

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on Thursday 15th August 2019, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.

8500 PRESENT

Members Present

Mrs S Boyle
Mr A Cooke
Mrs T Durrant (Chairperson)
Mrs F Haxby
Mr G Kirby
Mr M Richardson
Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Clerk in Attendance

Ms N Morgan

8501 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

8502 CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mrs Durrant noted that Mrs Cornwell had submitted her resignation and offered her thanks to Mrs Cornwell for all her contributions to the council and village. Mrs Durrant noted that the next council surgery would be held on Saturday 31st August (Mrs Boyle, Mr Ward and Mr Richardson gave apologies).

8503 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Ms Morgan noted that the family fun day was a great success with the best attendance. She also noted that the refreshments made a profit of £61.55 Mrs Boyle had suggested that we donate the profit to the Dementia Café, all councillors agreed.

8504 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 18th July 2019 were presented for approval.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are accepted as a true and complete record and that the recommendations are approved.

c) Finance Notes

The clerk submitted a list of accounts, and a budget report, for July 2019, as per Appendix A. There were some queries over details of the accounts which will be followed up.

RESOLVED: That the accounts are approved and the payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

TPO on Crockenhill Lane – Mr Baker will progress and Mrs Ivaldi will help if possible. Mr Richardson and Mr Cooke agreed to look at the Flood Plan before the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

e) Review of Polling Districts

We had been asked to respond to a government review of polling districts and places by Sevenoaks District Council. There are no proposed changes for Eynsford or Farningham.

RESOLVED: That no response is made.

f) Annual Walkabout

Councillors were reminded of the Annual Inspection of land and assets around the village on 17th August. Mr Cooke had circulated timings and details.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8505 PLANNING

Notifications of Planning Consents/Refusal

Planning Application SE/19/01765/FUL – Unit 1-4 Lullingstone Park Farm Barn Estate, Lullingstone Lane GRANTED.

b) Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan

The hearing of the Examination of the Local Plan will commence on 24th September. If the council wished to request a specific request to the Plan at the hearing, they need to submit their request by the 16th August 2019. Mr Ward provided a summary of the key information for the council to discuss. Mr Ward concluded that Pedham Place is not considered as a strategic site at this time, but will be reconsidered when the adopted plan is reviewed in 5 years' time. This may be because the existing evidence does not wholly support the inclusion of the site as a Strategic Site and it will require considerably more work for it to do so. This is consistent with the late submission of the site. The inclusion as a 'broad location for growth', may be an attempt by SDC

to demonstrate they have been looking at all potential options for meeting the demand for housing in order to support the case for soundness of the plan, even though the Plan don't meet the housing target. On this basis, I don't think the inclusion of Pedham at this stage under the heading of 'broad location for growth' makes the Plan un-sound and therefore to argue that case is not appropriate.

RESOLVED: That we don't request to take part in the discussion scheduled for 3rd October, but encourage anyone who can and wishes, to attend and observe.

c) Planning Application SE/19/00261/PAC – Land west of Upper Austin Lodge Farm, Upper Austin Lodge, Eynsford

Plans relating to the a prior notification for a change of use of part Agricultural Building to Storage or Distribution were tabled for discussion

RESOLVED: That councillors object to this application on the grounds of inappropriate development and commercial activity in the greenbelt and ANOB, increase traffic on rural limited roads. Inappropriate development near resident homes, unsuitable access.

8506 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Highways & Transportation Committee 5th August 2019

Councillors were asked to approve the minutes of the Highways & Transportation Committee meeting held on 5th August 2019 and to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved and the recommendations accepted.

b) Streetlights

There are several streetlights that are covered in vegetation; councillors were asked to consider getting the vegetation cut back. We have received one quote from our street light contractor for £245.00 + vat, we have asked for another quote from a different company, but they have failed to provide a quotation

RESOLVED: That the Streetlights quote of £245.00 + VAT is accepted.

c) Highways Improvement Plan

Councillors were asked to approve the final draft of the plan, following on the comments from the last Highways Committee meeting, held on 5th August 2019.

