

Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 25 November 2020

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

Also present was County Councillor Andrew Bowles, Ward Member David Simmons and three members of the public.

Cllr West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 30 September 2020

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 September 2020 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as a true record of the meeting. The minutes will be signed by Cllr West at the next physical meeting of the Council.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Carpenters Arms – Asset of Value to the Community

Cllr Bailey reported the Carpenters Arms has been designated an Asset of Value to the Community.

Cllr West thanked Cllr Bailey for her work on the application.

Village Warden Report

Cllr West said that there have been no further reports of burglaries or hare coursing. Residents are being urged to stick to the COVID-19 rules.

5. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the public time

KCCllr Bowles reported that the first of the reserved matters for Cleve Hill Solar Park has been lodged and will go to Swale Planning Committee. This is in respect of an environmental assessment. There will be further applications before the proposal goes ahead.

SBCllr Simmons said the next Swale Planning Committee. Is on 10 December. The Planning Committee did not determine the original application, it was determined by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Cllr West thanked KCCllr Bowles and SBCllr Simmons for the update.

SBCllr Simmons asked how frequent the bus service to Faversham is.

Cllr West said there is a daily bus service at 8am, 9.30am and 1pm. This is an essential lifeline for the village especially for those who do not or are unable to drive.

Cllr Bailey said there is also a school bus at 3.30pm. The bus service does not serve the needs of working people.

SBCllr Simmons reported that Swale Borough Council has recently established Area Committees and every Councillor have a pot of money which is available for projects.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Website

Cllr Ainsworth reported that following on from the success of the WhatsApp group, a resident is looking into setting up a website to arrange village events and also for fund raising. The Clerk reported the Parish Council website had been updated and there were no issues.

7. Chairman's Report

Cllr West said the KALC Community Award 2021 has been launched and it had been agreed to give Mr Bell an award for his sterling contribution to the village. A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr Bell on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Bailey said the nomination will be submitted for the KALC Award and the presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Bailey.

8. Finance

i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported that there was £9106 in the bank account and the only payment since the last meeting has been the Clerk's salary and expenses.

ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mr N Swatland £230 for strimming the church footpath and by the village sign from April- November.

Cllr West reported that a hole has appeared on the left-hand side of the church path near the gate to the church.

ACTION: Cllr Payne to request Mr Swatland to remedy.

9. Planning Matters

Ref: 19/503828/FULL

Address: Churchfields Barn Churchfields The Street Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0BG

Proposal: Conversion of existing stables into 2no. additional residential apartments

PINS ref: APP/V2255/W/20/3249655

Cllr Bailey reported the appeal has been dismissed and the view of Swale Borough Council has been upheld.

10. Newnham Lane

Cllr West reported the Newnham Lane speed limit petition has been delayed while the village does a Parish Highways Improvement Plan which is necessary for the Swale Joint Transportation Board to receive the petition.

11. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr West said the Swale Joint Transportation Board now needs a Parish Highways Improvement Plan in order to consider the Newnham Lane petition.

KCCllr Bowles reported that at the last Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting, there were four cases where the Parish Council was told matters could not go through until a Parish Highways Improvement Plan has been approved. Twenty-five Parish Council, out of thirty-seven in Swale, have submitted Parish Highways Improvements Plans or are in the process of doing so. This is a recent requirement.

ACTION: All Councillors to submit suggestions of areas for improvement to Cllr Adams and Cllr Bailey to draw up a Parish Highways Improvement Plan for consultation.

12. Correspondence

1. 06.10.20: Helen Whately M Parish update
2. 06.10.20: KALC Newsletter
3. 09.10.20: KCC/ KALC/ Kent & Medway Environment Board event invitation
4. 12.10.20: NALC CEO Bulletin
5. 15.10.20: KALC- Planning White Paper & Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry on the planning system
6. 20.10.20: KALC AGM notice and papers
7. 20.10.20: KALC CEO bulletin
8. 23.10.20: KALC Swale Area Committee motion to be put to the KALC AGM
9. 26.10.20: KCC Leader media release regarding support for families in half-term
10. 27.10.20: Swale Borough Council Area Committee- parish participation at Area Committee meetings
11. 27.10.20: NHS Kent and Medway CCG- Community Bulletin for October 2020
12. 30.10.20: Swale Borough Council planning training
13. 02.11.20: NALC'S Tree Charter newsletter
14. 02.11.20: Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee- public survey the future of the planning system in England
15. 04.11.20: NALC CEO bulletin
16. 04.11.20: KALC newsletter
17. 04.11.20: KALC Swale Area Committee agenda
18. 04.11.20: KALC training flyer
19. 05.11.20: NHS registry service for COVID-19 vaccine studies
20. 10.11.20: NALC CEO Bulletin
21. 10.11.20: Kent Police- Rural Task Force report and Rural Matters newsletter
22. 13.11.20: KALC bitesize learning courses
23. 13.11.20: Kent Community Foundation- "Knock and Check" Campaign
24. 16.11.20: KCCLlr Bowles- Newsletter
25. 18.11.20: KCC Member environment briefing
26. 20.11.20: KCC- COVID-19 update
27. 20.11.20: KCC Minerals and Waste: public consultations on an updated Statement of Community Involvement and an updated Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document
28. 24.11.20: KALC AGM: papers for meeting
29. 24.11.20: KALC Community Award Scheme2021
30. 24.11.20: KALC- Local Government Bulletin with links to the Government's Covid-19 Winter Plan
31. 24.11.20: Swale Borough Council: message from Cllr Roger Truelove, leader of the Council

13. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13 January 2021

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 7.35pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 13 January 2021