



EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

on 13th July 2022 at 6.30 pm, Elvington Community Centre, Eythorne.

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

Also, present: Caroline Flynn (Clerk to EPC), Community Warden Juliet West, 6 Members of the public

7/1/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Meehan (Personal Reasons).

7/2/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations during this item, Cllr Hansell declared an interest in item 12 later in the meeting.

7/3/22. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 8th June Council meeting were circulated to members. The Clerk requested to amend 6/8/22. PLANNING, it was Cllr Millard who asked if there was anyone from Barfrestone to speak not Cllr Whitehead.

Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record and accepted the amendment, proposed by Cllr Whitehead seconded by Cllr Wright and carried. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

7/4/22. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE JUNE MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

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

- The insurance claim has now paid out, the old shelter has been removed and the groundworks made good. The bus shelter installer has also been contacted for an installation date of late August.
- The contractor contacted for repairs to the alleyway at Eythorne Playing Field, work will be carried out before the end of July.
- Photos taken of the Memorial benches at Eythorne Playing Field and added as an agenda item to discuss what can be done with them.
- Awaiting information from KALC with an updated defibrillator offer to be able to order a new one for outside the Community Centre, the supplier is currently having stock issues for the brand we require.
- CSU contacted regarding the use of CCTV around the area for gathering evidence of the motorbikes riding over the fields, they did not feel this was worthwhile and suggested reporting via 101 each time to build up evidence for future operations.

Cllrs felt we should put a hold on the bus shelter as it may not be needed with the current bus cut situation. **Action: The Clerk to contact the bus shelter company.**

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Issues with the bus routes being cancelled were mentioned but as the information received was after the agenda being issued it couldn't be discussed and will be added to the September meeting. Eythorne PC has not received anything official regarding this, the Clerk has contacted all relevant parties and is awaiting further information.

Cllr Millard asked about the alleyway at the pub, Community Warden Juliet West had been to investigate but had been given incorrect information as to the issue. It was thought to have been a broken fence obstructing the path on the alleyway, but it is broken slats and hedges bowing and pushing the fence outward, not believed to be an obstruction yet.

MOP said there is hedge on Chapel Hill on the left-hand side leading towards the Baptist Church by the cemetery, difficult for 2 transit vans to pass.

Action: The Clerk to report to KCC.

7/5/22. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

There were not any KCC/DDC Councillors present

Report by Community Warden Juliet West:

KCC information

- Over the School holiday KCC are offering a range of free or reduced cost activities and opportunities through KCC Connect; details can be found on the website
- Children who have free school dinners are able to apply for a free bus pass, in some cases a family bus pass may be available.
- District leisure centres; Aylesham, Dover, Deal and Sandwich are offering free entry for some activities or entry at reduced costs.
- Kent libraries offer free baby rhyme time or story time for younger children
- Kent Country Parks offer little explorers
- Various supermarkets are offering a range of free or great meal deals for children over the summer break; each one is different so it's worth checking the option most suitable to fit.
- The Sunrise Community Cafe in Snargate Street Dover offers free meals to anyone who needs them, any small donation is welcomed, but not compulsory.
- Kent's Plan Bee are still encouraging landowners to set aside parcels of land to encourage wildflower and grasses growth for butterflies and bees.
- KCC children's services have just received a grading of outstanding by Ofsted , quite an achievement in our current climate therefore we applaud them for their dedication and commitment to their service.

Current issues of concern in the villages

- The withdrawal of some of the school bus services.
- The announcement of funding cuts to some of the bus services out in the rural villages has caused a considerable amount of tension within the community.
- Parents and students are angry, worried, and upset about the decision.
- In the absence of a school bus, many children who have relied upon the bus service before, will now have a more complex journey, and there are many parents who don't have access to a vehicle or other public transport, so effectively, might not be able to get their children to school at all.
- Set out below are the contact details of some of the people and organisations who may be able to help with your concerns.

KCC Cllr David Beaney. David.Beaney@kent.gov.uk

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County Hall
Sessions House
Maidstone, Kent
ME14 1QX

Kent County Council Transport

phone: 03000 418484

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport

Stagecoach 0345 810 1000

MP Natalie Elphicke

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- Catalytic converters and fuel theft continues to be an issue in the surrounding district and area
- other issues raised locally
- SCAMS ; please be aware there are multiple scams circulating in the districts again, phone calls, emails, texts, and general encouragement to click on bogus links.
- General rule of thumb is, do not share your bank details or give any cash to unknown persons who have approached you via the above platforms.
- Please contact me if you think you may have been a victim of a scam.
- Bonfire smoke nuisance
- Straying animals
- Nuisance noise dog barking
- Nuisance noise music from car sound systems
- Nuisance noise Idling engines
- Litter dog /fouling
- ASB incidents
- Individual welfare issues
- Multiple referrals to partner agencies
- I often work with and support Volunteer groups, community groups, schools and businesses.
- Let's Eat enjoyed another successful lunch event where appx 20 residents attended

Further funding has been received from KCC to enable the group to continue providing meals to the community. Other donations will be gratefully received to enable the volunteers to continue providing this valuable community resource, particularly in the current economic climate

Woodpecker Court are continuing to offer their support with getting involved in community projects. The students get a sense of achievement out of physically improving a space and the local community benefits from those improvements.

