

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012.**

Present: Councillors S Hooper M Pemble S Shevde M Kemp
 J Gardiner A Wiles N Kenton (Chair) A Barwick

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council 2 Members of the Public
PCSO Benson-Hawks & PCSO Nathan Prentice

Quinn Estates were in attendance and reported on the consultation meetings they had organised with local people to discuss the development of the Hammill Brick work site.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs C Kennedy Harper, B Read & S Mitchell. Community Warden

Cllr Mitchell had e-mailed the Clerk expressing his concern that he was unable to attend as many meetings as he had hoped when he became a Councillor, he had offered to stand down if the members felt this would be advisable. After some discussion it was agreed that the members were happy for him to attend meetings when his home circumstances allowed.

2. POLICE LIASION

A written report had been sent by the Community Warden. PCSO Benson introduced PCSO Prentice who would be working in the parish in future. The Council thanked PCSO Benson and wished her well with her duties in her new area.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a) Minutes of the ordinary meeting of 5th Mar 2012

It was proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Barwick that the above minutes should be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting, all agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Highways

All day parking – Lay-by the Parade – The Clerk had written to the shop holders as agreed.

Action Discharged

E-mail – Speeding traffic Mill Lane – The Police had been asked to undertake a speed check on Mill Lane.

Action Discharged

Planning

Eastry Court Farm – Proposal – The Clerk had informed DDC of the concerns raised by local residents and the Council members.

Action Discharged

Request from Quinn estates to attend April meeting to discuss Hammill Development. - The Clerk had informed Quinn's that they could attend.

Action Discharged

Finance

Parish Council Insurance – The quote from Zurich had been accepted, as the premium was not affected by the alleged incident in 2010.

Action Discharged

Forthcoming Events

Council Events

Annual Parish Meeting Tue 15th May 2012 – The Clerk had arranged for the Kent Miners heritage group to give a presentation.

Action Discharged

LEISURE FIELDS**Gun Park**

Skate Park Quotes – The quote from Evolution had been accepted.

Action Discharged

Skate Park Cheque presentation – The presentation had taken place, Lord Freud had attended on behalf of Sports England.

Action Discharged

Annual Safety Inspection – Inspection had been ordered.

Action Discharged

Pond

Tree Survey - The Pond Warden was concerned that two trees at the pond had been marked following a survey by the Church Commission. It was agreed a meeting should be arranged with the pond warden to discuss the future development of the pond area.

Action Cllr Hooper Ongoing

Churchyard & Cemetery

Bench replacement – A cheque to pay for the bench to be drawn later in the meeting.

Action Discharged

Bowling Green

Tree By Pavilion – Roots lifting paving slabs – The quote had been received.

Action Discharged

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) NALC – Legal Topic Note – members conduct and the registration and disclosure of their interests.

The above were noted by the members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE**a) Correspondence needing a response/decision**

- i) Letter from Greville Almshouse Charity – New Trustee appointment

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Barwick that Mr Peter Bailey should be nominated to fill the Parish Council appointed Trustee vacancy left by the retirement of Mrs F Cook. All agreed. The Clerk to respond.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Consultation Documents

- i) KCC Gypsy and Traveller Sites – response by 25th May 2012

The members did not wish to comment.

c) News letters and Circulars

- i) ACRK – Rural News
- ii) Oast to Coast & enclosures

Noted by the members

d) Other

Nothing received.

7. HIGHWAYS

- a) Waiting Restrictions – Parade Lay-by

The clerk had received a response from the shop owners. After some discussion it was agreed that the maximum waiting time should be 1 hour and no return with on 2 hours. The Clerk to inform DDC.

Action Sarah Wells

- b) Complaint ref parking entrance to Boys Town Place

This matter had been looked at by PCSO Prentice and a traffic police officer. He had not felt that any offence was being committed. The members asked if PCSO Prentice could put a letter on the windscreens asking for people to be more considerate when parking. **Action PCSO Prentice**

8. PLANNING

a) Worth Development Plan

After some discussion it was agreed that the members did not wish to comment.

9. BROADBAND

Cllr Barwick reported on the latest situation regarding the provision of superfast Broadband in the Parish. Cllr Kenton and Barwick had attended a meeting at DDC to discuss the matter.

10. FINANCE

- a) Quote for Tree works – Sycamore at Bowling Club

- b) Quote for Tree work – Dead Cherries at Churchyard

The above quotes were discussed, it was agreed that the work needed to be undertaken on safety grounds, the Clerk to accept both quotes. **Action Sarah Wells**

- c) Membership renewal invitation KALC - £541.03 + VAT

It was agreed that the Council membership should be renewed.

