

Minutes of the Meeting of Eynsford Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2022, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 7.30pm.

8933 PRESENT

Members Present

Mr A Cooke

Mrs F Haxby

Mr M Richardson

Mr N Rix

Others Present

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8934 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr M Barker, Mrs S Boyle, Mrs W Gee, Mr J Gee, Mr P Ward, Mr R Gough

8935 CHAIR'S REMARKS

None.

8936 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Mrs Ivaldi noted that the bulbs had now been planted in the new planters and thanked Mr Cooke for his help in constructing and filling the planters.

8937 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 3rd October 2022 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 September and October 2022, as per Appendix A.

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

d) CIL Payment

Mrs Ivaldi told councillors that a payment of £11,544.49 had been paid to the council relating to a recent development at Bower House. The money must be spent on infrastructure projects within five years. Councillors were invited to discuss how to allocate this money.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted, and that any spending decision is deferred until more councillors are present.

e) Budget Meeting

Councillors were reminded that the budget meeting would be held on 6th December at 7.30pm and were asked to send in any project ideas or proposed spending beforehand.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

f) NALC Salary Review

Councillors were informed that NALC have announced new pay scales to be implemented from 1 April 2022. The new scales raise all salaries by £1 an hour. This would mean that Mrs Wintour's salary would increase from £15.16p/h to £16.16p/h and that Mrs Ivaldi's salary would increase from £16.58p/h to £17.58p/h. Councillors were asked to decide whether to accept the new scales.

RESOLVED: That the new salary scales are accepted and that pay is backdated to 1 April 2022.

g) Office Waste

Mrs Ivaldi informed councillors that she had obtained prices for the official removal of waste from the parish office. The most economical way, considering the small amount of waste produced, is to buy waste bags from the company. Biffa Waste Services £195 + VAT for a roll of 50 general waste bags, £126 + VAT for a roll of 50 recycling bags + a weekly charge of £1.55 for a Waste Transfer note; Sevenoaks District Council £80.35 for a roll of 26 commercial waste sacks, £38.00 for a roll of 25 recycling sacks. Estimated annual cost based on one normal waste and one recycling bag per fortnight: Biffa £215.42; Sevenoaks District Council £96.81.

RESOLVED: That commercial waste sacks are purchased from Sevenoaks District Council.

8938 PLANNING

a) Report of the Last Planning Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Notifications of Planning Consents/Refusal

22/02221/LBCALT	Ice House East of Lullingstone Castle, Lullingstone Lane	GRANTED
22/02559/LBCALT	Toll Bar Cottage, 5 Riverside	GRANTED
22/02050/FUL	40 and 42 Riverside	GRANTED
22/01476/FUL	Unit 10, Furlongs Farm, Riverside	GRANTED

22/02073/FUL	Richard Abel Straw Shed, Hulberry, Lullington Lane	GRANTED
22/01774/CONVAR	Land North of 2 Upper Austin Lodge Farm	GRANTED
22/01898/FUL	Land South of Lane End, Sparepenny End	REFUSED

c) Planning Applications 22/02897/HOUSE – 53 Eynsford Rise, Eynsford

Councillors discussed an application for a standalone detached garage to the front of the house with a flat roof.

RESOLVED: That the council objects to this application as the development would be detrimental to the street scene and out of character with other properties on the road.

8939 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 7th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

8940 COMMUNITY

a) Report of the Last Community Committee Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve the report of the Community Committee meeting held on 7th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Police/Crime Report

The Clerk provided details of crime statistics for August and September 2022:

In August 36 crimes were reported as follows:

Lullington Golf Club	1 x vehicle crime
Bower Lane (top)	1 x other theft
	1 x vehicle crime
Lullington Roman Villa	1 x drugs
Eynsford Station	3 x criminal damage
	1 x other theft
Upper Austin Lodge Road	3 x violence and sexual offence
Station Approach	1 x violence and sexual offence
St Martin's Drive	1 x vehicle crime
Saddlers Park	2 x vehicle crime
	1 x violence and sexual offence
Bower Lane (bottom)	1 x vehicle crime
Ford House Car Park	1 x anti-social behaviour
Pollyhaugh	1 x other crime
Gibson Place	4 x anti-social behaviour
	1 x violence and sexual offence

Mill Lane	11 x violence and sexual offence 1 x other crime
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In September 9 crimes were reported as follows:

Mill Lane	2 x violence and sexual offence
Parsonage Bank	1 x vehicle crime
	1 x violence and sexual offence
St Martin's Drive	1 x vehicle crime
Station Road	1 x vehicle crime
Riverside	1 x anti-social behaviour
Lullingstone Country Park	1 x criminal damage and arson
Lullingstone Golf Club	1 x criminal damage and arson

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Water Fountain, Bower Lane

Councillors were told that a quote to repair/restore the King Edward fountain at Bower Lane had been received for £4029 + VAT. However, there was still some uncertainty about the ownership of the fountain, and Eynsford Village Society had also shown some interest in restoring the fountain.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Haxby write to Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society about the history and ownership of the fountain. That the Clerk writes to Eynsford Village Society saying that a quote for the work has been received and that we are willing to work with them to achieve the restoration, possibly in time for the coronation.

8941 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 7th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Play Area Repairs

Mr Cooke reported back on possible work needed at the playground at Harrow Meadow.

- He reported that the swing does not need any work at present;
- The bench has one leg that is rotting and needs either a temporary repair or to be removed;
- The Walkling bench (on the bank) should be removed temporarily until a suitable new space is found;
- The gaps around the edge of the safety surfacing are not critical and can wait until the official inspection in the summer;
- Mr Free has been asked to quote to remove the upright trim trail posts.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk gets quotes for: a temporary repair to the bench in the playground; the removal and storage of the bench on the bank.

8942 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 7th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report is approved.

b) Annual Walkabout

This item was deferred until the next meeting when Mr Barker is present.

At this point, 8.23pm the meeting was adjourned for questions from the public. The meeting resumed and ended at 8.26pm.

Chairperson: 15th December 2022