds	CC monthly fee	3.00
Just Bee Honey Ltd	Wildflower Seeds	21.94
Wicksteed	ROSPA Play Area Inspections	288.00
Sutcliffe Play	Chain swing replacement	18.00

- b) Further Quote for the pathway leading to Eythorne Playing Field  
**Resolved: Cllr Butcher Proposed to use the cheaper quote previously submitted, this was seconded by Cllr Millard.**
- c) Wildflower Meadow Sign  
**Resolved: Cllr Millard proposed a sign is not funded and the volunteers arrange their own home-made sign instead, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett.**
- d) To receive the quote for the fallen tree at Eythorne Playing Field and the tree survey –  
**Action: Quotation not received, Clerk add to the next meeting, members happy to look at via email once received, all agreed.**

### **9/8. PLANNING**

**21/01273, Waldershare Park and Gardens, Waldershare Park, Waldershare,** Erection of an octagonal timber-framed artwork structure incorporating seating (approx 3m wide 3m high) commissioned by Kent Downs AONB and North Downs Way National Trail. **Expires 20.09.21**  
**Resolved: Members had no objections to this application.**

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#### **Late Applications:**

**21/00888, The White Horse, Church Hill, Eythorne (Amended application).**

**Resolved: Members had no objections to this application.**

#### **Decided Applications:**

**21/00875, The Annexe 5A Sandwich Road Eythorne CT15 4AA**, change of use and conversion to dwelling house, erection of front and rear single storey extensions. **Granted.**

**21/00997, 46 Sandwich Road, Eythorne, CT15 4DE**, Erection of a single storey side extension with 2no. rooflights. **Granted.**

**21/00757, Copley House, The Street, Eythorne, CT15 4BG**, Erection of a 2-bay garage with garden store, erection of an entrance gate and creation of driveway for associated parking (existing garage, shed and holly tree to be demolished). **Granted.**

**21/01090, 1 Barfreestone Court Cottages, Barfreestone Road, Barfreestone, CT15 7JJ**, Erection of a south-east boundary wall and entrance gates. **Refused.**

**21/01047, 20 Monkton Court Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4BJ**, Erection of two storey side, single storey front/rear extensions with integral garage and a shed (existing garage and rear extension to be demolished). **Granted.**

#### **Applications under Delegation:**

**21/01121, Yew Tree House Back Road Barfreestone CT15 7JH**, Erection of a detached double garage with solar panels, shed, access gates and retaining wall (existing garage to be demolished, trees to be removed). Expired 20.08.21 **Objected and fully supported the views of residents.**

**21/01153, Land to The Northwest of Eythorne Station Shooters Hill Eythorne Kent**, Outline application for the erection of up to 8 dwellings with public open space (with all matters reserved except access). Expired 20.08.21. **Objected.**

**21/00913, West View Chapel Hill Eythorne CT15 4BA**, Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking. Expired 20.08.21 **Objected as per previous comments made.**

#### **9/09. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Electric vehicles – email received asking if we would explore the possibility of a joint venture installing electric vehicle charging at the Community Centre.

**Action: Cllr M Ledger will attend the next Community Centre Committee for further information and will report back.**

- KCC Consultation for the continuation of the booking system at household waste sites  
**Resolved: Consultation to be actioned as individuals and not as a Parish Council.**

#### **9/10. EYTHORNE SETTLEMENT CONFINES CONSULTATION**

Cllr Wright informed members the proposed settlement confines boundary has been moved to include houses that have been built recently. Members were asked if they had any amendments to make.

**Resolved: Members had no amendments to make to the boundary, all agreed.**

#### **9/12. ALLOTMENTS**

There were no updates to discuss.

### **9/13. POLICIES TO AGREE**

The following policies Staff Grievance, Staff Disciplinary, Code of Conduct and Complaints Policy were put forward for approval.

**Resolved: Cllr Wright proposed to adopt the policies, seconded by Cllr Millard, all agreed.**

**Action: The Clerk to add to the website.**

### **9/14. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Cllr Morgan-Lovett asked about setting up an Emergency Plan for the area

**Action: The Clerk to follow up/investigate and add as an agenda item for our next meeting.**

Cllr Butcher asked about Village Signs, this could not be discussed at the Highways meeting as it was not on our HIP.

**Action: To add as an item at our next meeting.**

### **9/25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.