

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT  
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2011.**

**Present: Councillors**            N Kenton            S Shevde            A Wiles            B Read            S Hooper  
    M Pemble            S Smith            A Barwick

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council            Dist Cllr S Manion  
 Community Warden Bob Priestly            3 Members of the Public

The meeting was closed so that the members of the public could speak. Mr and Mrs Buckle had come to ask about the replacement of the bowling green fence.

Mr Eccles informed the meeting that he had had a meeting with a representative from KHS to discuss sight lines at the A256 Eastry Roundabout.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs M Bradshaw, K Davenport, M Kemp. PCSO Benson

### **2. POLICE LIASION**

PCSO Benson was unable to attend but had sent a written report.

The Village has been very quiet I am pleased to say. The speeding priority is still current and checks have been done in Felderland Lane and Gore Lane. I have monitored the parking opposite Mill Green; however have not seen any problems so far. Correspondence from Highways reference S.I.D Lower Street has been forwarded to the clerk please let me know what your thoughts are on turning it around.

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

a) Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 7th Mar 2011 at 7.00 pm

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

b) Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 7th Mar 2011 at 7.30 pm

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

c) Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 9th March 2011

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

### **4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

#### **Correspondence**

#### **Consultation Documents**

*Planning Decisions – Proposed changes to delegated powers* – The Clerk had responded as agreed at the last meeting. **Action Discharged**

#### **Highways**

*The problems with parked cars in Mill Lane and Lower Street* – This had been raised with KHS.

**Action Discharged**

#### **Chapel**

*Draft decision notice* – The Clerk had forwarded the Councils comments to DDC. **Action Discharged**

#### **Finance**

*Quotes for allotment fencing* – The Quote from Vurley Fencing had been accepted.

**Action Discharged**

*Request for increase in Toilet contract of £5.00 a month* – The Clerk had informed Mr Swain of the Councils decision. **Action Discharged**

### **Allotments and Leisure Fields**

#### **Gun Park**

*Annual Safety Inspection*- An accompanied inspection had been booked. **Action Discharged**

### **Recreation Ground**

*Request from PCC & Twining Association for use of Recreation Ground and Parish Room for Tug of War on 21st May 2011* – The Clerk had informed the PCC that they could use the Rec and Parish room. **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) Pre-election publicity
- c) Future of the Standards Regime

The above were noted by the members

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i) Greville Almshouse Charity – Re-Appointment of a trustee

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Wiles that Mrs Lesley Smith should be re-appointed for a further 4 years. All agreed, the Clerk to inform the Clerk to the Trustees.

**Action Sarah Wells**

### **b) Consultation Documents**

- i) Kent farmstead Guidance and Kent Downs AONB Farmstead Guidance

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the members did not wish to comment on the document.

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

- i) Rural News
- ii) Neighbourhood Watch News
- iii) Clerks and Councils Direct
- iv) HOSC Notes
- v) Oast to Coast

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

### **d) Other**

None received.

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

- a) KHS – Consultation – Potential changes made by Cabinet to the A-board Licence

The above was discussed and noted by the members.

- b) SID Lower Street, Eastry

The possibility of moving the SID unit down the hill and turning it round to catch speeding traffic leaving the Village had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. KHS had reported that although the sign could be rotated, it was not possible to move it down the road because of sightline and distance issues. After some discussion it was agreed that as the SID unit should be left as it was to catch speeding traffic entering the village, the Clerk to inform PCSO Benson and KHS.

**Action Sarah Wells**

- c) Definitive Map Modification – Order No1 2008
- d) Definitive Map Modification – Order No2 1998 - (Cllr Kenton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application)

The above were noted by the members.

- e) Scooter Lane – Gun Park footpath

The head teacher at the School had informed the Clerk that a lot of children were coming to school on scooters. The Children had asked if a line could be painted on the new footpath running through Gun Park to create a “Scooter Lane”.

Both Cllr Barwick and Shevde had received complaints about children using scooters, some of them were not properly supervised by parents and were quite aggressive and rude to pedestrians. It was felt that the provision of a scooter lane would imply that scooters and bicycles had the right to use the path. This is not the case, it was felt that the children should be told that they should always stop and give way to pedestrians, the Clerk to inform the Head Teacher. **Action Sarah Wells**

- f) Parking Mill Lane – Preventing buses getting round corner

Cllr Shevde had reported to the Clerk that buses were still having problems turning left from Gore Road into Mill Lane due to parked cars on the corner. The Clerk had contacted Stagecoach about the problem, they had previously asked for parking restrictions on this corner. They would repeat the request and asked for the Councils support. Cllr Barwick said he would take some pictures of the problem so they could be forwarded to KHS with the request for parking restrictions.

**Action Cllr Barwick and Sarah Wells**

- g) Footpath Gun Park - Mill Lane

Cllr Barwick reported that a lot of children were now using the path to and from school. He was very concerned that cars were mounting the pavement at this point where the path came out in Mill Lane to enable them to pass busses and parked cars. He felt it was only a matter of time before a child was hit on the junction of the two paths. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact KHS to see if any action could be taken. **Action Sarah Wells**

## **8. CHAPEL**

The Clerk reported that the planning consent for the alterations had been granted. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the contractor if he would be willing to give the freehold on the building to the Council in advance of work on the site starting so that grants could be applied for, the Clerk to contact Martin Brown. **Action Sarah Wells**

## **9. FINANCE**

- a) KALC – Annual Subscription

After a brief discussion it was agreed that this should be paid.

- b) Change to Pension contributions
- c) Appointment of Auditor

The above were noted by the members.