RESOLVED: That the plan is accepted, subject to the following amendments;

- 1) Remove PC Funding from all
- 2) Add Sparepenny Lane to item 13
- 3) Remove number 18 completely

d) Community Rail Partnership

Councillors were asked to consider an annual donation of £100.00 to the Community Rail Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the donation is made this year from the contingency budget, and that next year we set up a budget for this annual fee.

8507 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Community & Environment Committee 5th August 2019

Councillors were asked to approve the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 5th August 2019 and to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved and the recommendations accepted.

b) Police Report

The Clerk had found the following crime figures for June 2019

- 1 x Vehicle crime – Castle Road
- 1 x violent crime – Lullingstone Country Park
- 1 x Criminal damage – arson - Eynsford station
- 1 x Theft – St Martin’s Drive
- 1 x Criminal damage – arson – Pollyhaugh
- 1 x Vehicle crime – Saddlers Park
- 1 x violent crime – Station Road
- 1 x Other Crime – Parsonage Bank
- 1 x Anti-social behaviour – Main car park – high street
- 1 x Drugs – near The Plough
- 1 x Anti-social behaviour – Gibson Place

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Remembrance Day Wreath

Details of wreaths available for Remembrance Day services have been received. The council generally buys a civic wreath (£50) but gives a larger donation. Councillors were asked to agree on the wreath and donation

RESOLVED: That a civic wreath is purchased and the council donates £75.00 as well totalling £125.00.

d) Village Sign

Eynsford Village Society has recently moved the village sign, due to the rotting of the post due to constant leak. The cost of the removal and replacement of the sign is £1200.00 + VAT. Councillors were asked to consider giving a donation towards the cost of this.

RESOLVED: That the council donates 50% of the total cost from the contingency budget (£720.00)

e) Darent Valley Landscape Partnership

Mr Kirby provided the following update;

New board appointments: Roger House, Horton Kirby PC, Nick Rushby, Otford Palace Trust

A presentation including a staffing chart showing the now complete staff structure. Most important to us is the Countryside Manager, Mary Tate, who will be leading the main projects that affect Eynsford and Farningham, in particular the Darent Valley Path improvements and involvement in the Station improvements. Was circulated to councillors

Also shown are objectives and progress for the various projects.

DVLP have a large training budget which we can bid for relevant activities. I will find out more about the scope of this.

A new grant funding scheme is about to be announced for Landscape conservation and Arts and inspiration projects, for amounts between £1k and £15K. Eynsford in Bloom and the Village Society Art Trail could both benefit from this. Details shortly.

A new EEC fund for Extending the Tourism Season, of £182,000, is to be announced soon. We should consider projects for this.

Fly tipping prevention is now within scope for DVLP. Rick Bayne is looking at best practice in UK and will be putting together a project.

The new DVLP website will be launched in August.

DVLP will be issuing an update bulletin every 2 months on progress.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8508 RECREATION

a) Recreation Committee 5th August 2019

Councillors were asked to approve the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 5th August 2019 and to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved and the recommendations accepted.

b) Annual Inspection of the playground at Harrow Meadow

The official inspection of the playground took place at the end of July. Mr Cooke noted many of the items reported are repeat problems from previous years. 2 medium problems are the gate as it closes too fast and the timber is rotting. One high risk area, is the swings, it was suggested that the swings were taken out of action until they could be fixed. Playdale will be replacing the timber very soon, and currently Mr Cooke is monitoring the swings and feels currently they do not need to be taken out of action. In the report the fence clean-up was complimented

RESOLVED: That the information is noted, that our handyman is quoting to replace the timber surrounds.

c) Hedge, Harrow Meadow

A quote has been received to cut back the hedge along the whole of the bottom side of Harrow Meadow for £420.00. Councillors were asked to decide whether to accept this.

RESOLVED: That the quote is accepted and is paid from the budget for Tree fund/maintenance

d) Football rents 19/20 Season

Councillors were asked to agree rents for the football clubs for the coming season. Previous seasons we have charged the following

	17/18	18/19
EFC	£60 per match	£50 per match
RWFC	£850	850

Councillors were asked to consider the following for the 19/20 season.

EFC	£55 per match
RWFC	£875

RESOLVED: That the following is charged for the Season 2019/20:
EFC £55 per match, RWFC £875

The meeting of the council closed at 9.25pm

Chairperson: 19th September 2019