

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on
Thursday 16th August 2018, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.**

8364 PRESENT

Members Present

Mrs S Boyle
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

8365 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs A Cornwell

8366 CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mrs Boyle reminded councillors about the 'annual walkabout' on Saturday 18th August at 10am. She also reminded members about the next Summer Fun Day on Monday 20th August from 10-2 and asked if anyone could help with refreshments. Councillors were reminded about the next Surgery to be held on Saturday 25th August from 9-11am.

8367 CLERK'S COMMENTS

None .

8368 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

Mr Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 8369c and 8372b relating to the village hall, as a Trustee of Eynsford Village Hall.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 19th July 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 July 2018, as per Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the accounts are approved and payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

Mr Kirby reported that he had been in touch with DVLP about their programme which would relate to a Community Plan, but that Mr McGarvey from Farningham PC was less keen on a joint plan with Farningham than previously.

Mr Kirby said that he was still awaiting a date from Kent Highways for a site meeting to discuss the various issues in Eynsford.

The Clerk confirmed that she still needed to contact community groups about contributing towards a memorial bench for Mr Hart-Dyke.

Mr Kirby confirmed that he still needed to contact Mr Baynes about the possible River Warden project.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8369 PLANNING

a) Planning Committee 6th August 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

The following planning notifications had been received since the last meeting:

SE/18/01669/FUL – Land West of Upper Austin Lodge Farm, Upper Austin Lodge Road, Eynsford – Granted

SE/18/01592/HOUSE – Tilemans Field, Eynsford Road, Farningham – Granted

SE/18/01829/HOUSE – 79 Pollyhaugh, Eynsford – Granted

SE/18/02158/FUL – 2 Riverside, Eynsford – Invalid

c) Village Hall Development Update

Mr Cooke gave a verbal update on the latest meetings held with the joint Village Hall/Parish Council committee about the proposed development of the village hall.

A pre-application meeting with a representative from Sevenoaks District Council raised various issues that would need to be resolved including a legal agreement connecting the development of the existing hall site to the development of the new site at Harrow Meadow, impact on other buildings in the Conservation Area, effect on neighbouring properties, flood/drainage reports etc. There was no clear view given on whether this would be an acceptable development in the Green

Belt, but it was suggested that the new hall could be reduced in size. Various reports for the new site would be needed including drainage, vehicular access, archaeological survey etc. The committee is considering having an open day for the community in October. The village hall trustees have already spent £37K on fees and expect to spend an additional £37K on fees before the plans get to application stage. A meeting with a fundraising expert suggested that fundraising would be difficult unless provision for disadvantaged groups is demonstrated. It had been suggested that regular updates in the parish newsletter would be useful.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

d) Possible Group TPO Crockenhill Lane

Mr Gee, Tree Warden had suggested that an area of woodland off Crockenhill Lane, north of Eynsford Hill, could be considered for a group TPO as it could be at risk of development.

RESOLVED: That Mr Gee and Mr Baker (Tree Wardens) work to submit a request for a Tree Protection Order from Sevenoaks District Council.

e) Dead Trees, Common Meadow

Mr Gee had reported that two trees agree to be dead on Common Meadow adjacent to the Archive Centre. They are a Malus and a Prunus.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts a Tree Surgeon for a quote to remove the trees if they are dead. That the Clerk applies to Sevenoaks District Council to carry out any work, once quotes have been agreed by the council.

8370 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Highways & Transportation Committee 6th August 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.

8371 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Police Report

The Clerk had found the following crime figures:

JUNE 2018 (latest)

Walnut Close	1 x Vehicle Crime
Castle Road	1 x Shoplifting
Lullingstone Roman Villa	3 x Criminal Damage/Arson
Birch Close	1 x Public Order
TOTAL – 6	

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

b) Lullingstone Liaison Group Update

Mr Ward gave a verbal update on the latest meeting of the Lullingstone Liaison Group which was held on 9th July.

Three new benches have been installed in the play area at Lullingstone Country Park and new signposts of footpaths are being erected around the site. The park are still recruiting volunteers to help with work in the park. Also, a new broadband service was being installed in the visitor centre.

There are delays in transferring the Preston Hill site to the country parks team due to a variety of factors.

The café and shop are doing well as are the forest school which uses the site, and other activities. Darent Valley Landscape Partnership projects include moving the 16th green of the golf course, monitoring oak processionary moths and getting the Samuel Palmer trail ready. The Partnership are also recruiting for three more staff.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Achievements

Councillors were told about a project by Sevenoaks District Council to find out and showcase the achievements of women in the district over the past 100 years including interviewing and documenting key women. This would link in with the 100th anniversary of some women getting the vote and some women being allowed to stand as MPs.

RESOLVED: That the clerk confirms exactly what is needed with Sevenoaks District Council and shares this on the council's website, social media and other methods, and contacts Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society.

8372 RECREATION

a) Recreation Committee 6th August 2018

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

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

b) Harrow Meadow Football Pitch Design

Councillors were asked to consider paying for an Agrostis to design the football pitch and necessary infiltration testing (drainage) to be used for the planning application for the new village hall. The cost would be £2125 + VAT and could be paid from the Village Hall Fund budget.

RESOLVED: That this item is brought back to the September meeting after the next village hall meeting. Mr Richardson did not participate in the vote.

c) Football Club Fees at Harrow Meadow 2018/19

Councillors were asked to approve rents for the upcoming season. Eynsford Football Club had asked for their fee to be reduced from £60 to £50 because of financial difficulties .

RESOLVED: That Eynsford Football Club pay £50 per match for this season only. That Riverside Wanderers Football Club pay £850 for the season, the same price as for 17/18.

There were no questions from members of the public.

The meeting of the council closed at 9 pm

Chairman: 20th September 2018