

MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY WEDNESDAY 14th October 2020

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr C Ledger, Cllr Millard.

Invite with an opportunity to send a report to: KCC Cllr Lymer, DDC Cllr's Keen, Walker and Woodgate and Community Warden Julliette West. Also, C Vincent, Clerk.

Apologies:

Cllr Morgan-Lovett, personal reasons

Cllr Whitehead, personal reasons.

Cllr Hansell, unable to attend.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 09 SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Butcher, seconded by Cllr Ledger and carried. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Report from Community Warden Julliette West

Julliette explained that due to COVID19 her workload has increased resulting in more welfare cases being generated.

The Community Supermarket is moving along and will be run by volunteers one morning a week to provide basic staple food at an affordable price to those in need. This is planned to be run from the Community Centre as this is a central location and also to offer advice and refer if any other help is needed. Julliette asked members if a donation would be possible of around £200, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other issues within the area being dealt with by Julliette:

- 4x4 vehicle's driving carelessly around village on regular basis and driving off road over surrounding fields and land
- Noise nuisance relating to the off roading
- Damage caused to fields/land in relation to off-roading.
- Graffiti appearing more frequently in area
- Road/ traffic congestion Pike Road area
- Litter relating to parked HGVs Pike Road area
- Stray dogs
- Noise nuisance dogs barking
- Dog fouling
- Vehicle damage
- Neighbour disputes
- Individual welfare cases
- Network meetings
- Community project work

Cllr Millard had concerns over the location and not being easy for some without transport living in Eythorne to get to Elvington, Julliette said that volunteers can be available to drop off food if they can't get to the Community Centre.

It was also reported a change of PCSO to the area, it is now PCSO Carmichael, who will be covering a number of areas as well as Eythorne.

Action: The Clerk to add the Community Supermarket donation to the next meeting agenda.

5. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no questions put forward from the public.

6. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Millard, seconded by Cllr Butcher, unanimously carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Payment Type	Amount
C Vincent	Bank Transfer	£1242.44
S Thomson	SO	£589.65
S Thomson	Expenses	£54.80
Idverde	Grass Cutting	£65.98
KCC LGPS	Pension	£351.24
HMRC	Q2 Employer Tax/NI	£941.90
First Response	Defibrillator Pads	£209.56
HM Land Registry	Ownership of alleyway at Willow Waye	£4.00
C Vincent	Zoom Account fees	£143.88

6.a) Quotes for the Bus Shelter Panels – decision required

Two quotes had been obtained for metal grille panels/metal panels for the bus shelter at Milner Road, one for £1635.00 plus VAT and a second one for £550 plus VAT but would also require a quote for installation. Members felt the quotes were expensive and for this to be investigated further.

Action: Cllr Millard to investigate further and to liaise with the Clerk and arrange a brief Zoom meeting with any findings, all unanimously agreed.

7. PLANNING

Applications: There were no applications.

Decisions:

DOV/20/00968 - 1 Miners Row, Fairview Road, Elvington, CT15 4EP - Whitebeam Re: Pollard Granted.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 09 September 2020 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk reported that the ownership paperwork for the alley way off of Willow Waye has been sent to the land registry to find the owner as this could not be done online.

9. ALLOTMENTS – Water containers/tenant's update

The vacant allotment plots have been advertised again on the Facebook page/website but no interest at the moment.

The water containers are still to be investigated.

Action: Cllr Millard will find out about the water containers and report back.

10. DEFIBRILATOR – to receive an update

The defibrillator is now at the Community Centre after being retrieved from Milner Road, Cllrs met with committee members from the Community Centre to agree the best place to install the defibrillator. It was decided to place at the front of the building.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Community Centre Committee for confirmation of defibrillator installation at the Community Centre.

11. KCC Highways – Pike Road, Wigmore Road and Eythorne Roundabout

The Clerk reported that a virtual meeting for Pike Road has been arranged for the 11th November at 11am to discuss the on-going issues at Pike Road. Attendance will be decided closer to the meeting. The Clerk circulated costings for Eythorne Roundabout parking improvement scheme from Cllr Whitehead for members to look at and provide any comments.

Action: It was unanimously agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

12. Wildlife Area

The Clerk informed members that a site visit with Kent Wildlife Trust is being arranged to discuss ideas for the wildlife garden. Members were asked who would like to attend and a preference of date.

Cllr Millard had concerns over weeds and if neighbours would be happy with a wildlife garden and felt a consultation would be required.

Action: The Clerk to ask Cllr Hansell to join the site visit and report back.

13. White Paper Planning Consultation

The Clerk reminded members that the closing date for the consultation is the 29th October and comments are required.

Action: The Clerk to send the link to members to look at the consultation.

14. Correspondence

A complaint had been received about the increase in Owendens traffic, this was reported to KCC who contacted Owendens and the Parish Council were given information on how to report further issues. This information has been posted to the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

A complaint was received about the increase in graffiti within the area which has been reported to the Community Safety Unit and to the police and the Parish Council have also been advised on how to report this in the future. A graffiti removing day has been arranged for Saturday the 7th November between 10am and 12pm by Stacey Clarke at DDC, anyone can join in to help on the day.

An email regarding Remembrance Sunday was received from the new Vicar of St Peter's and St Paul's to provide ideas for Remembrance Day this year due to COVID19 restrictions. A parade will not be possible or crowds to lay wreaths. It is suggested the service be live streamed for residents to view and for children to colour in poppies and place in the windows at home and for people to pop outside their doors at 11am. Members were happy with all of these suggestions and would still like to provide a wreath to be laid.

Action: Clerk to contact Paul Boiston to arrange a wreath.

15. Owendens Traffic

This item has been covered under correspondence.

16. Speeding through the Village

Cllr Millard asked members if there was anything in the pipeline for speeding that is still continuing throughout the area? Cllr Butcher informed members that Speedwatch are still gathering information to present to KCC and Speedwatch sessions are still operating in the area. Cllr Millard felt it the Parish Council needs to be seen to moving forward with the speeding issue.

Action: Cllr Butcher will contact Ray Luckhurst where is he is with the information from Speedwatch.

17. Public Rights of Way

Cllr Millard mentioned that as more people are using Public Rights of Way that a committee be set up as previously suggested.

Action: The Clerk to add this to the next meeting agenda.

Cllr Millard recently walked along the footpath off of Kennel Hill EE401A and EE401B into the Walderslade estate as previously mentioned at the August meeting and said it is very dangerous due to crossing Kennel Hill where traffic speeds at 60mph with no footpath which then leads down some very steep unsafe steps, asked if the Parish Council could place a sign here warning of the danger.

Action: Cllr Millard proposed and Cllr C Ledger seconded for the handyman to place a sign here and arranged by the Clerk and for the Clerk to contact KCC to chase up the reported issue from August.

18. Operation Brock

This item was not discussed as member not present to report on.

19. Any other matters

There were no other matters.

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

20. Closed Session – decision required for adopting the new NALC pay scales.

This was discussed in a closed session.

Resolved: Members agreed to adopt the new NALC pay scales, proposed by Cllr Butcher and seconded by Cllr Millard.