

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on Thursday 17th January 2019, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.

8412 PRESENT

Members Present

Mrs S Boyle
Mr A Cooke
Mrs T Durrant
Mr G Kirby
Mr M Richardson
Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8413 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs A Cornwell
Mrs F Haxby

8414 CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mrs Boyle thanked Mr Ward for his work on the response to the Local Plan consultation.
Mrs Boyle reminded councillors that there could be a surgery session on 26th January including a tidy of the office.

8415 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Mrs Ivaldi mentioned that she had attended the Clerks' meeting in Sevenoaks on Tuesday.

8416 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 20th December 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 November 2018, as per Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the accounts are approved and payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

Mr Baker said that he would be writing to the landowner regarding the group TPO on Crockenhill Lane.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

e) NALC Pay Award 2019/20

Councillors were asked to approve the pay award recommended by NALC starting on 1 April 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Clerks' wages are increased in line with the NALC pay award from 1 April 2019: The Clerk's salary to increase from £15.54 to £15.86 per hr., and the Deputy Clerk's salary to increase from £14.22 to £14.50 per hr., both being an increase of 2%.

8417 PLANNING

a) Planning Committee 7th January 2019

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) Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan

Councillors were asked to confirm that they supported the response prepared by Mr Ward.

RESOLVED: That the agreed response is submitted to Sevenoaks District Council (see Appendix C). That a request is submitted to speak at the hearing regarding the inclusion of Pedham Place.

d) Planning Application SE/19/00033/HOUSE – Dunhelm, Priory Lane, Eynsford

Councillors considered an application for the demolition of the existing conservatory and the erection of a single storey rear extension with skylights.

RESOLVED: That no objections are offered.

8418 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Priority Works, Riverside, Eynsford

Councillors were asked to give their views on a proposed new scheme at Riverside to solve the congestion issues around the priority areas. Kent Highways are proposing to remove top concrete build-out and wooden bollards in order to widen the road and improve visibility. They would also remove all the of the priority signs as they would be no longer necessary. This cleared section would receive double yellow lines to prohibit parking. The work would be funded by KCC and carried out this financial year.

RESOLVED: That councillors support this proposal.

b) Community Rail Partnership

Mr Richardson gave an update on a recent meeting he had attended about setting up a Community Rail Partnership for the Darent Valley. There are currently 19 stations in existing partnerships in Medway, Swale and Tonbridge areas, in Kent. The aim of the partnerships is to improve the station area, and the customer experience. Sustrans (supporting walking and sustainable transport) are also involved. The plan for the Darent Valley is to have a 'Samuel Palmer' line. The aim would be to increase use of public transport, and grow the visitor economy. Mr Richardson will share more details when they are available.

REOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Commuter Parking, St Martin's Drive

Councillors discussed recent communication from residents about problems with double parking and blockage of access on St Martin's Drive, and whether parking restrictions would be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That Jeremy Clark (SDC) or Geoff Bineham (KCC) are asked to have a look at the situation and give their views on what might be possible.

8419 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Community & Environment Committee 7th January 2019

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) Police Report

Councillors were informed or the latest crime statistics:
November 2018 – 1 x violent crime, Eynsford Station.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) KALC Community Award

Councillors were asked to vote on a recipient for the KALC Community Award for Eynsford, based on those nominated by members of the public.

RESOLVED: That the KALC Community Award is given to Mrs Sally Coston and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. That the Clerk writes to Mrs Coston to inform her.

d) Darent Valley Landscape Partnership

Mr Kirby gave an update on the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership (DVLP). He confirmed that DVLP proposed to take the lead on the project south of Eynsford station that would include car parking, step-free access to Platform 1, pedestrian crossing and improvements to footpath links.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

e) Official Unveilling, Twinning Signs

Councillors were informed that a party from our twin village of Camphin en Pevele would be visiting Eynsford in May and that an 'official unveiling' of the twinning sign (south of the station) would take place on the morning of 5th May. Any members of the council that are free were invited to attend.

RESOLVED: That Mr Kirby, and any other available councillors attend, at approx.. 11am on 5th May.

f) Donation to Twinning Group

Councillors considered a request for funding from Eynsford's twinning group to fund 'official' refreshments following the unveiling of the twinning signs.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £200 is made to the twinning group 'Association of Camphin and Eynsford' to fund the celebratory refreshments.

At this point, 9.02pm, the meeting was paused for questions from members of the public (See Appendix Q). The meeting resumed at 9.17pm.

8420 RECREATION

a) Use of Riverside – Grace Centre

Councillors considered a request from the Grace Centre Church to use Riverside for their community outreach picnic on 27th May (Bank Holiday Monday) between 11am and 3pm. There would be a steel band and members of the public would be welcome.

RESOLVED: That permission is granted subject to no dogs being allowed on the green and all litter being removed.

The meeting of the council closed at 9.18 pm

Chairman: 21st February 2019