

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT  
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2011.**

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

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council      10 Members of the Public      Cllr Manion (part)  
Community Warden Bob Priestly

**1. APOLOGIES**

PCSO Benson-Hawks

**2. POLICE LIASION**

Community Warden Bob Priestly gave a brief report. PCSO Benson-Hawks had sent a written report.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting 7.30pm 3rd Oct 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.

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm so that the members of the public could speak. The members of the public asked if the Parish Council could help with the traffic problems in Felderland lane. They spoke of the problems with the speed and volume of traffic. The meeting re-opened at 8.00pm.

**4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

**Leisure Fields**

*Land next to the school* – The Clerk had examined the plans at the Solicitors office and looked at the Land deeds. The land in question is designated as allotment land. Cllr Wiles to ask the head teacher what they wanted to use the land for. **Action Cllr Wiles**

**Correspondence**

**Other**

*KCC - Response Ref broadband Upgrade* – This item had been added to the agenda.

**Action Discharged**

**Highways**

*Felderland Lane – E-mail from Worth PC* – The Clerk had responded as agreed. **Action Discharged**

*Parked Cars* – This had been added to the agenda.

**Action Discharged**

**Finance**

*Review Environmental Engineers pay rate* – The new pay rate was now being used.

**Action Discharged**

**Forthcoming Events**

**Council Events**

*Christmas Trees* – In hand.

**Action Discharged**

**Outside Events**

*Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum (Evening), Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October* – The Clerk had made the presentation, the Council had obtained a grant for £2500. **Action Discharged**

*Possible Planning Training with Sholden PC* – The Clerk had expressed an interest for 4 places.

**Action Discharged**

### **Allotments**

*Notice Boards* – The Clerk had informed the Allotments Committee that the Parish Council would pay for the materials for two notice boards.

**Action Discharged**

*Letter Ref Allotments* – The Clerk had responded as agreed.

**Action Discharged**

### **Churchyard & Cemetery**

*Rabbit Problem* – The Clerk had met with the rabbit control person.

**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 members.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

None received.

### **b) Consultation Documents**

- i) Draft Open Space Policy and Standards
- ii) Review of Play Area Provision 2012 – 2026
- iii) DDC Proposed Increase in Hackney Carriage Fares
- iv) KALC Consultations – Neighbourhood Planning Regulations  
Community Infrastructure Levy  
Local Government Pension Scheme

The above were discussed and noted by the members, no response was felt necessary.

### **c) News letters and Circulars**

- i) Parish News Issue 357 Nov 2011
- ii) English Rural Housing Association
- iii) Green Gang News
- iv) Oast to Coast
- v) Rural News Issue 108

The above were discussed and noted by the members

### **d) Other**

- i) BTCV – Tree Warden Scheme – request for Financial Aid
- ii) BTCV – Pond Warden Scheme
- iii) Victim Support - request for Financial Aid
- iv) Request for Nominations for KALC rep on LDF Group

The above were discussed and noted by the members

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

### **a) Parking Problems**

The problems with parking in the village were discussed. The main problems are in Church Street, Lower Street and Mill Lane, also in High Street in the vicinity of the Village Hall. DDC and KHS had

been asked if passing places could be provided using short lengths of double yellow lines. This request had not been progressed by KHS.

It was felt that KHS should be asked to attend a site meeting to discuss the issues, the Clerk to try and arrange a meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Felderland Lane

The comments raised by the local residents were discussed, the members still felt that the new speed limit should be given time to work, however they were very concerned that KHS were not going to carry out a traffic count to ascertain the effectiveness of the new speed limit. It was agreed that:-

- Cllrs Kemp and Kenton would join a joint working party with Worth PC and residents from Felderland Lane. (Cllr Shevde to be an alternate) **Action Sarah Wells**
- The Clerk to contact KHS and ask why the speed count asked for by the JTTB was not going ahead. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Salt Bags

The criteria for the storage of salt bags had been changed; they no longer had to be undercover. It was agreed that a salt bag outside the Parish Room would be able to cover Church Street and Five ways junction. The Clerk to ask KHS for a bag. **Action Sarah Wells**

The possible location of a second bag was discussed. The Junction of Mill Lane and Gore Lane was suggested. The Clerk to contact KHS. **Action Sarah Wells**

d) KCC – Proposed Diversion Public Footpath EE255 part – response by 28th Nov

The members had no objections to this application, but agreed to hold off on responding until members of the public had had time to make any objections known. **Action Sarah Wells**

## 8. BROADBAND

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

Cllr Barwick reported that following a meeting between BT and KCC, KCC has asked for costings for upgrading to superfast Broadband for the area surrounding the new enterprise Zone in Sandwich, this would include Sandwich, Eastry, Ash and Minster.

The Clerk had submitted a grant application to Leyland Riding for £2000.00 towards the cost of upgrading the Parishes Broadband.

The members felt that it was time to contact the other Parish Councils concerned and ask for them to pledge financial aid for this project, it was also agreed that local business should be asked if they would be willing to pay for faster Broadband, the Clerk and Cllr Barwick to liaise about approaching these groups. **Action Sarah Wells and Cllr Barwick**

## 9. PLANNING

- a) CPRE – How to respond to planning applications – an 8 step guide
- b) DDC decking 11, 15, 19, 23, 25 and 27 Heronden View
- c) Public Consultation on Shop fronts and Signage within Conservation Areas

The above were noted by the members.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest as he is employed by another company doing similar work.

d) KCC–Mineral & Waste Development Plan Documents–Supplementary Options Consultation. An additional Energy to waste site had been added, the site is part of the current Pfizer waste treatment plant that includes an incinerator.

The members were concerned that this plant would not be able to handle additional waste from external sources and that as an existing plant not built for this specific purpose it would not be of a sufficiently high standard to prevent air pollution. The Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council.

**Action Sarah Wells**

## 10. FINANCE

- a) The Humpty Dumpty Mother and toddler Group had sent a thank you piece of art work for there grant for new toys.

## 11. ACCOUNTS

		<b>Receipts Oct</b>			
		None			
		<b>Petty Cash Expenditure</b>			
		None			
			<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
<b>To Pay</b>					
Environmental Engineer - Oct Street Cleaning			4303	320.00	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Sept	150.00				
Supplies Sept	9.14				
	<b>159.14</b>		4304	159.14	
Southern Water - Allotments			4305	226.46	
AJL Garden Services Oct 2011			4306	747.88	
Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath			4307	20.00	
Clerks Salary Oct 2011			4308	720.58	
H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	29.40				
Employees NI	20.54				
Employers NI	18.30				
	<b>68.24</b>		4309	68.24	
Employers Pension Contribution	98.89				
Employees Pension Contribution	53.57				
	<b>152.46</b>		4310	152.46	
Clerks Expenses					
Toner Cartridge	30.00				5.00
Telephone and Broadband 14 Oct to 13 Nov 11	22.48				
	<b>52.48</b>		4311	52.48	
Audit Commission 2010/2011 Audit Fee			4312	480.00	80.00
TR & C Carpenter - New Security Light			4313	13.45	2.24

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

## 12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### a) Council Events

- i) Christmas Trees

The arrangements for the provision of the trees was in hand.

### b) Outside Events

- i) Remembrance Day Service – 13th Nov – Muster opposite Church Hall 10.35am.
- ii) KALC – AGM 12th Nov, Ditton Community Centre.
- iii) DDC Annual Town and Parish Councils Meeting – Wed 23 Nov 2011 at 6.30pm
- iv) KALC – Chairmanship conference 7th Jan 2012
- v) KALC – Localism Conference – 28th Jan

The above were noted by the members. Cllrs to check if they were available to attend any of the KALC training events.

## 13. ALLOTMENTS

Cllrs Kemp, Pemble and Hooper declared personal and prejudicial interest as Allotment Holders.

### a) Quote for work to New Allotment Site

The Allotments committee had obtained a quote for the weed killing, clearing and rotavating of the new area of allotments. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would pay for this work to be undertaken.

## 14. LEISURE FIELDS

### a) Gun Park

- i) Playground inspection and Maintenance one-day Training Courses

The Clerk had obtained some information on these courses. They were quite expensive and the closest event was in Oxfordshire.

### c) Pond

The weeds had not died back as far as it had been expected. It was agreed by the members that should additional spraying be required then it should be undertaken as soon as possible.

### d) Picnic Site

KCC were still keeping an eye on the site, the final seasons cut had been completed.

### e) Allotments Play Area

- i) Dog Signs

The Clerk explained that the current signage was in line with the current designation of the land.

- ii) Complaint ref Article in Village News ref Dog Fouling

The members had read the letter, but did not feel it was their duty to provide enclosed area for dogs. The Clerk to respond.

**Action Sarah Wells**

### f) Correspondence

None received.

## 15. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

### a) Churchyard & Cemetery

Nothing to discuss.

**b) Recreation Ground**

Nothing to discuss.

**c) Bowling Green**

Nothing to discuss.

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

Cllrs Manion and Kenton reported on the activities of DDC.

**b) Parish Councillors**

Cllr Hooper reported on the meeting of the Manston Airport group. She also gave a report on the KALC Dover area committee meeting.

Cllr Gardiner reported that the Village News group had changed their constitution, the new one did not require Parish Council representatives, although one would be welcome if the PC wished to stay on the committee. After some discussion it was agreed that as the Village News had now been running for some years that the PC should now pull back and let it run independently.

**17. COMMUNICATION****a) Village News Letter – Dec/Jan Edition**

The Chairman's letter to the Parish and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Reminder about speed in Felderland Lane.

**b) Mercury Report**

Information and updates send for dissemination.

**c) Web Site**

Information and updates send for dissemination.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Finance Meeting 28th Nov 2011                      Ordinary Meeting    Mon 5th Dec

**2012 dates**

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

The Meeting closed at 9.55pm