For example, overgrown footpaths and other community areas such as the entrance to the allotments often are raised as a concern by residents, this might be something the students could help with, so if any community projects are planned that might benefit from this kind offer of support, please let me know.

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Juliet asked about the £200 that had previously been agreed for the Let's Eat Lunch Club as their bank account has now been given the OK by KCC as suitable.

Action: Clerk to add to the next meeting.

Cllr Whitehead wanted clarification if reporting incidents to 101 or via the website if the local PCSO receives the reports? Juliet couldn't clarify as she is not involved within the police but did suggest reporting also to the Community Support Unit at Dover Council by emailing csu@dover.gov.uk, if they receive 3 or more reports for the same thing on the same day a response is more likely. There is also a reporting function on the DDC website.

A member of the public asked when the traffic calming work is due to start on Adelaide Road, Cllr Whitehead said this is currently with KCC.

Report by PCSO Emma Carmichael:

PCSO Emma Carmichael sent her apologies and provided the following report for June 2022:

The Pitt is private land, police have no power. The off-road bikes fall under the same Section 143 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 laws as any other motor vehicle.

Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act—

(a) a person must not use a motor vehicle on a road or other public place unless there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle by that person such a policy of insurance as complies with the requirements of this Part of this Act, and

(b) a person must not cause or permit any other person to use a motor vehicle on a road or other public place unless there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle by that other person such a policy of insurance... as complies with the requirements of this Part of this Act.

(2) If a person acts in contravention of subsection (1) above he is guilty of an offence.

There are points 4 to prove to act on this offence:

Used (**seeing** the person driving it)

It is classed as a motor vehicle.

On a Road or public place.

When this was witnessed it was not covered by any policy of insurance.

Reports over the last month:

03/06/22 Sweetbriar Lane – Youths firing a BB Gun. Patrols attended, located 3 males and dealt with accordingly. Crime report created 1 male arrested.

04/06/22 Terrace Rd-Off Road bikes, more of a noise complaint. The caller hadn't seen any bikes but could hear them on the pit.

06/06/22 Pike Rd- Multiple Explosions heard followed by a large fire. A pallet had fallen off a lorry at the same time as a cigarette was dropped, this caused the pallet to catch fire spreading to 2 Lorry's. KFRS attended and took control of the incident.

07/06/22 Pike Rd – Theft of Fuel, 2 local males were seen carrying jerry cans from the direction of Ovenden's site back towards Elvington. This was a 3rd party report. No other reports no victim could be located. Intel report submitted.

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09/06/22 Woodpecker Court- report from a parent concerned about photos been taken whilst dropping her child off to school. This is part of ongoing tensions around planning that has been submitted.

10/06/22 Barville Rd – Broken down vehicle left on Barville Rd. Vehicle was recovered by police due dangerous location.

10/06/22 Pike Rd – officers were approached by the business owner; he was on the way to his yard as he had spotted people trying to get into his yard on Pike Road. Patrols attended. They had tampered with the cameras, and they removed the SD card. On attendance 3 males were seen in the distance running away towards Elvington.

12/06/22 Cherry Grove – Nuisance Bikes, call came in at 11.18 patrols attended at 12.11. The bikes had left an hour ago so were not in the area long enough to be located.

12/06/22 Adelaide Rd – Nuisance Bikes, driving through the village, likely to be heading to the pit. Caller wasn't happy about police response. We attend the calls when resources allow. Usually, the bikes have gone when we get there. The information on the calls is collated for use when Op Feilding is carried out.

19/06/22 Cherry Grove – Nuisance Bikes, call came in at 13.11 patrols attended at 13.38. Area searches no trace.

20/06/22 Shooter Hill – Nuisance Bikes heading towards Elvington, some road bikes some off road. Driving dangerously and pulling wheelies. No regs supplied for the road bikes.

22/06/22 Kennel Hill – Glossy black car driving at speed. No reg or make given.

29/06/22 Woodpecker Court – Criminal damage caused to young sycamore trees, they had been hacked down and laid across the path. Crime report has been created.

Stay safe online.

- Switch on the encryption within your wi-fi software so that no one can use your internet connection without your password.
- Remember that not everyone you meet online will be who they say they are.
- Use a good firewall when you are on the internet to prevent others from accessing personal data without your permission.
- Don't give out personal details that reveal your identity or where you live to someone you meet online.
- Don't reply to emails asking for bank account and credit card details – genuine companies will not ask you to confirm personal information via email as it is not secure.

