# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011.

Present: Councillors N Kenton (Chair) B Read S Hooper M Pemble S Shevde

C Kennedy Harper A Barwick M Kemp J Gardiner A Wiles

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council 1 Member of the Public Cllr Manion

Community Warden Bob Priestly PCSO Benson-Hawks

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr S Mitchell

#### 2. POLICE LIASION

PCSO Benson-Hawks gave a report, since receiving a report about teenagers in Gun Park she had been monitoring the situation closely but had not seen anything untoward. Community Warden Bob Priestly gave a brief report.

#### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a) Minutes of the Ordinary meeting 7th Nov 2011

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

b) Minutes of the Finance meeting of 28th Nov 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Pemble 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

#### **Leisure Fields**

Land next to the school – Cllr Wiles reported that the school wished to use this land as a conservation area. They wished to clear some of the shrubs and bushes but keep the good trees. It was agreed that if the school wished to use the land they could, as the land is designated as allotment land it would be let to them on the same terms as the existing allotment land used as a playing field. The Clerk to contact the school.

Action Sarah Wells

#### **Highways**

Parking Problems – The Clerk had contacted KHS and received a reply. Action Discharged

Felderland Lane – The Clerk had informed Worth PC that Cllrs Kemp and Kenton would join the joint working party. (Cllr Shevde to be an alternate)

Action Discharged

The Clerk had investigated the recommendation from the JTB asking for a traffic count following the reduction in the speed limit. Unfortunately the JTB is only an advisory committee and cannot insist on the KHS undertaking the count. The Clerk had contacted County Cllr Ridings to see if he could get a count undertaken.

Action Discharged

Salt Bags – Three salt bags had been ordered, the one for the Parish Room had been delivered.

**Action Discharged** 

*KCC – Proposed Diversion Public Footpath EE255 part – response by 28th Nov –* The Clerk had responded as agreed. **Action Discharged** 

#### **Broadband**

Cllr Barwick declared a personal interest in this matter as an employee of BT Openreach.

Cllr Barwick had been in touch with BT and KCC.

**Action Discharged** 

#### **Planning**

KCC-Mineral & Waste Development Plan Documents-Supplementary Options Consultation – The Clerk had responded as agreed.

Action Discharged

## **Leisure Fields**

Complaint ref Article in Village News ref Dog Fouling – The Clerk had responded.

**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.

The above was noted by the member.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

None received.

## **b)** Consultation Documents

i) KCC - Consultation on the KCC Household Waste Recycling Centre Service It was agreed that the Clerk should e-mail the link to the members so they could respond.

**Action Sarah Wells** 

#### c) News letters and Circulars

i) Clerks and Councils Direct

Noted by the members

# d) Other

- i) Community Emergency Planning
- ii) Localism Act
- iii) South & South East England in Bloom

The above were noted by the members, they did not wish to take any action.

iv) Alternative Parish Council Rep on LDF Group

After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would vote for Bruce McArthur, of Sholden Parish Council. The Clerk to inform DDC.

Action Sarah Wells

#### 7. HIGHWAYS

i) Parking in Village – Response from KHS

The members were unhappy with KHS response, which stated that due to budget cuts no action would be taken unless the request was deemed to be safety critical. The members agreed to respond informing the members of the problems emergency services have had trying to get along Church Street to St Mary's close.

Action Sarah Wells

- ii) KHS Highways and Transportation Tracker Survey 2011 After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Kennedy Harper would respond on behalf of the Council.
  - iii) Felderland Lane

Following the attendance of members of the Felderland Lane action group last month the Clerk had informed Worth PC that Cllrs Kenton and Kemp would be happy to join a joint working party with Worth PC. Cllr Kenton informed the meeting that the action group had met last week; however an invitation had not been forwarded to the Clerk for onward transmission to the reps. The Clerk to contact Worth PC.

Action Sarah Wells

#### 8. BROADBAND

Cllr Barwick had spoken to BT and KCC, he was disappointed to hear both sides were waiting for the other to make arrangements for a future meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that Eastry PC would call a meeting of all concerned parties to try and move this project forward.

