

Minutes of the Meeting of Eynsford Parish Council held on Thursday 16th June 2022, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 7.30pm.

8896 PRESENT

Members Present

Mr M Barker
Mrs S Boyle
Mrs W Gee
Mrs F Haxby
Mr M Richardson
Mr P Ward

Others Present

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8897 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr A Cooke, Mr N Rix, Mr J Gee, Mr R Gough

8898 CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mr Ward thanked Mrs Haxby and Mrs Wintour for making the jubilee event such a success. He also thanked everyone else who helped out. The event came in on budget and takings from the stalls, bar etc will be split. Mr Ward said that the next council surgery would be held on 25th June from 9-11am.

8899 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Mrs Ivaldi noted that the office would be closed on 20th and 21st June due to staff annual leave.

8900 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the AGM and the last full council meeting held on the 19th May 2022 were presented for approval.

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

d) Finance Notes

The clerk submitted a list of accounts, and a budget report, for May 2022, as per Appendix A. A schedule of payments was also presented.

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

e) Outstanding Actions

December 2021 – a quote to lay a membrane layer underneath the gravel at the war memorial was approved. This work has not been completed and Mrs Ivaldi agreed to chase the contractor. Mrs Ivaldi had made no further progress on getting prices for an air source heat pump.

f) Approval of Annual Governance Statement

Councillors were asked to approve section 1 (Internal Audit Report) of the AGAR for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That this statement is approved and signed.

g) Approval of Accounting Statements for 2021/22

Councillors were asked to approve the Accounting Statements of the AGAR for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That the statements are approved and signed.

h) Football Pitch Works

Mr Cooke had circulated notes from a meeting with the recommended contractor to create the new football pitch. The contractor suggested that the works now take place in the spring. This would be a better time for the grass to become established. In terms of the project it also gives more time for research into ground source heat pumps, for dealing with the archaeological report and for registering the land and completing the land swap.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

i) Village Hall Project Update

Mr Cooke had received tenders for the building of the new village hall at Harrow Meadow. These were in the region of £1.7-£1.8m, at the top end of the budget.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8901 PLANNING

a) Report of the Last Planning Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Notifications of Planning Consents/Refusal

22/01046/HOUSE– 3 Saddlers Hall, Saddlers Park, Eynsford – GRANTED

c) Planning Application 22/01298/FUL – Stable Block on Park House Farm, Bower Lane, Eynsford

Councillors discussed an application for alterations and conversion of an existing stable block to a single dwelling house and associated vehicular/pedestrian access at the above address.

RESOLVED: That no objection is made, but that councillors request that future permitted development rights are not allowed for this property in order to protect the Green Belt and AONB.

8902 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

a) Report of the Last Highways & Transportation Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Highways & Transportation Committee meeting held on 6th June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

8903 **COMMUNITY**

a) Report of the Last Community Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Community Committee meeting held on 6th June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Police/Crime Report

The Clerk provided details of crime statistics for April 2022:
Seven crimes were reported, as follows:

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| Lullingstone Country Park | 1 x Other Theft |
| Eynsford Station | 1 x Criminal Damage/Arson |
| High Street | 1 x Violence/Sexual Offence |
| | 1 x Criminal Damage/Arson |
| | 1 x Public Order Offence |
| Riverside | 1 x Criminal Damage/Arson |
| Old Mill Close | 1 x Violence/Sexual Offence |

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Anti-Social Behaviour in Eynsford

Councillors discussed various recent incidences of anti-social behaviour in Eynsford. These included the vandalism at the castle, incidents at Riverside and Common Meadow involving the travelling community and mistreatment of horses and other more minor misdemeanours including

BBQs on Riverside, littering etc. It was thought that various groups of people were involved including local youths, the travelling community, other visitors to the village.

RESOLVED: That a meeting is set up between the council and the police with the Traveller Liaison Officer if possible.

8904 OPEN SPACES

a) Report of the Last Open Spaces Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 6th June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Riverside Redevelopment

Councillors had a general discussion about ideas to improve Riverside ranging from new planting or furniture to measures to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour.

RESOLVED: That a working group is set up to look at this to include Mrs Haxby (chair), Mr Ward and Mr Richardson. That Mr Rix should be invited to join plus one or two residents of Riverside and a representative of Riverside Watch. That the first meeting is held on 30th June at the parish office at 7.30pm.

c) Use of Parish Council Land for a Wedding

A member of the public had been in touch about using parish council land for a wedding reception, however, further requested information had not been received.

RESOLVED: That this item is deferred until further details have been received.

8905 FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT

a) Report of the Last Facilities & Environment Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Facilities & Environment Committee meeting held on 6th June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

The meeting ended at 20.42pm.

Chairperson: 21st July 2022