

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present: Councillors N Kenton S Shevde M Kemp S Smith M West
 G Bury A Wiles S Hooper M Pemble A Barwick

Dist Cllr Manion PC Wayne Wright
S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Bradshaw

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a) Minutes of the Ordinary meeting 7.30pm 7th July 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Shevde that the above minutes be signed as a true and correct record, all agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

b) Minutes of the Planning Meeting 7.00pm 4th August 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Shevde that the above minutes be signed as a true and correct record, all agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

3. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Highways

Complaints about lack of Parking Gore Lane - The Clerk had responded to the author of the letter.

Action Discharged

Historic Sign- The Clerk had reported the problem to DDC.

Action Discharged

Forthcoming Events

Rededication of the Bells – Sat 2nd August 3pm- The Clerk had sent the RSVP.

Action Discharged

Allotments and Leisure Fields

Pond

Cllr Hooper had arranged site meetings with contractors and pond volunteers.

Action Discharged

Churchyard & Cemetery

Quotes – Cut back ivy around stones and cut back hedge – The quote had been accepted.

Action Discharged

Hedge Work – A meeting had taken place between Cllr Kenton, Kemp the Clerk and contractor.

Action Discharged

Church Bells – The Clerk had written to the PCC.

Action Discharged

Coffee Break

This item had been removed from the agenda.

Action Discharged

4. POLICE LIASION

- i. PCSO Powlter had resigned his post. It was unclear when this post would be filled.

PC Wright reported on problems in the area. He agreed to check on the following issues:-

- Mini Motor Bikes – Thornton lane
- Car parked in Picnic site overnight

Action PC Wright

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Reminder to all Councillors that you have 28 days in which to inform the Monitoring Officer of any changes to your register of financial or other interests.
- b) Code of Conduct Training
- c) Minutes and Agenda

The above were noted by the members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

- i. None received

b) Consultation Documents

- i. The Secretary of States proposed Changes to draft Regional Spatial Strategy for South East – Response by 24-Oct 2008

This document had been circulated, no comments were felt necessary.

c) News letters and Circulars

- i. KALC parish News
- ii. Senior Citizens Forum – Newsletter
- iii. Clerks and Councils Direct
- iv. Groundwork news
- v. Family Care Homes Ltd –newsletter
- vi. Oast to Coast
- vii. DDC – Close to Home
- viii. Green Gang
- ix. CASE Newsletter
- x. The Bulletin

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

d) Other

- i. Kent Fire & Rescue Service Performance Plan 2008/09
- ii. Victim Support
- iii. KALC Meeting Minutes
- iv. ACRK – Funding Opportunities
- v. Village News AGM Information
- vi. STARR Committee
- vii. KCC Legal Services
- viii. BT – Payphone removal
- ix. KCC Annual Plan 2008/09
- x. DDC – BT proposals to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

- xi. Post Box Repainting

The members were unhappy with this response and it was agreed that a photograph of the post box should be sent to Royal mail.

Action Sarah Wells

7. HIGHWAYS

- i. Speeding in Felderland Lane

This had been reported to the Police Officers covering Eastry and Worth.

- ii. Countywide improvements – Customer support officer
- iii. Kent Highway Services – Draft Permit Scheme

The above were noted by the members.

- iv. Parking Church Street – Cllrs Shevde and Kemp reported that when a recent event had taken place at the Church there were so many vehicles parked in Church Street, that it was only just possible to get a car along the road and it would have been impossible for an emergency vehicle to gain access to any of the properties at the far end of the road.

It was agreed the Clerk should write to the PCC and ask that they inform people visiting for such events of the problems with parking and ask them to park either in the car park or in the old farm yard.

Action Sarah Wells

8. FINANCE

- i. Thank you letter from Eastry Cricket Club
- ii. Audit Commission – Change of address and details for 2009 audit
- iii. Thank you letter from Joint Services (2008 Grant)

The above were noted by the members.

- iv. Letter from independent auditor – Willing to undertake the duties next year under the same arrangements.

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Hooper that Mr Price be asked to carry on as the Council's independent auditor. The Clerk to contact Mr Price.

