

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker
Mr A Cooke
Mrs J Laird
Mr D Naylor
Mr M Richardson
Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs N Wintour

Others Present

Mr Briggs
Mrs Briggs
Mrs P Penney

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Gee
Mrs F Haxby
Mr N Rix (Chair of Planning)

In the absence of Mr Rix, Mr Richardson chaired the meeting.

- 1) Declarations of Interest
None

- 2) Planning Application 23/01882/FUL – Richard Abel Straw Shed, Hulberry Farm, Lullingstone Lane, Eynsford

Plans relating to a partial demolition and redevelopment of existing commercial building and erection of replacement building to create two residential properties. Removal of all other built form and hard standing were tabled for discussion.

Resolved: That the council offer no objection on the application.

- 3) Planning Application 23/02034/HOUSE – Chanros, Station Road, Eynsford

Plans relating to a single storey rear extension. Loft conversion including Juliet balcony and rooflights. Alterations to fenestration were tabled for discussion.

Resolved: That the council offer no objection on the application.

The meeting of the Planning Committee closed at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways & Transportation Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker
Mr A Cooke
Mrs J Laird
Mr D Naylor
Mr M Richardson
Mr V Robson (chair of Highways)

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs N Wintour

Others Present

Mr Briggs
Mrs Briggs
Mrs P Penney

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Gee
Mrs F Haxby
Mr N Rix

1) Declarations of Interest

None.

2) Cycling Safety Signs

Councillors were asked to discuss adding a cycling safety sign to both sides of the lamppost on Crockenhill Lane. Traffic getting too close to cyclists and close passes have been shown to be a very significant barrier to cycling growth, however many cyclists and drivers are unaware of the road positioning cyclists have long been recommended to take, for instance in the recent Highway Code changes and as taught to children during 'Bikeability' training in schools, it is recommended to ride in primary position, in the same position as a car's right hand side tyres, on such lanes when overtaking would be dangerous and regularly pull in to allow faster vehicles to overtake. Crockenhill Lane seems to provide a good route to Swanley and further into London for cyclists, but it is narrow. Councillors discussed the use of the poster from the Department of Transport showing the position of where cyclists should ride on these roads, to be placed on the lamppost that is on Crockenhill Lane. It was also noted that along that road the vegetation is poorly maintained and requires cutting back with the correct equipment.

Resolved: That we check with KHS that we are allowed the posters on the lampposts, that we check with Department of Transport that there are no issues around copyright for the use of their posters, and that we ask for a high-resolution image and get quotes for signs to be placed on the lamppost.

3) Castlefield Access Road

Councillors were asked to consider purchasing a 'Slow down – children' sign at a cost of £30.59 + VAT and a Speed bump kit. Councillors discussed different signs and agreed that a speed bump sign and speed bump would slow drivers down and we would not need a slow down children sign just a speed hump sign. It was agreed that full costs for the correct size of speed bump, a speed bump sign and installation were sought and brought back to another meeting.

Resolved: That full costs for all works is sought and brought back to another meeting.

The meeting of the Highways & Transportation Committee closed at 8:00 pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 8:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker
Mr A Cooke
Mrs J Laird
Mr D Naylor
Mr M Richardson
Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs N Wintour

Others Present

Mr Briggs
Mrs Briggs
Mrs P Penney

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Gee
Mrs F Haxby (chair of Community)
Mr N Rix

In the absence of Mrs Haxby, Mr Richardson chaired the meeting.

1) Declarations of Interest

None.

2) Defibrillator training

Eynsford Parish Council have been offered defibrillator training for free and councillors were asked whether they wish to take this opportunity up and whether to advertise this training to residents as well. The training course lasts around 45 minutes, and we have also been offered a room at the station for training.

Resolved: That we reach out to residents via social media, trident ad website offering this training once enough people have signed up than arrange the training course.

3) Front Garden Competition

A resident has brought the idea of a front garden competition to our attention. This was done in Otford, and they ask for nominations for garden that appeal to the residents. Councillors were asked to consider organising a similar competition for Eynsford. Councillors discussed this idea, and whilst they agreed it was a nice idea, they agreed that the council would be unable to organise and run, it was suggested that we speak with the gardening club to see if they would be willing to organise.

Resolved: That the council does not take this competition up but ask if Eynsford Gardeners Club would be interested in running.

4) Newsletter Delivery

Councillors were asked to increase the fee for delivery of the parish council newsletters. It is currently £120.00 and has been for several years. It is suggested that this is increased to £150.00 per delivery, approximately 850 newsletters are delivered each time.

Resolved: That the fee is increased to £150.00 per delivery.

5) Community Mobilisation Fund

Better Together Community Mobilisation Funding application form for 2023/23. This funding has come from the UK Prosperity Fund. This fund is up to £1000.00 (revenue) and needs to link to one of the five priorities, which are, Community-led projects addressing local priorities and fostering a sense of local pride, tackling isolation and loneliness, improving physical and mental wellbeing, promoting, and encouraging community safety or improving the environment or promoting biodiversity and sustainability. Councillors were asked to discuss any suitable areas for this grant.

Resolved: That the councillors advise groups throughout the village, such as The Space, and Eynsford in Bloom of this grant. That we also advertise the grant on social media and the trident.

