

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT  
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.45pm ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2012.**

**Present: Councillors** B Read                      S Hooper            M Pemble            S Shevde            S Mitchell  
   C Kennedy Harper    J Gardiner            A Wiles            N Kenton            A Barwick  
   M Kemp

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council      33 Members of the Public                      Community Warden

The meeting started at 7.45pm following informal discussions about a proposal from Strutt and Parker for the development of Eastry Court Farm with members of the public (notes attached).

### **1. APOLOGIES**

PCSO Benson-Hawks

### **2. POLICE LIASION**

A report was given by the Community Warden. PCSO Benson had sent a written report.

### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

a) Minutes of the ordinary meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 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**

*E-mail ref – Complaint ref lack of a Footpath running parallel to Lower Street* – A response had been sent as agreed. **Action Discharged**

#### *Felderland Lane Working group*

The Clerk contacted KHS asking for the following.

- The cost of carrying out a traffic count in the lane.
- The cost of a mobile SID unit
- A traffic calming scheme appropriate to the lane to be drawn up under the assumption that funding could be obtained from external sources.

**Action Discharged**

*KALC Lighting – KCC plans to reduce costs.* - Members had read the proposals. **Action Discharged**

#### **Planning**

*Request for a meeting to discuss plans for Eastry Court Farm - from Church Commissions agents* – A meeting had taken place on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. **Action Discharged**

*Development and Infrastructure – Creating Quality Places – Consultation Document* – Added to the agenda for discussion. **Action Discharged**

#### **Broadband**

Cllr Barwick had been able to contact a representative of BT. **Action Discharged**

#### **Allotments**

The Clerk had informed the Allotments committee of the Council decisions. **Action Discharged**

#### **Pond**

The Clerk to contact the contractor to deal with the Rats. **Action Discharged**

**Churchyard & Cemetery**

Provision of New Bench in Cemetery removed – the Clerk had got quotes for a new bench.

**Action Discharged**

The original bench had been in memory of Reginald Deveson, Cllr Shevde to ask if the family wish to pay for a commemorative plaque for the new bench.

**Action Cllr Shevde ongoing**

**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.

The above was noted by the members.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Correspondence needing a response/decision**

None received.

- b) **Consultation Documents**

None received.

- c) **News letters and Circulars**

- i) Neighbourhood Watch news  
ii) ACRK - News  
iii) KALC – Parish New

Noted by the Council.

- d) **Other**

- i) The Parish Councils (General Powers of Competence) (prescribed Conditions) order 2012

Noted by the Council.

**7. HIGHWAYS**

- a) **Felderland Lane speeding problems**

Cllrs Kenton and Kemp declared personal interests as they have connections to properties situated in the Lane.

The response from KHS was discussed. The members did not feel there was any other action they could take at this time. The possibility of getting the County Councillor involved was discussed.

- b) **All day parking – Lay-by the Parade**

Complaints had been received from two of the local shops on the Parade, ref all day parking blocking the lay-by. The Clerk had contacted DDC and they were happy to impose a restricted waiting limit on the lay-by, they suggested maximum stay 30min and no return for 4 hours. This was discussed, the members felt that the shops should be consulted before any action should be taken. The Clerk to write to the four shops in the immediate area and ask for there input.

**Action Sarah Wells**

- c) **Further Letter ref Footpath West of Lower Street**

Cllr Kenton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the field concerned as he farms this piece of land. He left the meeting. The Clerk also declared a prejudicial interest as she had a financial interest in the land. She also left the meeting.

The members discussed the letter, they still did not believe that a PROW was involved; therefore it was acceptable for the land to be fenced to keep livestock from straying.

Cllr Kenton and the Clerk returned to the meeting.

**d) E-mail – Speeding traffic Mill Lane**

After some discussion it was agreed that the Police should be asked to undertake a speed check on Mill Lane.

**Action Sarah Wells**

**8. PLANNING****a) Development and Infrastructure – Creating Quality Places**

Noted by the members.

**b) Eastry Court Farm – Proposal**

This had been discussed at length at a public meeting earlier in the evening. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform DDC of the Council's and the local residents concerns about the proposal from "Strut and Parker".

**Action Sarah Wells**

**c) Request from Quinn estates to attend April meeting to discuss Hammill Development.**

It was agreed that Quinn's could attend. The Clerk to inform them.

**Action Sarah Wells**

**9. BROADBAND**

Cllr Barwick had spoken to a BT Openreach contact they would like to speak to the developers at Eastry Hospital and Hammill. As KCC had not progressed with the project Cllr Barwick had asked BT for costings for work to upgrade just the Eastry Area to super fast Broadband, he was waiting for a response.