Action Sarah Wells

- v. Set date for Finance Committee meeting to discuss precept - w/c 15th December suggested.

It was agreed that the Finance Meeting should take place on 15th Dec 2008 at 7.30pm.

9. ACCOUNTS**Aug Receipts**

Parade donations	20.00
Allotment Deposits	35.00
	55.00

Sept 2008 Payments

		Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Environmental Engineer - Aug Street Cleaning	287.50	3814	287.50	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Aug	135.00			
Toilet Supplies	5.43			
	140.43	3815	140.43	
EDF Energy - Parish Room		3816	25.38	1.21
Stripy Landscapes - Weed Killing & Ivy	247.50			
Ground Work Jul/Aug	880.00			
	1127.50	3817	1127.50	

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Petty Cash	3818	60.00	
Grave Digging Fee - Cremated Remains 08 Aug	3819	70.00	
Carpenters Keys & Taps Allotments	3820	28.20	4.20
Clerks Salary Aug	3821	653.44	
H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax		58.00	
Employees NI		31.05	
Employers NI		28.71	
		117.76	
	3822	117.76	
Employers Pension Contribution		89.73	
Employees Pension Contribution		51.62	
		141.35	
	3823	141.35	
Clerks Expenses			
Sky Broadband		10.00	
Sky talk		12.05	
		22.05	
	3824	22.05	

It was proposed by Cllr Barwick and seconded by Cllr Wiles that the above payments should be made, Cllr Shevde was third signatory.

10. PLANNING

a) Applications

b) Decisions

a & b had been dealt with at the planning meeting earlier in the evening.

c) Other

- i. DDC – LDF Next stage

Noted by the members

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Events

- i. Parade Official Opening Sept 26th

The guest list for the official opening was agreed, the Clerk to send the invitations. **Action Sarah Wells**

It was also agreed that the local papers and Meridian news should be invited. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Outside Events

- i. Southern Water Road shows
- ii. ACRK AGM 4th September
- iii. Police Liaison Meeting 16th October 2008

The above were noted by the members.

- iv. Parish and Town Council Seminar 15th October – Abbots Barton Hotel, New Dover Road
9.30am to 1.30pm

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the meeting on behalf of the Council.

12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS

a) Gun Park

Nothing to discuss at this time.

c) Allotments

Still very popular with more people asking for allotments every month.

d) Pond

Cllrs Hooper and Shevde had arranged meetings with three contractors to discuss the work and get quotes. Only two of the contractors had attended meetings and to date only one quote had been received. Cllr Hooper to chase up the other quote. The quote to be considered at the next meeting so that the next stage of the pond management programme could be implemented during the winter months.

Action Cllr Hooper

It was agreed that grant funding should be sought for work on the pond.

Action Sarah Wells

e) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss

f) Picnic Site

An additional bin bag had been placed in the rubbish box. A new padlock had been installed.

g) Correspondence

None received.

13. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

a) Churchyard & Cemetery

The Quote for the work to the hedge running parallel to the footpath in the Cemetery had not been received yet, the Clerk to chase.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Recreation Ground

i. CASE Kent – AGM notice

Noted

14. PARADE

i. KCC Members grant of £1500 awarded.

Noted

15. REPORTS

a) Dist Cllrs

Dist Cllr Manion gave a report on DDC activities and informed the members of the “Keep Britain Tidy – The big tidy up campaign”.

Cllr Kenton informed the members that plastic and cardboard door step collection would start on the 3rd Nov. Some changes to existing routes would be needed and collection days may have to change, however calendars would be sent to householders to inform them of the dates.

b) Parish Councillors

i. Village Hall Committee report – Cllr Smith

16. COMMUNICATION

a) Village News Letter –Oct 2008 Edition

The next stage of the pond management programme to be outlined.

b) Mercury Report

Parade Opening

c) Web Site

As per a and b.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting dates for 2008

- 6th October Ordinary Meeting
- 3rd November Ordinary Meeting
- 1st December Ordinary Meeting
- 15th December – Finance Committee Meeting 7.30pm

Meeting Dates for 2009

- 5th January Ordinary Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.