- d) ns&i – Investment Account

After some discussion it was agreed that the NS&I account should be closed. **Action Sarah Wells**

- e) Request from Increase in Toilet Cleaning Contract Price (£155 per month from 1-4-12)

After some discussion this increase was agreed.

11. ACCOUNTS

Receipts Mar					
	Funeral Pemble	240.00			
	Refund - KALC Chairman Conference	72.00			
		312.00			
Petty Cash Expenditure					
	16/03/2012 postage	7.20			
	19/03/2012 postage	30.72			
		37.92			
Paid between meetings			Cheque No	Amount	VAT
	Zurich Municipal - PC Insurance		4363	1810.23	
To Pay					
	Environmental Engineer - Mar Street Cleaning		4364	345.60	
	Toilet Cleaning Contract Mar	150.00			
	Supplies Mar	6.97			
		156.97	4365	156.97	
	AJL garden Services - March		4366	623.23	
	KALC Membership renewal		4367	649.24	108.21
	Kemp bros and Son - Various		4368	223.60	
	Petty Cash		4369	60.00	
	British Gas Electricity - Outstanding	2.03			
	Meter one	2.57			

	Meter Two	14.71		
		19.31	4370	19.31
	DDC - parish Room rates		4371	69.62
	Clerks Salary Feb 2012		4372	720.38
	H M Revenue and Customs	Income Tax		29.60
		Employees NI		20.54
		Employers NI		18.30
		68.44	4373	68.44
	Employers Pension Contribution	98.89		
	Employees Pension Contribution	53.57		
		152.46	4374	152.46
	Clerks Expenses			
	Telephone and Broadband	14 Mar - 13 Apr 2012		24.73
	Office Allowance - Jan - Mar			67.50
		92.23	4375	92.23
	New bench - Cemetery		4376	265.99
				44.33

It was proposed by Cllr Gardiner and seconded by Cllr Wiles that the above payments should be made, all agreed. Cllr Hooper was third signatory.

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Events

- i) Annual meeting – Agree agenda
Agree Refreshments

The agenda and arrangements for refreshments were discussed and agreed. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii) Jubilee Celebrations update

The Jubilee Committee meeting regularly.

b) Outside Events

- i) DDC – Queens Diamond Jubilee Community Tea Party – Thur 10th May – 2.30pm

Cllr Wiles suggested a few names of individuals that may be interested. The Clerk to give them the tickets, and inform DDC of their attendance. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii) Church Events – wish permission to use the Recreation ground and Parish Rm.

Permission was granted for use of the recreation ground and Parish Room, the Clerk to inform the PCC. **Action Sarah Wells**

- iii) NALC Events

Noted by the members.

13. ALLOTMENTS

The new allotments agreement was being finalised by the committee. The Clerk was making arrangements for a skip to be delivered as agreed last year. Notices were to be put up to remind people that the hose pipe ban does include allotments.

14. LEISURE FIELDS

a) Gun Park

- i) Skate Park

The Clerk was waiting for Lings to come out at look at the old ramp. She had spoken to the Youth Club leader and they may be willing to contribute towards to costs.

b) Pond

Nothing to discuss.

c) Picnic Site

Tree work had been undertaken by KCC

d) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss

e) Correspondence

None received.

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

i) Letter from PCC – refusal of permission to plant a tree for the Jubilee
Noted by the members.

b) Recreation Ground

The members thanked Cllr Kemp for clearing the path to the parish room.

c) Bowling Green

The Clerk to inform the bowling club members that the problem Sycamore tree is to be removed.

Action Sarah Wells

16. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllr Manion reported that a new food rating system had been introduced by DDC. Cllr Kenton reported on the new CIL (Community Infrastructure levy) that will replace the some Section 106 agreement for planning applications. 2000 people had joined the green waste collection scheme.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Hooper and Kennedy-Harper had attended the Sandwich Tourism meeting.

17. COMMUNICATION**a) Village News Letter –April Edition**

Annual Meeting Agenda and details. Sign up for better broadband.

b) Mercury Report

As above

c) Web Site

As above

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**2012 dates**

Mon 14 th May	Annual Parish Meeting 15 th May 2012	Village Hall 7pm
Mon 11 th Jun	Mon 2 nd Jul	Mon 3 rd Sept Mon 1 st Oct
Mon 5 th Nov	Mon 3 rd Dec	

The meeting closed at 9.13pm