**Action Cllr Barwick** 

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#### 9. FINANCE

- a) To consider the budget recommendations of the Finance Committee After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hooper and Seconed by Cllr Kemp that the budget be adopted by the members, all agreed.
- b) To agree 2012/13 Precept, £48,079 recommended by the Finance Committee After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Barwick and seconded by Cllr Pemble that a precept of £48,079 be set for 2012/13, all agreed.

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#### 10. ACCOUNTS

Clerks Salary Nov 2011

Receipts Nov				
Funeral - Ball	240.00			
	240.00			
Petty Cash Expenditure				
Postage	19.68			
2012 filofax Diary	4.65			
	24.33			
		Cheque No	Amount	VAT
To Pay				
Environmental Engineer - Nov Street Cleaning		4315	320.00	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Nov	150.00			
Supplies Nov	19.95			
	169.95	4316	169.95	
AJL Garden Services Nov 2011		4317	777.88	
Kemp Bros and Son - Manhole cover rec		4318	43.00	
SLCC Membership		4319	78.00	
Cllr Kennedy Harper - Travelling Finance				
Conference		4320	13.00	
Allotment Key and Tap deposit return		4321	10.00	
Petty Cash		4322	60.00	

H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	29.60			
Employees NI	20.54			
Employers NI	18.30			
	68.44	4324	68.44	
Employers Pension Contribution	98.89			
Employees Pension Contribution	53.57			
	152.46	4325	152.46	
Clerks Expenses				
Telephone and Broadband 14 Nov to 13 Dec 11	22.01	4326	22.01	
British Gas Electricity Parish Rm		4327	1.84	0.09

It was propose by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr Gardiner that the above payment should be made, all agreed. Cllr Kennedy Harper was third signature (with exception of Cheque no 4320, signed by Cllr Barwick)

#### 11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## a) Council Events

i) Christmas Trees

These would be in place by Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

ii) Jubilee Celebrations

It was agreed that a meeting should be called Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm, in the Parish Room to discus the Jubilee Celebrations. The Clerk to write to village organisations and invite them to attend, she would also invite those parishioners that had shown an interest in helping. **Action Sarah Wells** 

## b) Outside Events

- i) KALC Chairmanship conference 7th Jan 2012 Cllr Kemp to attend if work commitments allow.
- ii) KALC Localism Conference 28th Jan
  The members were unsure if enough information would be available by 28 Jan to make this conference worthwhile.

It was agreed that Cllr Hooper would attend on behalf of the Council, the Clerk to RSVP.

iii) Lord Lieutenant of Kent Civic Service – Rochester Cathedral – Tue 6th March 2012

**Action Sarah Wells** 

## 12. ALLOTMENTS

The plots had been re-measured and marked out again. The notice boards had been completed.

## 13. LEISURE FIELDS

## a) Gun Park

i) Complaint ref Teenager in Gun Park

This had been passed to PSCO Benson Hawks.

ii) UK Power Network – Swaynes Way – Underground cable fault This was noted by the members. UK Power to be informed that they would be expected to make good any grass disturbed.

#### c) Pond

The weeds had not died back as much as expected.

## d) Picnic Site

Nothing to discus.

## e) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discus.

# f) Correspondence

None received.

#### 14. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

## a) Churchyard & Cemetery

The need for bins was discussed, the Clerk to ask Mrs Broster her opinion.

## b) Recreation Ground

Nothing to discuss

## c) Bowling Green

Nothing to discuss

#### 15. REPORTS

#### a) Dist Cllrs

Cllrs Manion and Kenton reported on the activities of DDC.

## b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Hooper and Kennedy Harper had attended the Town and Parish Council liaison meeting, full notes would be sent out once received from DDC.

## 16. COMMUNICATION

# a) Village News Letter -Feb Edition

To be discussed at the January Meeting.

# b) Mercury Report

Jubilee Celebrations planning meeting.

## c) Web Site

As above and any other relevant information received by the clerk for onward transmission.

## 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

## **2012 dates**

Mon 9th Jan Mon 6th Feb Mon 5th Mar Mon 2nd Apr Mon 7th May