

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2013**

<b>Present: Councillors</b>	J Gardiner	N Kenton (Chairman)	A Wiles
	M Pemble	N Wickham	B Read
	S Hooper		

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1 Members of the Public

The Chairman closed the meeting so that the member of the public could speak. The lady was very concerned by anti social behaviour in Gun Park and on the Parade. She suspected drugs were being sold out of a car that parked next to the skate ramp.

The Chairman asked if she had reported these incidents to the police, as unless there was a record that showed a problem in the area then the police would not commit resources to deal with issues.

The Clerk reported that a new PCSO had now been assigned to the area and had spoken to her about problem in the village.

It was felt that CCTV should be looked into as the technology had improved greatly over the past few years.

**Action Sarah Wells**

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs A Barwick, S Mitchell and M Kemp

### 2. DECLARATIONS

No declarations made.

### 3. COMMUNITY ASSETS

The Clerk reported that DDC have now sent out the notifications to local business and she had been contacted by one of them. It was explained that it is the norm for business such as those in the village to be advertised in specialised trade magazines without photos or exact locations. Anyone interested in buying that type of business then contacts the magazine for details and contacts the seller for an appointment to view.

The fear is that the process of putting a business on the register means that any sale would have to be public as the local community would have to be asked if they wanted to take up the right to buy. This in itself may lead to a loss of business or put of other buyers.

This would be contrary to the point of the exercise which is to protect local businesses. As no decision has been made on the current nominations it may be possible to withdraw them until this matter can be discussed and the possible consequences thought through.

RESOLVED the 7 nominations for community asset status forwarded to DDC in June 2013 should be withdrawn. The Clerk to contact DDC and write to the business owners to apologies for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

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**4. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman had spoken to the owners of the Bull, they had explained that they were still in negotiation with DDC conservation department to agree what changes could and could not be made to the interior of the building. It was still the owners long term intention to open the building as a care facility as per there planning application, however in the short term they are considering leasing the building to a local business.

The Chairman had also spoken to the Eastry Hospital developer he was still arguing the viability of the site in relation to affordable housing and the need for the office units. These units had been marketed for some years now and no interest had been shown.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED the following payments should be made.

		<b>Receipts July</b>			
		Memorial	150.00		
			<b>150.00</b>		
				<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
					<b>VAT</b>
		Environmental Engineer July		4582	385.00
		Toilet Cleaning Contract July	160.00		
		Supplies	1.54		
			<b>161.54</b>	4583	161.54
		AJL Garden Services - July Ground work		4584	623.23
		Village Hall Hire - Coffee Break Apr - Jun + May APM		4585	308.00
		British gas - Parish Room gas		4586	103.02
		Petty Cash		4587	60.00
		Clerks Salary July 2013		4588	759.01
		H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	0.00		
		Employees NI	16.46		
		Employers NI	13.33		
			<b>29.79</b>	4589	29.79
		Employers Pension Contribution	109.60		
		Employees Pension Contribution	48.62		
			<b>158.22</b>	4590	158.22
		Clerks Reimbursement			
		Telephone & Broadband		4591	28.85

The resolution was proposed by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Wiles was third signatory.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 9th Sept 2013.

**Scheduled dates for ordinary meetings**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013      Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013      Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2013

The meeting closed at 8.30pm