6) Cleaning Village Signs

Two quotes have been received to clean the village signs, one from Mr J Gee at a cost of £450.00 to clean as many signs as possible in one day, and one from Mr G Free for £700.00 to clean all signs and remove any vegetation from any of the signs. Mrs Penny noted that Eynsford in Bloom have already cleaned over 40 signs.

Resolved: That we ask Mr G Free how many signs are in the village and ask him to revise his quote as Eynsford in Bloom have already cleaned 40 signs

The meeting of the Community Committee closed at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 8:20 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker
Mr A Cooke (chair of Open Spaces)
Mrs J Laird
Mr D Naylor
Mr M Richardson
Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs N Wintour

Others Present

Mr Briggs
Mrs Briggs
Mrs P Penney

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Gee
Mrs F Haxby
Mr N Rix

- 1) Declarations of Interest
None
- 2) Landscaping of Finished Football Pitch

Councillors were asked to consider asking the Green Team if they would like to be involved with the landscaping for the finished football pitch.

Resolved: That the Green Team are asked to be involved.

The meeting of the Open Spaces Committee closed at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Facilities & Environment Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 8:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker (chair of Facilities & Environment)
Mr A Cooke
Mrs J Laird
Mr D Naylor
Mr M Richardson
Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs N Wintour

Others Present

Mrs P Penney

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Gee
Mrs F Haxby
Mr N Rix

1) Declarations of Interest

None.

2) Allotment Inspection

Mr Barker reported that at the recent allotment inspection, letters were sent to all allotment holders reminding them of the rules etc, and 3 letters sent to allotment holders asking if they still wish to carry on with their allotments as little work had been done and 1 letter was sent to evict a plot holder. Mr Barker noted that there are some trees which are overgrown and that a possible tree programme is required, also that the pathways are very overgrown and require work. It was suggested that we ask allotment holders to help with a work party day to cut back the walkways along with some councillors. Councillors discussed the possibility of raising the deposit for new allotment holders, Mr Robson suggested that if plot holders wish to keep their allotments but have done insufficient work, that we fine the holders, but was unsure how to ensure that we actual get the money for this.

Resolved: That we organise a work party to cut the pathways back and work on the parish council's allotment. That we ask allotment holders if they wish to help with the work party to cut back pathways.

3) New Information Board at Riverside

Councillors were asked to discuss the concept of a chalk stream interpretation board for Riverside.

Resolved: That Mr Naylor investigate the possibility of installing an interpretation board with costs and bring back to another meeting.

4) Quotes for work at Common Meadow

Councillors were asked to consider the quotes for the works at Common Meadow. It was noted that work on any trees in the conservation area requires a tree application.

Resolved: That the following quotes are accepted and the taken from the following budgets; clean gutters at F&ELHS building, £30.00, budget F&ELHS maintenance budget, Cut back vegetation on F&ELHS building and erect 6ft wooden fence £150.00 budget Common Meadow fencing budget, cut back trees from F&ELHS £75.00 from F&ELHS Maintenance budget, this would require a tree planning permission, remove cuttings from side of toilet block £60.00, F&ELHS Maintenance budget, cut down and remove vegetation by right bottom corner bench, £100.00, recreation budget, remove Sycamore sapling along river bank, £50.00 tree maintenance budget, remove Ash tree next to cricket club, £20.00 this would require a tree planning permission as well.

5) DVLPS Update

Mr Naylor provided an update on the recent Darent Valley Landscape Partnership meeting, which he recently attended. Mr Naylor updated the council on the cycle plans for an off-road cycle route from Eynsford to Shoreham, and noted that Mr T Hart-Dyke has agreed to turn the private road, from Lullingstone Roman Villa to Lullingstone visitors centre, into a shared pathway for walkers and bikers.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

The meeting of the Facilities & Environment Committee closed at 9:20 p.m.

Appendix Q

Public Questions from the Meeting of Eynsford Parish Council, held on Monday 7th August 2023

At 8:25pm, the meeting was opened to questions from the public.

Mrs P Penny asked if the parish council have a graffiti pack. It was noted that the council does not have one and previously we used the one the community warden had. Mrs Penny asked if the council could apply for one for Communities and businesses from Sevenoaks District Council.

Mr & Mrs Briggs from Saddlers Park, asked for clarification on planning applications, as they had previously been told the work they wanted to have done would be allowed under permitted development work. However, it then came to light that, that was not the case and they had applied for retrospective planning permission, although an objection was made by the Parish Council. However, the planning officer at Sevenoaks District Council could not see any issues with the application and the application will now go to the development committee. Mr Richardson advised that, while the parish council give our comments to Sevenoaks District Council, it is only the parish's opinion and Sevenoaks District Council make the final decision. Mr Richardson explained the process to Mr & Mrs Briggs.

Mr Richardson advised the council that Mr Robson, Mr Barker and himself met with the police, Kelly Webb from SDC, Riverside Watch and Riverside Club and noted that not many antisocial issues around Riverside are being reported and all residents should be encouraged to report any issues to 101. Mr Richardson also noted that a new website for my 'mycommunityvoiceKent' had gone live and any reports to there will be picked up by the police. Mr Richardson will report on this in his Trident report this month.

The public questions ended at 8:45pm.