

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on
Thursday 15th November 2018, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.**

8392 PRESENT

Members Present

Mr A Cooke
Mrs T Durrant
Mrs F Haxby
Mr G Kirby
Mr M Richardson
Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8393 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Boyle
Mrs A Cornwell

In the absence of Mrs Boyle, Mr Ward chaired the meeting.

8394 CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mr Ward noted that Mrs Boyle was now out of hospital and recovering and that the council was looking forward to seeing her back soon.

Mr Ward reported that Sevenoaks District Council had still included Pedham Place in their Local Plan, but not the current proposal, so work was still needed to oppose the development.

Mr Ward said that the fireworks had gone smoothly this year and raised £4500 for local groups, and expressed his thanks to the organisers.

It was also noted that the next parish council surgery would be on Saturday 24th November from 9-11am.

8395 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Mrs Ivaldi said that the Speedwatch training session would take place on Saturday 17th November in the parish office. Mrs Ivaldi noted that the council needed to agree the date and location of the Annual Parish Meeting.

8396 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 18th October 2018 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 October 2018, as per Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the accounts are approved and payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

Mr Kirby said that he would report on the River Project later in the meeting.

Mrs Ivaldi confirmed that the handyman would be cleaning and repainting the sleepers within the next two weeks.

Mr Baker said he would speak to Mr Gee about the group TPO for woodland off Crockenhill Lane.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

e) Budget Meeting

Councillors were informed that the budget meeting would be held on 10th December at 8pm.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

f) Election Costs

Councillors were informed that information had been received from Sevenoaks District Council about potential election costs for the parish council elections in May 2019. Uncontested elections would cost £310 and contested elections would cost £2270.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8397 **PLANNING**

a) Planning Committee 5th November 2018

Minutes of the above meeting were circulated to all councillors for approval, as per Appendix B.

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

b) Planning Notifications

None

c) Village Hall Project Fees

The Council were asked to consider a request from the Village Hall Trustees to pay some of the professional fees in relation to the new village hall project totally £26,000 + VAT.

RESOLVED: That this is brought back to another meeting when revised project costs are known and a more informed decision can be made.

8398 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Lower Thames Crossing Consultation

Councillors were informed that Highways England are carrying out a consultation on its updated proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. The new road would link to the A2 and M2 in Kent and the A13 and M25 in Essex. The consultation runs until 20th December.

RESOLVED: That councillors complete the consultation individually.

b) Bollard at Scout Hall

The Clerk had sought quotes to install a wooden bollard outside the Scout Hall car park to keep the access to the pedestrian pathway free. Only one quote had been received, for £200 + VAT.

RESOLVED: That this item is deferred until further quotes are available.

8399 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Community & Environment Committee 5th November 2018

Minutes of the above meeting were circulated to all councillors for approval, as per Appendix C.

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

b) Police Report

The Clerk had found the following crime figures:

September 2018 (latest)

Nr Lullingstone Visitor Centre	2 x violent crime
Nr Lullingstone Castle	2 x violent crime
Nr Station Approach	1 x burglary
Nr Station Approach	1 x vehicle crime
Nr Eynsford Rise	1 x burglary
Nr Eynsford Riverside Club	1 x burglary
Nr Saddlers Park	1 x violent crime
Nr Parsonage Bank	1 x burglary
Nr Harrow Meadow	1 x violent crime
Nr Gibsons Place	1 x criminal damage/arson.
TOTAL – 13	

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Darent Valley Landscape Partnership

Mr Kirby gave a verbal update on the recent board meeting of the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership. He reported that the project is slowly getting off the ground and has now appointed an archaeologist and a business manager, but was still recruiting a landscape partnership officer. The Darent Improvement scheme which had some European funding, would continue after Brexit. A project with DRiPS was looking at recruiting volunteer River Wardens for the Darent. Mr Kirby suggested that an article about this be included in the next newsletter. There is funding available for parking and access and Mr Kirby would be meeting with Mr Bayne (Project Manager) about the proposed station project.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

d) Lullingstone Liaison Group

Mr Ward gave a verbal update on the recent meeting of the Lullingstone Liaison Group. He said that there was now an agreement by KCC to sub-contract the Preston Hill site to Kent Country Parks who will carry out any maintenance.

The country parks team are installing posts in the park to denote land belonging to the Lullingstone Castle estate. DVLP are looking at implementing a cycle path on the field parallel to the river (not along the bank). Barriers were being installed to stop quad bikes. The park is still looking for volunteers but have recruited two regular volunteers following recent publicity.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

e) Donation to the Dementia Cafe

Councillors considered a request from the Eynsford & Farningham Dementia Café for a donation of £200 to go towards running costs in 2019.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £200 is made from Regular Donations.

f) Churchyard Maintenance – St Martin’s Church

Councillors considered a request for a grant towards churchyard maintenance at St Martin’s Church.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £650 is made from the Churchyard Maintenance budget.

g) Lights of Love – St Martin’s Church

Councillors considered a request to sponsor a Christmas tree at St Martin’s Church as part of the Lights of Love festival.

RESOLVED: That a tree is sponsored at £30 from Ad Hoc donations.

At this point, 8.52pm, the meeting was paused for questions from the public (Appendix Q)
The meeting resumed at 9.05pm.

8400 RECREATION

a) Bench at Common Meadow

Councillors looked at some examples of benches to be installed at Common Meadow.

RESOLVED: That this is re-considered when more information is available.

The meeting of the council closed at 9.17 pm

Chairman: 20th December 2018