

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2014**

Present: Councillors	N Kenton (Chairman)	N Wickham
	B Read A Barwick	M Kemp
	M Pemble A Wiles	J Gardiner

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council 1 Member of the Public Community Warden

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Mitchell, J Sale & S Hooper. PCSO Ryan Doel

The meeting was closed so that Mr P Neagle – From DDC Environmental Crime team could speak about Dog Control Orders. DDC are seeking to introduce 4 Dog Control Orders.

- **The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Dover District Council) Order 2014.**

The proposed order will cover all land within the Dover District Council area which is Open to the air. This includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment.

- **The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Dover District Council) Order 2014.**

Again this will cover the whole District as detailed above. It will make it an offence not to put, and keep, dogs on leads when instructed to do so by an authorised officer. This would be used in instances where restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any person or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

- **The Dogs on Lead (Dover District Council) Order 2014**

This order shall require dogs to be kept on a lead in a number of areas throughout the District. This will mainly apply to enclosed areas like churchyards but will also replace some by-laws, e.g. on Deal beach where dogs are required to be on leads at all times.

- **The Dogs Exclusion (Dover District Council) Order 2014**

This order shall ban dogs from certain areas. It will apply mainly to enclosed children's play areas, some churchyards and seasonally on some beaches.

The members were in agreement with the implementation of the first two orders for the whole district. They agreed to discuss other areas for inclusion later in the meeting.

The legislation allows fixed penalty notice for breaching any declared dog control orders to be set between £50 and £80. The level is currently set at £50 whereas the level of fixed penalty for discarding litter is £75. What level to the members feel should be set for breaches in dog control orders?

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations received.

3. POLICE LIASION

PCSO Doel had sent a written report. Bob Priestly gave a verbal report on activity in the local area.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd Dec 2013 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th Jan 2014 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 13th Jan 2014 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20th Jan 2014 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Churchyard & Cemetery

Response from Strutt and Parker ref Cemetery Extension

Strutt and Parker had asked how much land the PC wished to purchase and how much they would be willing to pay. It was agreed Cllr Kenton would investigate further. **Action Cllr Kenton Ongoing**

Gun Park

Work to Cherry Trees - The Clerk had requested a quote, she would chase this up.

Action Sarah Wells Ongoing

Highways

Letters ref traffic problems Lower Street.

RESOLVED the clerk should contact DDC, KHS and KCC Cllr to discuss the provision of passing places. **Action Sarah Wells ongoing**

Letter ref Trees Opposite Scout HQ – The letter had been sent to PROW and KHS **Action Discharged**

Forthcoming Events

Council Events

Annual Parish Meeting – 20th May 2014 – The Clerk had booked a speaker from Hadlow College to speak about the development at Betteshanger. **Action Discharged**

Leisure Fields

Pond

The outstanding work had been completed.

Action Discharged

Correspondence

RoSPA Playground Management and Inspection Course – The Clerk had booked a place for Cllr Wickham, Cllr Kemp had been unable to get time off work to attend. **Action Discharged**

Churchyard & Cemetery

Recreation Ground

The Clerk to get quotes to remove the remnants of the tree opposite the Church, that came down in the bad weather. **Action Sarah Wells ongoing**

Bowling Green & Parish Room

The Clerk to contact KCC legal services to get a lease drawn up for the bowling green. It was agreed the lease on the parish room should be separate to the lease for the building.

Action Sarah Wells ongoing

6. CORRESPONDENCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to correspondence received by the Council.

a) Consultation Documents

- i) Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 – Consultation closed 16th March

The members did not wish to comment on this document.

b) News letters and Circulars

- i) KALC Parish News
- ii) Clerks and Councils Direct

Noted.

c) Other

- i) South East Coast Ambulance Service

Noted.

- ii) Correspondence Ref Travellers Hay Hill

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to DDC planning investigation and a stop order had been put on the Hay Hill site and the owners had been invited to submit a planning application.

- iii) Greville Almshouse Charity – Appointment of Trustees

RESOLVED Cllr Barwick and Mrs Iris Mollart should be appointed as Parish Council trustees to the Greville Almshouse Charity. **Action Sarah Wells**

7. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues

- i) KCC – Road Casualty Reduction Strategy for Kent – Consultation

Noted.

- ii) Footpath running through Gun Park parallel to Wilmott Place

The Clerk was still trying to find a principle authority responsible for this path. She would continue to pursue this matter. **Action Sarah Wells**

8. COMMUNITY CENSUS

The Census had been published in the February Village News.

9. FINANCE

RESOLVED the Precept be set at £45,891. This added to the Revenue Support Grant will give a total resource of £49,249. A reduction in actual funds of £2,476 on last year, however an increase in Council tax of 2% or £1.20 pa for a Band D property.

RESOLVED the 2014/15 Budget agreed by the Finance Committee be adopted by the Council.