**10. FINANCE****a) Parish Council Insurance – Two quotes received.**

The Clerk reported that she had received two quotes for Parish Council Insurance. She had forward the information to Cllr Wiles to read to ensure the quotes were comparable, Cllr Wiles agreed they were. If the Council accept the quote from Zurich insurance and sign a three year undertaking, then could save £700.00 a year. The Clerk was just waiting for confirmation that the claim made against them in 2010 for an alleged incident on the skate ramp would not affect the premium.

It was agreed that the Council would change companies as long as the premium stayed as quoted. The Clerk arrange payment once the final amount is confirmed.

**Action Sarah Wells**

**11. ACCOUNTS**

<b>Receipts Feb</b>				
	Funeral Gambrell	240.00		
	Guides Parish Room use	76.50		
		<b>240.00</b>		
<b>Petty Cash Expenditure</b>				
	Postage	25.20		
		<b>25.20</b>		
			<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Environmental Engineer - Feb Street Cleaning		4354	345.60
	Toilet Cleaning Contract Feb	150.00		
	Supplies Feb	1.99		
		<b>151.99</b>	4355	151.99
	Ace Pest Control - Pond Work		4356	80.00
	Carpenters - Chain and Padlock Picnic Site		4357	16.60
	Petty Cash		4358	60.00
	Clerks Salary Feb 2012		4359	720.58
	H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	29.40		
				<b>VAT</b>
				2.77

Employees NI	20.54		
Employers NI	18.30		
	<b>68.24</b>	4360	68.24
Employers Pension Contribution	98.89		
Employees Pension Contribution	53.57		
	<b>152.46</b>	4361	152.46
Clerks Expenses			
Telephone and Broadband 13 Feb 12 - 12 Mar		4362	25.86

It was proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Gardiner that the above payments should be made, all agreed. Cllr Kennedy-Harper was third signatory.

## 12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### a) Council Events

- i) Annual Parish Meeting Tue 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – Possible speakers

It was agreed that the Kent Miners heritage group should be invited to give a presentation.

**Action Sarah Wells**

- ii) Jubilee Celebrations

Cllrs Shevde and Kennedy-Harper reported that the arrangements were in hand.

### b) Outside Events

- i) Invitation to Heritage and Tourism in Sandwich – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March

Cllr Hooper and Kennedy-Harper to attend.

- ii) Future health services in Dover and Shepway – Workshop 7<sup>th</sup> March

Noted by the members.

## 13. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

## 14. LEISURE FIELDS

### a) Gun Park

- i) Skate Park Quotes

Three quotes for the new skate park were discussed. The Community warden had been to visit parks installed by two of the manufacturers. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would order the Skate Park from Evolution Skate Parks. The Clerk to make the arrangements.

**Action Sarah Wells**

The Clerk reported that Sports England would like to arrange a presentation of the Cheque for the grant money. They had tried to get Charlie Elphicke MP to present the cheque, unfortunately he was unavailable. It was suggested the Lord Freud may be willing to make the presentation. It was agreed the Clerk should suggest this to sports England. Following the presentation, refreshments are normally served. The Clerk to make the arrangements.

**Action Sarah Wells**

- ii) Annual Safety Inspection

It was agreed that unaccompanied inspection should be arranged.

**Action Sarah Wells**

### c) Pond

- i) 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**

**d) Picnic Site**

Nothing to discuss

**e) Allotments Play Area**

Nothing to discuss

**f) Correspondence**

None received.

**15. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY****a) Churchyard & Cemetery****i) Bench replacement**

The Clerk had found two styles of bench, these were discussed and one agreed. The Clerk to place the order. **Action Sarah Wells**

**b) Recreation Ground**

Nothing to discuss.

**c) Bowling Green****i) Tree By Pavilion – Roots lifting paving slabs**

It was agreed that a quote should be obtained for work to remove the tree. **Action Sarah Wells**

**ii) Green Waste Collection Charges**

The bowling club were unsure how they would be able to dispose of grass cuttings in the future. Cllr Kenton was sure they would be able to pay for the Green Waste Collection service.

**iii) New Members from Pfizer Bowling Club**

The Club membership would be increasing for the next season.

**16. REPORTS****a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllrs Kenton and Manion gave brief report.

**b) Parish Councillors**

No reports received.

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

Jubilee information. Cycling on footpaths. Annual Parish Meeting

**b) Mercury Report**

As necessary.

**c) Web Site**

As received.

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

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

The meeting closed at 9.30pm