

# Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held on Thursday 12 July 2018 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Jimmy West (Chairman), Cllr Julia Bailey, Cllr Nigel Bickerdike and Cllr John Payne; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

## 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Paul Ainsworth (work); apology accepted.  
Apologies had also been received from KCCllr Andrew Bowles (at another meeting) and SBCllr Colin Prescott (at another meeting); apologies noted.  
Councillors were sorry to hear that SBCllr Prescott will not be standing again for East Downs Ward in May 2019. The Parish Council would like to thank SBCllr Prescott for all the excellent work he has done for the village over very many years..

## 2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

## 3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on 31 May 2018

Councillors considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 31 May 2018 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

Cllr Payne said he is working on General Data Protection Regulations policies.

Cllr Payne said the road at Halls Place Otterden has not been repaired,

*ACTION: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.*

Cllr West reported vehicles were still parking opposite The Carpenters Arms.

Cllr West informed members that he had written again to KCC Highways about the flooding but nothing has been done.

## 5. Public Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## 6. Village Warden's Report

The Village Warden had nothing to report.

## 7. Website

There was nothing to report.

## 8. Chairman's Report

Cllr West said the Parish Council was sorry to hear that Joan Thomas has retired from Eastling Village. The Council remembers her as a good friend and an excellent and helpful Clerk to Eastling Parish Council for many years.

Cllr West said Alan Willson has emailed:

*The VETS system has now been taken over by the community and is up and running.*

*The defibrillator is owned, maintained and administered by the community of Eastling village from past and future donations and fund raising.*

*The defibrillator is registered with SECAMB.*

Councillors were delighted that Mr Willson continues to be the custodian of the defibrillator.

Cllr West reported that the concerns about the rat poison signs and the fencing at Belmont Estate have been raised with the gamekeeper. The measures have been taken as a result of dogs disturbing the birds.

*ACTION: Cllr Payne to contact the gamekeeper.*

Cllr West thanked Cllr Bailey for her exploratory work on Protected Green Spaces and Common Land registration. The Council will continue to explore this issue.

Cllr West said Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council has requested support to oppose a proposed large scale solar park on Cleve Hill in Graveney.

After consideration, Councillors agreed not to comment.

## **9. Finance**

### i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported there is just over £6,000 in the bank and the budget needs to be set for the year. VAT needs to be reclaimed.

*ACTION 1: Cllr Payne to produce the budget.*

*ACTION 2: Clerk to reclaim the VAT.*

### ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

Councillors agreed to renew the subscription to Kent Association for Local Councils for £183.36 by BACS.

### iii. To consider request for grant from Carers' Support

Councillors considered the request from Carers Support for a grant.

Cllr Payne **PROPOSED** to give £100 to Carers Support; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## **10. Planning Matters**

Ref: 18/502384/FULL

Address: Porch House The Street Eastling Faversham Kent

Proposal: Conversion and rear extension of outbuilding to create a single storey one bedroom dwelling with 4 roof lights and bike store. Proposed Parking and garden to side.

Councillors considered the application and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to the proposals for the following reasons:

1. Access to the site is very restricted and not suitable for lorries, diggers etc concerned with the proposed building of the new dwelling.
2. The proposed new building is more than 50% of the current outbuilding [a small barn that has never been a dwelling].
3. Porch House is not the nearest house to the new development [maybe not visible from the building of Porch House], the much nearer properties are "the Nook", Laburnum Cottage", The Old Post Office", and "number 2 The Street". The amenities of these very close 4 houses will be affected.

## **11. Correspondence**

1. 08.06.18: Andrew Bowles's newsletter
2. 08.06.18: KCC The Big Conversation, rural transport conversation

3. 14.06.18: Swale Joint Transportation Board agenda
4. 14.06.18: Kent Police- invitation to a Community Police Volunteer briefing
5. 25.06.18: KSSAAT letter of thanks for donation
6. 29.06.18: KALC Parish News
7. 03.07.18: KCC notice of Temporary Road Closures – Painters Forstal Road, Eastling Road & Whitehill, Faversham
8. 04.07.18: Swale Joint Transportation Board draft minutes
9. 06.07.18: Faversham and District Engagement Forum agenda and supporting papers

## **12. Any Other Business**

No other matters were raised.

## **Date of next meeting: 4 September 2018**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman  
Dated 4 September 2018