RESOLVED a grant of £200 be made to Eastry Brownies for a Tent and New Flag be made.

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED the following payments should be made, proposed by Cllr Pemble, seconded by Cllr Kemp, Cllr Gardiner was the third signatory.

Receipts Jan	0.00
	0.00
Petty Cash expenditure	
Stamps	66.00
	66.00

Jan Payments		Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Environmental Engineer - Jan 2014		STO	393.25	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Jan	160.00			
Toilet Cleaning Supplies allowance Jan	8.00			
	168.00	STO	168.00	
Clerks Salary Dec 2013		STO	765.91	
H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	0.00			
Employees NI	17.33			
Employers NI	14.19			
	31.52	STO	31.52	
Employers Pension Contribution	110.70			
Employees Pension Contribution	49.10			
	159.80	STO	159.80	
AJL garden Services - Dec	623.23	STO		
AJL garden Services - Extra workPond	485.00	4670	485.00	
Southern Water - Allotment water		4671	48.89	
Safeplay - Playground Operational inspections		4672	72.00	12.00
SLCC - Local Council Administration 9th Add		4673	63.00	
Nick Cunningham - Boiler service		4674	78.00	
Minster PC - ROSPA Training		4675	36.00	6.00
British Gas - Gas parish room		4676	116.76	5.56
Gary Boorman - repair Parish room door		4677	68.70	

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

To discuss and agree actions relating to events

a) Council Events

- i) Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 2014 – Set agenda

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, Director of Finance & Resources Hadlow College has agreed to attend to speak about the Betteshanger Development.

Cllrs Manion and Kenton to give a report on DDC activities. The Clerk to invite County Cllr L Ridings and the Local Police to attend and give reports, she would also invite the Chairman of the WW1 commemoration committee to attend and give a report. Eastry School and the Church will also be invited to give reports.

Action Sarah Wells

Cllr Mitchell would give a report giving the results of the Community Census.

The final agenda to be agreed at the April meeting for publication in the May EVN.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Outside Events

- i) Kent and Medway Safety Camera partnership seminars
 Tue 11th Feb 9am -1pm – Holiday Inn, Ashford
 Wed 12th Feb 6-10 – Kings Hill Community Centre, Kings Hill ME19 4LG

Noted

12. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk to contact the committee and ask if they felt a dog control order was necessary on the allotment site.

Action Sarah Wells

13. LEISURE FIELDS**a) Gun Park**

Dog Control orders discussed.

b) Pond

Dog Control orders discussed.

c) Allotments Play Area

Dog Control orders discussed.

d) Correspondence

None received.

RESOLVED the following areas should be submitted to DDC for dog control orders.

Parish Council Owned/Controlled

Gun Park - Play Area and Skate Park - Dog ban

Centenary Gardens Play area (fenced)- Dog Ban

Gun Park - main Field - Dogs on leads

Recreation Ground (fenced) - Dog Ban

Churchyard and Cemetery - Dogs on Leads

Pond - Fouling and on lead by discretion (District wide orders)

Other areas in the Parish

Grassed Area in Gore Road - Dogs on leads

Grassed area in vicinity of 53 Orchard Rd - Dogs On leads

Grassed area in Gore Lane in front of Orchard Rd - Dogs on Leads

Small fenced play area at Heronden View

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

Cllr Wickham had been contacted by a local resident about the path in the Cemetery, it is very wet at the moment. The Clerk to contact the resident. **Action Sarah Wells**

See dog control orders above.

b) Recreation Ground

See dog control orders above.

c) Bowling Green & Parish Room

- i) Bowling Club plan works to replace the shed W/c 24th March

Noted.

- ii) Bowling Club are asking permission to undertake some works to outside of the Parish Room Building that faces the bowling green.

RESOLVED permission should be granted to undertake the outlined work provided all necessary health and safety precautions are taken. The Clerk to inform the Bowling Club. **Action Sarah Wells**

15. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

a) Dist Cllrs

Cllrs Manion and Kenton gave reports on DDC activities.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Read had attended the Youth Club committee meeting and asked that the gate be moved closer to the roads to prevent unauthorised access to the youth club driveway.

16. COMMUNICATION

To agree Council communication to the following media:-

a) Village News Letter – Mar 2014

Information on the Annual Parish Meeting, Dog Control orders and precept setting to be included.

b) Mercury Report

As received.

c) Web Site

As received.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the ordinary meeting on Mon 3rd Mar 2014

Scheduled dates for ordinary meetings

Mon 7 th Apr 2014	Mon 12 th May 2014	Annual Parish Meeting 20 th May 2014
Mon 2 nd Jun 2014	Mon 7 th Jul 2014	Mon 8 th Sept 2014
Mon 3 rd Nov 2014	Mon 1 st Dec 2014	Mon 6 th Oct 2014

The meeting closed at 8.50pm