Don't arrange to meet people you don't know. However, if you do agree to meet someone you have chatted to online, tell someone where and when you are meeting or take someone with you. Always meet in a public place.

7/6/22. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Reverend Sheffield mentioned the bus route cancellations and asked what the Parish Council will be doing? Reverend Sheffield was informed that as this is not an agenda item it can't be discussed as the information was received too late and no decisions can be made, it will be added to the next meeting. There was a brief discussion, the Clerk will find out when the next Joint Transport meeting will be held and any updates will be added to Facebook/website, an extra meeting added in August if needed.

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7/7/22. PLANNING

Applications:

22/00797, 3 Wigmore Wood, Wigmore Lane, Eythorne, CT15 4WW, Erection of orangery to rear of main house, rear extension to detached garage to form additional car parking to ground floor and annexe above, installation of 2no. dormer windows to front roof slope, raise pitched roof, glazed link extension and bridge to first floor and erection of summerhouse (existing conservatory to be demolished). **Expires 29.7.22**

Resolved: Members had no objections.

Late Application:

22/00717, Falconsview Meadows, Barville Road, Waldershare, CT15 5BQ, change of use of land to Gypsy/Travellers site for 4no. additional pitches, each containing 1no. mobile home, 2no. touring caravan, erection of 2no. amenity buildings, associated parking, hard surfacing and alterations to existing vehicular access. **Expires 05.08.22**

Members had concerns about the blind spot for access from the site particularly with an increase in traffic on the road, a previous application was for 1 family, but it appears there is evidence of more than 1 family residing.

Resolved: Members objected to this application as per previous objections made.

Decisions:

22/00588, Keswick House, Barfreestone Road, Eythorne CT15 4AH, Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and insertion of rear external door (existing garage to be demolished). **Granted.**

7/8/22. 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 Wright, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, unanimously carried.

Finance Report Payments		
Payee	Payment Type	Amount £
C Vincent	June Salary	1280.90
S Thomson	June Salary	608.45
KCC LGPS	Pension (June)	367.15
HMRC	Q1 Tax & NI	1058.07
Idverde	May Mowing	67.94
Lloyds	CC Monthly fee	3.00
S Thomson	Expenses (June)	26.98
Amazon	Slow Down Sign	6.78
ICO	Annual Renewal	35.00
KCC	HIP Project	3188.58
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	3.00

7/9/22. CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence not requiring a decision but to point out an email received from a Barfreestone resident regarding the June meeting and unhappy about objections not being mentioned. The resident has been responded to.

7/10/22. COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Reverend Sheffield was present to speak about the possibility of resurrecting a new Community magazine but in a different format to the previous one. The magazine has always been Church led, Reverend Sheffield was happy to get the project up and running but would need someone else to take on a permanent basis. He felt the distribution of the magazine would be the biggest challenge as it is difficult to find people to offer help with delivering them. There is some funding left over

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from the previous magazine but would need possible contributions from stakeholders going forward.

Reverend Sheffield felt a hybrid magazine would be a good option and the physical copy to be more of a glossy magazine.

Members suggested doing a trial run to see how goes first, Reverend Sheffield said he would try to have something ready for September with reduced content and for stakeholders to provide information to add. All present were happy and felt a magazine was definitely needed in the area.

7/11/22. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that there was 1 new tenant and 2 tenants had still not paid, there were currently 4 vacant plots.

Cllrs Hansell, Millard and Ledger will meet for a visit to the Shepherdsweil allotments to look at the water system.

7/12/22. MEMORIAL BENCHES

Cllr Hansell declared an interest in this item as she knows the owner of the bench.

Cllr Millard visited the family of the memorial bench to talk about the repairs needed, the family were very keen to repair the bench and to fund the repairs. Our contractor will provide a quote and it will be dealt with by the family and the contractor.

7/13/22. WILLOW WAYE ALLEYWAY

Cllr Millard reported the pathway repairs have now been booked in but an overgrown hedge/plants are blocking part of the pathway from a property next to the alleyway. The Clerk has sent them a letter to cut this back as is it currently preventing the work from taking place, so far no response has been received.

It was suggested to contact KCC/DDC to see if they can write to the resident to cut back the hedge to see if this could make a difference and for the work to be put back for a response.

Action: The Clerk to contact KCC/DDC.

7/14/22. VEHICLE FOR HANDYMAN

The Clerk explained our Handyman had now acquired a new vehicle but needed a tow bar fitted to be able to carry out his work, a rough cost for this would be around £600 as per one quote received.

Action: It was proposed by Cllr Whitehead to obtain two further quotes and to opt for the most reasonable price, seconded by Cllr Hansell and carried.

7/15/22. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters to discuss.

7/16/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th September 2022, 6.30pm Elvington Community Centre.

All were in agreement for the meeting to be held on the 14th of September 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.