

# Eastling Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Eastling Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

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

Also present was County Councillor Andrew Bowles.

## 1. Councillor Vacancy

Cllr West said Cllr Nigel Bickerdike has resigned from the Council as he is moving out of the village. A notice has been put on the notice board and it will be advertised on the website and in the parish magazine.

*ACTION: Clerk to draft article for the parish magazine.*

## 2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from SBCllr Colin Prescott; apologies noted.

## 3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

## 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 12 July 2018

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 July 2018 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept them as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr West.

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Payne reported the road by Hall's Place has been repaired.

Cllr Payne said the car parking issues opposite the Carpenter's Arms has been resolved since the Farm Manager installed a bar across the area.

Cllr West said the flooding issue at the Z bend on the Eastling Road has not been resolved. KCCllr Bowles said there was exceptional rainfall on 29 May which flooded many roads and washed some away resulting in scheduled work being postponed to allow emergency work to be carried out.

Cllr West thanked KCCllr Bowles for the update.

Cllr Payne said the issue of signs and fencing on the Belmont Estate has not been resolved and the gamekeeper is maintaining his stance. He will talk to the shoot captain during the shooting season.

Cllr West said at the Annual Parish Meeting, residents asked if the Council would apply for the field opposite the Carpenters Arms to be a Village Green or a Protected Green Space.

Cllr Bailey said that unless the landowner is willing it is unlikely to happen and may actually highlight the site's potential for development. The site is in a Conservation Area, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and there is no sewerage.

KCCllr Bowles said the land would not fall under the current circumstances as it would not meet the criteria. The Government is making it harder for Councils to fulfil its housing allocation and if it not met after five years the Local Plan fails.

Cllr West said the Parish Council agreed not to comment on the solar park at Graveney

KCCllr Bowles said no application has been lodged yet.

## 5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

## 6. Village Warden's Report

No report had been received.

## 7. Website

Deferred to later on the agenda.

## 8. Chairman's Report

Cllr West reported there had been cars in the village in the middle of the night and this looked suspicious. It had been relayed that they were looking for four wheeled drive vehicles to use for hare coursing, although nothing was stolen.

KCCllr Bowles said he is aware that 4 x 4s are being targeted. The rear exhaust box is sawn off as it is valuable for scrap metal. The Police have caught and prosecuted some offenders.

## 9. Finance

### i. Finance Report

Cllr Payne reported there was £5903 in the bank and the second instalment of the precept will be due soon.

### ii. To consider invoices and cheques raised

It was AGREED to pay Newington Parish Council, by BACS, £30.83 being a share of the Clerk's subscription to SLCC.

## 10. Planning Matters

### i. Ref: 18/503848/FULL

Address: 6 Kettle Hill Eastling Faversham Kent ME13 0BB

Proposal: Removal of single storey lean-to structure and erection of a rear single storey extension

Councillors considered the application and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that they was no comment to make save neighbours comments be taken into consideration.

### ii. Any planning matter received by 4 September 2018

Ref: 18/502384/FULL

Address: Porch House The Street Eastling Faversham Kent

Proposal: Conversion and rear extension of outbuilding to create a single storey one bedroom dwelling with 4 roof lights and bike store. Proposed Parking and garden to side.

Cllr West said that despite the Parish Council's objection, to support residents, and also many objections from local resident, the application had been approved.

Cllr Payne said the decision was disappointing.

## 11. GDPR

### i. Record Management Policy

### ii. Data Protection Policy

### iii. Subject Access Request Policy

### iv. General Privacy Notice

### v. Completion of Data Audit

Councillors considered the policies and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to adopt the policies.

*Cllr Paul Ainsworth arrived at the meeting.*

## 7. Website

Cllr Ainsworth reported that there had been an issue with uploading onto the website but this has been resolved. The website receives a constant number of hits.

*ACTION: Clerk to send Councillor vacancy notice for the website.*

## 12. Correspondence

1. 16.07.18- Cllr Bowles's newsletter
2. 16.07.18- KALC SAC 20's Plenty meeting 1 August 2018

3. 16.07.18- SBC: briefing/ update meeting on Planning Enforcement
4. 18.07.18- Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: July newsletter
5. 20.07.18- SBC: Swale Rural Round Up
6. 31.07.18- Start of Works Notice, Otterden Road
7. 31.07.18- SBC- consultation of Draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005
8. 02.08.18- Cllr Bowles's newsletter
9. 06.08.18- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: revised NPPF
10. 17.08.18- KALC: notification of events
11. 25.08.18- KALC SAC 20's Plenty minutes
12. 25.08.18- KCC: notice of Temporary Road Closure – Seed Road, Newnham
13. 30.08.18- Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: August newsletter
14. 30.08.18- Swale Joint Transportation Board: Agenda for meeting on 10 September 2018
15. 30.08.18- email from resident in Newnham Lane regarding the speed limit signs
16. 31.08.18- KALC SAC: Correspondence to and from the General Purposes Committee

Cllr West thanked KCllr Bowles for his regular newsletter which is also published in the Good News magazine.

KCllr Bowles said the final result of the Big Conversation, the KCC bus consultation, has yet to be collated. There is no adverse impact on subsidized routes in Swale at the moment. Rural buses must be protected to ensure rural areas are not disadvantaged.

Cllr West said the bus is a vital life line to the village.

Cllr West said a resident, who had previously attended a Parish Council meeting, had written again to ask for the 30mph speed limit be moved further down Newnham Lane.

KCllr Bowles said the 30mph speed limit had only recently been established.

*ACTION: Clerk to formally request KCllr Bowles to assist with the issue and notify the resident accordingly.*

Cllr West thanked KCllr Bowles for his assistance.

### **13. Any Other Business**

KCllr Bowles said the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework will cause problems for Swale Borough Council to achieve a five-year housing average. The policy may mean that most policy decisions will be made by the Planning Inspectorate at Bristol rather than being dealt with locally by Local Government.

Cllr Payne said a new edition of Local Councils Administration has been published, the Clerk will purchase a copy and the cost will be shared between her parish Councils.

Cllr Payne said the Otterden Road has been resurfaced with a special surface which has reduced the noise of the traffic, however, Southern Water has since dug the road up four times but has used ordinary tarmac for the repair. Can Southern Water be charged?

KCllr Bowles said he will ask KCC Highways to investigate the matter.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 7 November at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting