

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.

- b) Standards Committee – Parish Representative

After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would vote for Bryan Curtis from Wingham Parish Council, the Clerk to complete the paperwork.

Action Sarah Wells

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

None received

- b) **Consultation Documents**

- i. DDC Housing Surveys – by 26th March 2010

After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Kenton would respond on behalf of the members.

Action Cllr Kenton

- c) **News letters and Circulars**

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct

Noted by the members

- d) **Other**

- i. Response from BT ref Network fault
- ii. KCC Annual Performance report
- iii. Acknowledgement from Kent Police
- iv. Kent Police – Passed to Chief Inspector Elmes

The above were discussed and noted by the members

7. HIGHWAYS

- i. Letter from local resident ref traffic calming

The Content of the letter was discussed it was agreed that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council.

Action Sarah Wells

8. PARADE

Parade Lights - The members were still waiting for the quotes for this work from Cllr West, the Clerk to contact him.

Action Mike West Ongoing

9. BEATING OF THE BOUNDS

It was agreed that the beating of the bounds would take place this October. Cllr Hooper would lead on the project and progress would be discussed at the next Council meeting. Cllr Kenton had information about the route and land owners that he would forward to the Clerk.

Action Cllrs Hooper and Kenton

10. FINANCE

- a) Eastry Hospital 106 Agreement

Chapel

Computer Suite

The Chairman reported that following the Council letter to DDC planning committee questioning the large amount of money requested by KCC, the DDC planning committee had agreed that any contributions for Library and Youth services should be paid directly to the Parish Council and Youth Club. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should progress the matter with the contractor and DDC planning.

11. ACCOUNTS**Receipts Jan 2010**

Funeral Bottle	340.00
	340.00

Feb 2010 Payments

		Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Environmental Engineer - Jan Street Cleaning		4033	335.50	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Jan	140.00			
Toilet Supplies	4.05			
	144.05	4034	144.05	
Grave digging fees - Ratcliff		4035	220.00	
Eastry Village Hall - Coffee Break Oct, Nov & Dec		4036	133.00	
Gas Parish Room		4037	72.71	3.42
Sutton Electrical Services - Parish RM Lights		4038	105.75	15.75
Petty Cash		4039	60.00	
Clerks Salary Jan 2010		4040	692.82	
H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	46.00			
Employees NI	31.70			
Employers NI	29.31			
	107.01	4041	107.01	
Employers Pension Contribution	93.12			
Employees Pension Contribution	53.57			
	146.69	4042	146.69	
Clerks Expenses				
Phone Dec-Jan	10.01	4043	10.01	

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

12. PLANNING**a) Applications****b) Decisions****c) Other**

- i. Copy of letter sent to DDC Chief Executive Ref the handling of the Eastry Hospital Application.

Although the member sympathised with the author of the letter they felt that DDC had acted in line with current procedures in dealing with this application. The members were concerned that the report from Kent Highways Services had not raised any issues concerning the increase in traffic in Mill Lane and the routes leading from Mill Lane. After some discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent to KHS expressing these concerns.

Action Sarah Wells

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

- i. Annual Parish Meeting Date 26th May 2010
Do the members wish to invite a Speaker, if so any suggestions.

After some discussion it was agreed that the members would go away and think about the meeting and it would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. **Action Councillors & Sarah Wells**

b) Outside Events

- i. KALC Dover area committee meeting – Thursday 21st January 2010, 7.30pm. Sports Pavilion, Whitfield Recreation Ground

Unfortunately this meeting had clashed with the Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum.

14. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS

a) Gun Park

There were no problems at the moment, however the Clerk pointed out that it had been some time since a complete tree survey had been carried out. After some discussion it was agreed that a Tree Surgeon should be asked to look at all the trees in the Gun Park and Recreation ground and report any necessary action required to ensure public safety.

b) Allotments

The unused unfenced allotments were starting to look a bit untidy, it was agreed the Clerk would speak to the ground work contractor to see if mowing would be possible. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Pond

The work for this season had been completed; it was felt that one more session with a digger would complete the work programme, following that an ongoing maintenance programme would need to be formulated.

d) Picnic Site

Cllr Hooper informed the members that the bi annual meeting with the Parks department is due in April.

e) Allotments Play Area

No problems to report.

f) Correspondence

None received.

15. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

a) Churchyard & Cemetery

- i. Complaint re removal of a vase and flowers

Although the members sympathised with the author they were unsure of any action that could take.

b) Recreation Ground

The Clerk had received a report from the Bowling club to say the back fence was damaged. It was agreed that Cllr Kemp would inspect the damage and report to the Clerk. The Clerk was authorised to get the fence repaired or replaced if necessary. **Action Cllr Kemp & Sarah Wells**

c) War memorial

Cllr Shevde reported that he had received several names for inclusion on the War memorial.

16. REPORTS

a) Dist Cllrs

Cllr Manion reported on the last meeting of the full District Council. Cllr Kenton reported on the LDF core strategy and the new waste management contract. He also spoke about the possibility of getting the high speed train to stop in Deal.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Smith gave a report on the Youth Club.

Cllr Hooper asked if raffle tickets could be sold at Coffee Break to help towards the Flower Festival flowers. After some discussion it was felt this would set a precedent that would lead to other village organisations asking for raffle tickets to be sold. This could lead to people staying away from Coffee Break as they may feel obliged to keep spending money.

17. COMMUNICATION**a) Village News Letter – Mar 2010 Edition**

Beating of the Bounds and Annual Parish Meeting.

b) Mercury Report

As above

c) Web Site

As above

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Dates for 2010	Mon 1 st Mar	<i>Mon 12th April</i> (1st Mon Easter)		
Mon 10 th May	Wed 26 th May	Annual Parish	Mon 7 th Jun	
Mon 5 th Jul	Mon 6 th Sept	Mon 4 th Oct	Mon 1 st Nov	Mon 6 th Dec

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.