- d) Grant Request – Eastry Village News

It was agreed that the Village News should be asked to fill in a grant application in June when the grant invitation went out. **Action Sarah Wells**

- e) Request for financial aid – Girl Guide

Unfortunately the Council were not allowed to give grants to individuals, the Clerk to inform the applicant.

**10. ACCOUNTS****Receipts March 2011**

Memorial Inscription	36.00
Allotment Rents	532.80
Allotment Deposits	15.00
	<b>583.80</b>

**Petty Cash Expenditure March**

Postage	100.36
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		<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Environmental Engineer - Mar Street Cleaning	311.50			
Income Tax	-15.80			
	<b>295.70</b>	4210	295.70	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Mar		4211	145.00	
Plantability - Removal of damaged bench Gun Pk		4212	30.00	
AJL Garden Services March		4213	747.88	
Village Hall Hire - Coffee Break		4214	264.00	
KALC membership		4215	651.97	108.66
Harrisons packaging Ltd - Poop Scoops		4216	245.99	41.00
DDC - Rates Parish Room		4217	65.82	
Clerks Salary Mar 2011		4218	692.48	
H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	46.20			
Employees NI	31.84			
Employers NI	29.65			
	107.69			
Environmental Engineer Deductions	15.80			
	<b>123.49</b>	4219	123.49	
Employers Pension Contribution	93.12			
Employees Pension Contribution	53.57			
	<b>146.69</b>	4220	146.69	
Clerks Expenses				
Office Allowance Jan to Mar	67.50			
Telephone & Broadband 13 Mar 2011 - 13 Apr 2011	25.08			
Minus overpayment Feb Expenses	-9.56			
	<b>83.02</b>	4221	83.02	

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Barwick that the above payments should be made, all agreed. Cllr Smith was third signatory

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS****a) Council Events**

Nothing Planned

**b) Outside Events**

- i) The Natural Economy – East Kent Initiative’s Green Tourism Project – Meeting 5th April 6-8pm, Worth Parish Hall, The Street Worth

The above was noted by the members.

## 12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS

### a) Gun Park

There seemed to be a bit of a litter problem. The members were unsure what could be done about this, Mrs Broster did regular litter picks, but could not be there every day. It was agreed that something should be put in the Village News.

### c) Allotments

#### i) Copy of Minutes of Allotment Holders and Horticultural Society Meeting

The Allotment holders had a number of concerns, they had asked for regular meeting with members of the council. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged quarterly.

**Action Allotments and Leisure Committee**

It was also agreed that the Allotments and Leisure Committee would undertake an inspection of the allotments on Friday 15th April at 6.00pm.

**Action Sarah Wells**

Additional Water taps had been discussed at past PC meetings and it had been agreed that 1 additional tap was needed on the school side and 2 taps would be required on the newly cleared site. Some of the allotment holders had agreed to install the new taps and piping, however a lot of trench digging was required and it was agreed that the PC would pay for a mini digger to help with this work, the Clerk to investigate and get the digger.

**Action Sarah Wells**

#### ii) Reports of thefts – School side allotments

The Clerk had been informed by one allotment holder that there was a problem with thefts from the allotments. She had been aware that one holder had had a green house stolen, however he had not reported it to the police so there was little that could be done. Following the complaint the Clerk had spoken to a number of the allotment holders and although there had been a spate of small thefts of vegetables in Dec/Jan there had been no problems recently. The Clerk had asked the Community Warden to keep an eye on the area.

### d) Pond

The rat population was increasing; it was felt this was partially due to the large amount of bread being left for ducks. It was agreed that DDC should be approached about the rats.

**Action Sarah Wells**

### e) Picnic Site

Cllr Hooper reported that the bi-annual meeting with KCC was due, she asked Cllr Shevde for some dates so she could arrange the meeting.

### f) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss

### g) Correspondence

None received.

## 13. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

### a) Churchyard & Cemetery

i) The Keep Dogs on a lead sign at the top of the Church yard was too high up on the wall, it was agreed that an additional sign should be provided, the members were unsure if the sign on the kissing gate at the bottom of the Cemetery was still in place, it was agreed that Clerk would check and replace if necessary.

**Action Sarah Wells**

i) PCC Request for use for parking on 2nd July for the Fete and 13th Aug for Jazz in the Garden. It was agreed that the Recreation ground could be used for parking provided the PCC were responsible for any damage to the fencing and that it was not used if it was very wet, the Clerk to let the PCC know.

**Action Sarah Wells**

**b) Bowling Green****i) Fencing**

The members had inspect the fence, it was agreed that additional quotes should be obtained for the work.

**Action Sarah Wells**

**14. REPORTS****a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllr Manion 30 million pounds granted to coalfield regeneration trust. In our area this means a continuation of the bridging the gap fund. Iceland - a recent court decision confirms KCC's status as a preferred creditor. This will aid efforts to recover investments from banks concerned

Cllr Kenton reported that DDC had sold the Regent Cinema and that the new owners would be opening it as a cinema.

**b) Parish Councillors**

No reports received.

**15. COMMUNICATION****a) Village News Letter – May 2011 Edition**

The Clerk reported that the information given about the waste collection system at the APM would be in the May addition. It was agreed that a bit about scooters using footpaths should also be put in.

**b) Mercury Report**

As above

**c) Web Site**

As above

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Mon 9th May

Mon 6th Jun

Mon 4th Jul

Mon 5th Sept

Mon 3rd Oct

Mon 7th Nov

Mon 5th Dec

Before closing the meeting The Chairman thanked Cllr Smith for her years of service on the Council, as this would be her last meeting as she had decided not to stand for re-election.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm