

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2008**

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

PCSO Benson & Bob Priestley S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Dist Cllr Manion

2. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Bench dedication Mrs Margaret Bullock – The clerk asked the members to agree the wording for the plaque and asked if they would like a dedication ceremony. The following wording was agreed “In memory of Margaret Bullock in recognition of her valued service to the village”. It was agreed that the plaque would be put up without a ceremony. The Clerk to order the plaque. **Action Sarah Wells**

Correspondence

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

St Georges Day 2009 – to be discussed later in the meeting.

Action Discharged

Clothing Bank – The information had been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee.

Action Discharged

Allotments and Leisure Fields

Allotments

The environmental engineer had worked extra hours to clean up from Mill Lane to the Gun Park, and in the Mill Green area.

Action Discharged

Pond

Quote for work to remove reed mace – The quote had been accepted.

Action Discharged

Hedge overhanging the Road – The Clerk had received a quote that fell within her spending limits, she had therefore accepted the quote and the work had been carried out.

Action Discharged

Churchyard & Cemetery

Quote for Hedge cutting – the Clerk had accepted the quote.

Action Discharged

Bench by Church gates – The work to repair the bench had been undertaken.

Action Discharged

4. POLICE LIASION

PC Wayne Wright has been reassigned and will no longer be covering Eastry from 10-11-08. He will continue to cover Wingham and Ash, Staple and Stour Mouth have been added to his duties. PCSO Benson and Community warden will remain.

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.

Noted.

- b) Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of conduct for local authority members and employees – A consultation – by 24th Dec

This document had been put on circulation to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

- i. KCC – Kent Health watch
- ii. KCC – Register of Common Land and Town or Village Greens
- iii. New Dover Hospital

The above were discussed, no response was felt necessary.

b) Consultation Documents

- i. DDC Street Scene Consultation

Cllr Smith had attended this meeting and had a copy of the full document, it was agreed this should be circulated for discussion at the next meeting. **Action Cllr Smith**

c) News letters and Circulars

- i. Countryside Events
- ii. Explore Kent
- iii. Close to Home

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

d) Other

- i. Southern Water Report and Questionnaire
- ii. Williamson & Barnes – Change of address

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

7. HIGHWAYS

- i. Letter from Eastry School – ref land for footpath Gore Lane

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Kent Highways and ask them to provide a footpath along Gore Lane, from Centenary Garden to join the footpath at the back of Cooks Lea. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii. Ringway – Street Lighting
- iii. Traffic Calming – Dover Road

Noted

- iv. E-mail ref the footpath between the school fence and the pavilion.

Cllr Kemp had looked at the path and informed the members that it was braking up and needed repair. It was agreed that the Clerk should get quotes to lay down a row of kerb stones and concrete or tarmac the gap. **Action Sarah Wells**

8. FINANCE

- a) Langdon PC – Asking for donation to the pay for legal support – Wind farm inquiry
- b) DDC – Precept due at DDC by 6th Feb 2009

The above were noted by the members.

9. ACCOUNTS

Cllr Kemp declared a personal interest.

		Receipts			
	Memorial -Austin	150.00			
			Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Nov 2008 Payments					
	Environmental Engineer - Oct Street Cleaning	330.00			
	Cleaning supplies	19.30			
		349.30	3837	349.30	
	Toilet Cleaning Contract Oct	135.00			
	Toilet Supplies	6.67			
		141.67	3838	141.67	
	Kemp Bros & Son -Repairs to seat & removal of Skate Ramp		3839	125.86	
	Stripy Landscapes		3840	880.00	
	Southern Water - Allotments		3841	93.56	
	Royal British Legion - Wreath		3842	19.00	
	British Gas - Parish Room		3843	6.65	0.31
	Audit Commission - 2008 Audit Fee		3844	470.00	70.00
	Clerks Salary Oct		3845	713.64	
	H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	47.80			
	Employees NI	31.05			
	Employers NI	28.71			
		107.56	3846	107.56	
	Employers Pension Contribution	89.73			
	Employees Pension Contribution	51.62			
		141.35	3847	141.35	
Clerks Expenses					
	Sky Broadband	10.00			
	Sky talk	12.82			
	Toner Cartridges	48.96			
		71.78	3848	71.78	

