

Eythorne Parish Council

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Thanet Community Transport Association

It is good to hear that people in the community are using the group membership that the Parish Council bought for the Parish to use. As with all new schemes, you have to register yourself before booking transport. Eythorne PC is the group member and you do not need to also pay for membership, but you do have to register your personal details **BEFORE** you can use service. Once you are registered, just ring up and book your transport, paying for the journey each time, like a bus or taxi.

To use the service you can register your details in a number of ways:

- Telephone 01843 602030 and ask for a membership brochure to be sent
- Go online to www.transportinthanet.co.uk
- Email the PC on clerk@eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk and a copy of the brochure can be emailed back, for you to print and fill in

Precept

The Parish Council have been looking at the running costs for the financial year 2019-2020 in order to calculate the precept figure which is used to pay for them. Running costs include, staff, equipment, training, insurances, memberships, repairs and maintenance etc. This is different to capital projects which are paid for from reserves; defibrillators, play equipment and bus shelters for example.

The costs associated with running a Council increase annually while the grant received from KCC to offset those costs has decreased every year to the current situation where the grant has stopped completely. Additionally, DDC and KCC are reducing services due to their own budget limitations, so in order to maintain the environment, Parish Councils are having to find ways to fill the void in services which are being cut. Thus running costs are constantly increasing for all Parish Councils including Eythorne.

In order to better meet the financial responsibilities for 2019-2020 the Councillors have made the decision to increase the precept this year. The annual increase will be £1.05 which works out at 2p per week for a Band D property. This amount will not completely cover the predicted running costs next year. It is worth mentioning that the precept is dependent on the type of house ownership, the Council does not receive a precept amount from any properties rented through a housing association.

Parish Council Elections

The next scheduled elections are District and Parish Council elections which will take place on Thursday 2 May 2019. The Parish Council has 2 vacancies at present, however if current Councillors do not apply for re-election there will be more. Would you consider becoming a Parish Councillor?

If you would like to know more, please contact the clerk or any of the current Parish Councillors who would be happy to give you information. Also the Dover District Council has lots of information

www.dover.gov.uk/Council--Democracy/Elections/Home.aspx

Alternatively, you can contact DDC elections department on 01304 872344 or email:

elections@dover.gov.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Eythorne Parish Council website: www.eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Eythorne Parish Clerk: clerk@eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk or 01304 832449 to leave a message
Community Warden – Juliette West: 07969 584174

PSCO - Emma.CARMICHAEL@kent.pnn.police.uk

Non-emergency crime – ring 101 or www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

DDC Community Safety Unit: csu@dover.gov.uk