

# Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Eastling Village Hall on 4 July 2022

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

Also present was Ward Councillor David Simmons

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr Paul Adams tendered his resignation and left the meeting.

*ACTION: Clerk to inform Swale Borough Council and publish Notice of Vacancy*

Cllr Bailey thanked Mr Adams for his service to the Council. A notice of vacancy will be posted.

## 1. Councillor Vacancy

Councillors considered three applications for co-option to the Council, only one vacancy could be filled at the meeting. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to co-opt Annie Adams to the Council.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann; apology noted.

## 3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

## 4. Election of Representatives

To confirm:

a) Representatives at KALC Swale Area Committee Meetings

b) Representative at Swale Borough Council Eastern Area Committee Meetings

Cllr Bailey said she will attend the next Swale Borough Council Eastern Area Committee.

## 5. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on 23 May 2022

Councillors considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 2022 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Bailey.

## 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Bailey reported that she has contacted Mr Willson about the defibrillator. Mr Willson has agreed to inform Swale Borough Council that he undertakes full responsibility of the defibrillator and will maintain it. Mr Willson has confirmed that Eastling Parish Council has no responsibility for the defibrillator.

## 7. Public Time

There were no members of the public present.

## 8. Website

There was nothing to report.

## 9. Chairman's Report

Cllr Bailey reported that the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebration was successful and it was a free event open to all residents. However, one person did ask why something better had not been done with the grant money.

## 10. Finance

### i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne informed Members that there was £10,275 in the bank. The Council received a grant of £800 for the Jubilee event; the hog roast cost £580, the band cost £200 and the cost of the bunting was shared between Stalisfield and Eastling and cost £25 each. Fund raising brought in £360.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that £355 be given to a Ukrainian Refugee Charity.

### ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

There were no invoices to be paid.

### iii. To consider funding of Police Surgeries

Cllr Payne reported that the Village Hall has agreed to waive the fee for the Police Surgery. Cllr Bailey reported that PCSO Jessica Stocks and PCSO Katie Jordan had attended the last Parish Council meeting. A Police Surgery was held on 14 June and three people attended. PCSO Stocks had submitted the following report:

#### CRIMES OF NOTE:

The Street (Burglary) A report was made stating that the informants garage door had been forced open and tools had been taken. A crime report was created and house to house was conducted in the area.

Kettle Hill Road (Criminal damage) A report was made stating that the windows to the building had been kicked in by the offenders. Nothing was reported to be stolen. A crime report was created.

#### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE:

No reports of ASB were made during June

#### ITEMS OF GOOD WORK:

Local surgery was completed last month and a total of three local residents attended.

General patrol of area whilst on duty.

## 11. Planning Matters

### i. Address: Woodbine Cottage Newnham Lane Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AS

Ref: 22/502556/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey front extension, insertion of external window and door sets, addition of 4no. rooflights and landscaping alterations.

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

### ii. Address: Eastling Manor Kettle Hill Road Eastling Kent ME13 0AX

Ref: 22/502180/FULL

Proposal: Demolition of existing Summer House with the erection of single storey replacement, erection of Oak Barn car port with solar panels garden Shed, and installation solar panel arrays.

Ref: 22/502634/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for the Demolition of existing Summer House with the erection of single storey replacement, erection of Oak Barn car port with solar panels garden Shed, and installation solar panel arrays.

Councillors considered the applications and had no objections to the proposal.

### iii. Any other planning matter received by 4 July 2022

Ref: 22/501267/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for rection of a single storey rear extension, new window in rear elevation and internal works.

Ref: 22/501163/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension, new window in rear elevation and internal works.

Address: Plantation House The Street Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0AZ

Cllr Bailey informed Members that the applications have been permitted.

Cllr Bailey reported that another application has been lodged for Plantation House, details will be circulated.

## **12. Parish Highways Improvement Plan**

Cllr Bailey said the Council has tried to get 30mph limit for Newnham Lane and that she had attended a meeting with Joanna Watson, Rebecca Hodges, both KCC Highways, and County Councillor Rich Lehmann. Joanna Watson has replaced Sarah-Jayne Ellcock at KCC Highways. A new format Parish Highways Improvement Plan has been issued. KCC Highways carried out a traffic survey and the data shows the mean speed to be 20.5mph and there was only one incident of a vehicle travelling over 30mph. The road does not meet the requirements needed for a 30mph limit. To implement a change in speed limit would cost £5,000 or £1,000 for signs on posts.

SBCllr Simmons said that the data is not helpful but could a SLOW sign be painted on the road.

*ACTION 1: Cllr Bailey to look into signage.*

*ACTION 2: Cllr Bailey to write an article for The Good News.*

Cllr West said even 30mph is too fast as there is no pavement.

SBCllr Simmons asked if Newnham Lane is classed as a Designated Rural Lane, if so KCC would pay to paint a sign on the road.

*ACTION: Clerk to ascertain status of lane.*

Cllr Bailey said other issues were also discussed at the meeting; KCC was happy that they had resolved the railings in Kettle Hill Road; the flooding issue on the Z-bend is a maintenance issue; KCC Highways does not support the use of mirrors; and double yellow lines require a Traffic Regulation Order at considerable cost and would not be supported by Swale Borough Council.

## **13. Telephone Box**

Cllr Bailey said the phone box is looking fabulous and ideas are needed for potential use.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to have a budget of £250 for any further refurbishment works.

*ACTION 1: Cllr Bailey to write an article for the newsletter requesting ideas for usage.*

*ACTION 2: Cllr Bailey to ascertain the amount due for further materials and work on the phone box.*

## **14. Correspondence**

1. 26.05.22- NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin
2. 26.05.22- FOCAS newsletter for Friends of Citizens Advice Swale
3. 30.05.22- resident copy email to County Councillor regarding Eastling Lane and response.
4. 31.05.22- NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin
5. 07.06.22- KALC SAC minutes and documents
6. 07.06.22- KALC newsletter
7. 08.06.22- SBC Eastern Area Committee papers 16 June
8. 14.06.22- NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin
9. 17.06.22- Kent Highways update on temporary road closure - various roads, Faversham
10. 18.06.22- Local Government bulletin
11. 20.06.22- KALC events flyer
12. 24.06.22- Local Government bulletin

- 13. 29.06.22- First census 2021 results
- 14. 30.06.22- Local Government bulletin

### **15. Any Other Business**

SBCllr Simmons said nearby gas main replacement has been a nightmare regarding the road closures in place. There have been issues with bin collections in Swale.

**Date of next meeting:** 26 September at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.24pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman  
Date: 26 September 2022