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

10. PLANNING**a) Applications**

The Clerk had received three applications during the past few days, it was agreed that a planning meeting should be called for Monday 10th Nov at 7.30pm.

b) Decisions

- i. DDC Planning enforcement – Decking 19 & 23 Heronden View, Eastry - Noted

c) Other

None received.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**a) Council Events**

- i. St Georges Day 2009

Cllr Pemble suggested that the Council put on a Cream Tea in the Village Hall on Sunday 26th April to celebrate St George's day, this event would be free to any members of the community that wished to attend. This was felt to be a very good idea; Cllrs Pemble and Hooper take the lead on this event and make the necessary arrangements.

Action Cllr Pemble and

Hooper.

- ii. Christmas Trees

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for an external electricity socket to be provided outside the Five Bells, to allow the Christmas Tree lights to be plugged in. Cllr Kenton would look into finding a Christmas tree to be erected outside the Five Bells.

Action Cllr Kenton

The Clerk to make the arrangements for the erection of the tree outside the village hall.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Outside Events

- i. DDC – Annual Town and Parish Liaison meeting – Wed 3rd Dec 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Cllr Shevde and Hooper to attend. The Clerk to inform DDC.

Action Sarah Wells

- ii. KALC – Dover Area meeting – 23rd October -Cllr Hooper had attended this meeting.
- iii. KALC AGM 8th Nov 2008 – Ditton - Cllrs Hooper and Pemble were unable to attend, it was agreed that no representatives would be sent.
- iv. Lord Lieutenant of Kent Civic Service Thur 26 March 11.00am - The Clerk to put on the agenda for the January meeting.

Action Sarah Wells

12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS**a) Gun Park**

Nothing to discuss at this time

c) Allotments

Nothing to discuss at this time

d) Pond

- i. E-mail pond gullies and silt traps - The contents were discussed.

The gully that had been found following the recent work at the pond was totally blocked, it was agreed that the Clerk should inform Kent Highways that it needed cleaning out.

Action Sarah Wells

It was also agreed that the work party should continue with smaller jobs throughout the winter months.

e) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss at this time

f) Picnic Site

Cllr Kenton declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

i. E-mail ref Entrance to site- the contents were discussed

Cllr Hooper had asked the KCC parks officer to repair the picnic site drive way at the last meeting. It was agreed she would contact him to see what action could be taken to prevent the entrance becoming muddy in the future. **Action Cllr Hooper.**

The ERIC sign had also been discussed at the last site meeting with KCC, it was hoped the sign may be reconditioned. KCC had agreed to empty the dog waste bin on a regular basis. Two new benches were to be provided by KCC.

g) Correspondence

None received.

13. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY**a) Churchyard & Cemetery**

Cllr Kemp had inspected the area; there are no problems at this time.

b) Recreation Ground

Cllr Kemp declared a personal interest. The gate post at the entrance opposite the church is rotten, it was agreed that Mr Kemp should be asked to replace as soon as possible. **Action Sarah Wells**

14. PARADE

i. Parishioner has asked why no hand rails have been provided

Cllr West informed the meeting that as a ramp had been provided for disabled access no hand rails were necessary.

15. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllr Kenton reported on the LDF core strategy, Gypsy and travellers and planning performance.

b) Parish Councillors

Youth Club report – Cllr Smith

KALC meeting – Cllr Hooper

16. COMMUNICATION**a) Village News Letter – Dec/Jan Edition**

PC Wright reassigned. Christmas message from the Chairman.

b) Mercury Report

PC Wright reassigned

c) Web Site

PC Wright reassigned

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**a) Meeting dates for 2008**

1st December Ordinary Meeting

15th Dec Finance meeting 7.30pm

Meeting Dates for 2009

5th January Ordinary Meeting