

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2010.

Present: Councillors S Smith S Shevde M Pemble
 A Wiles N Kenton G Bury
 S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council Dist Cllr Manion
 PCSO Benson Community Warden Bob Priestley

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs A Barwick, S Hooper, M West, M Kemp & M Bradshaw

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Minutes of Ordinary meeting 7.30pm 7th Dec 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Smith 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 Planning Committee Meeting 6.30pm 5th Jan 2010

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

3. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Village Signs

The first meeting of the Village Signs had taken place; the first AGM was scheduled for 4th February 2010. **Action Discharged**

Allotments and leisure Fields

Gun Park

Quote for tree work – outside school – The quote had been accepted. **Action Discharged**

Churchyard & Cemetery

External Lighting Parish Room – The quote had been accepted and the work completed. **Action Discharged**

4. POLICE LIASION

PCSO Benson reported that there had been some problem with nuisance bikes and an attempted breaking at the Bowling Club.

The Community Warden informed the members that the light outside Ingleside, Gore Lane had been repaired. There had been some problems at the Youth Club.

a) Advertising of PCSO Phone number

The Chairman of Neighbourhood watch had been in contact with the Police about the withdrawal of PCSO phone numbers from the public domain. The response had said this was to do with complaints concerning the Police Pledge, as phone calls were not answered when the officer was on leave or off duty.

The members felt this was a backward step, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the police raising this concern. **Action Sarah Wells**

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) 16 Dec Standards Committee Meeting – Cancelled

The above was noted by the members.

11-01-10

6. CORRESPONDENCE**a) Correspondence needing a response/decision**

None received.

b) Consultation Documents

None received.

c) News letters and Circulars

- i. Green Gang magazine
- ii. Policing Kent
- iii. Explore Kent
- iv. KCC Community News Letter
- v. Parish News
- vi. ACRK News
- vii. Eastry Matters
- viii. The Bulletin
- ix. Kent top travel

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

- x. Oast to Coast

To be forwarded to the Village Signs committee

- xi. Neighbourhood Watch News

The information on the handy man scheme to be forwarded to the Village news editor.

d) Other

- i. Kent International Airport – Master Plan – Back of folder
- ii. English Rural Housing Association – Annual Report

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

7. HIGHWAYS

- a) KHS – Salt Bins
- b) Minutes of FLAG meeting 17th Dec 2010
- c) KHS – Introduction of Permit Scheme
- d) KHS – Policy for new and refreshed white “Access highlights” markings on the public highway
- e) KHS – Message ref snow
- f) New wheelbarrow purchased for the environmental engineer.

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde that a thank you letter should be sent to KHS for their work during the recent bad weather in filling salt bins in the village.

Action Sarah Wells

8. PARADE

- a) Bin

The DDC officer with responsibility for bins had visited the site, the only position he felt suitable was next to the lamp post. The Clerk to finalise the details with the neighbouring properties. **Action Sarah Wells**

- b) Electricity

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. VILLAGE SIGNS

An independent committee had been formed to carry out this project.

10. FINANCE

a) Appointment of External Auditor

Noted

b) Christmas Lights

The Clerk to order some additional lights for the tree outside the Village Hall.

Action Sarah Wells

It was also agreed that the Clerk should purchase small gifts to say thank you for those involved with the provision and erection of the Christmas Trees.

Action Sarah Wells

c) Request for increase in Toilet contract fee from April 2010

After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Smith that an increase of £5 month be made, all agreed.

Action Sarah Wells

11. ACCOUNTS

As the Parish Council meeting was late due to the Christmas and New Year holidays the January payments had been processed at the Planning meeting on the 5th January 2010.

12. PLANNING

a) Applications

i. **DOV/09/01118**

Proposed: Installation of replacement oriel window

Location: Tantivy Cottage, Lower Street, Eastry

After some discussion it was agreed that no objections should be raised to this application.

b) Decisions

None received

c) Other

- i. Green waste composting site – Land at Venson Rd, Tilmanstone – application withdrawn
- ii. KCC – Consultation Draft: Community Infrastructure Provision Service Strategy in Kent 2009
- iii. DOV/09/00362 – Erection of a detached dwelling and garage and construction of vehicular access – Land rear of Alpha, Gore Road – to committee 14-01-10

The above were noted by the members

- iv. Section 106 Agreement – Eastry Hospital site
- v. Hospital Application to committee 14-01-10

The members had read the Planning committee report and were concerned about the amount of section 106 money that was being asked for by KCC that would not be of direct benefit to the local community. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to DDC planning outlining the Council's concerns.

Action Sarah Wells

13. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Events

Nothing to discuss

b) Outside Events

- i. It is the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the twinning agreement in Longpre this year. Chairman of the twinning association has suggested the PC might like to mark the occasion in some way.

After some discussion it was suggested that perhaps a commemorative issue of the Parish News could be produced to make the 30th Anniversary.

11-01-10

14. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS**a) Gun Park**

No problems to report

c) Allotments

The Clerk had been informed of a leaking tap on the May Mill side of the allotments.

d) Pond

The hedge had been cut back.

e) Picnic Site

No problems to report

f) Allotments Play Area

No problems to report

g) Correspondence

None received.

15. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY**a) Churchyard & Cemetery**

There was a lot of dog mess in the Churchyard and Cemetery, it was agreed that the Community Warden and PCSO Benson should be asked to keep and eye on the areas.

Cllr Bury had had a complaint about the amount of rabbits in the Cemetery; they were eating the flowers of the graves. It was hoped the removal of the box hedges would remove some of their cover and reduce the problem.

b) War Memorial

Cllr Shevde had put advert in the Mercury, Village News and Web Site asking for information on service men and Women that had lost there lives in active service since 1945. He had also asked for information about serving Fir Fighters and Police Officers as it was felt they should also be included on the memorial.

b) Recreation Ground

No problems to report

16. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Dist Cllr Manion reported on the 2010/11 budget process and the empty homes strategy. Dist Cllr Kenton reported on shared services and the waste contract.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Pemble informed the members that Coffee Break had been nominated for an award from the Lord Lieutenant of Kent.

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

War memorial

b) Mercury Report

War memorial

c) Web Site

War memorial

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.40pm