

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on
Thursday 19th October 2017, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.**

8253 PRESENT

Members Present

Mrs S Boyle

Mr A Cooke

Mr M Richardson

Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8254 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs A Cornwell, Mrs T Durrant, Mrs F Haxby, Mr G Kirby

8255 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs Boyle said that she had attended the Alexander Pitcairn service on 15th October at St Martin's church. Mrs Boyle also reminded councillors about the October surgery on Saturday 28th.

8256 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Mrs Ivaldi told councillors that the newsletter had been printed and was being delivered. Mrs Ivaldi also asked councillors to respond to the email about the budget meeting so that a date could be set.

8257 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 21st September 2017 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 2017, as per Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the accounts are approved and payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

Councillors discussed items listed that had been outstanding for three months or more.

- Mr Kirby to proceed with a Community Plan – Mr Kirby is still awaiting details of the DVLP programme before meeting with Farningham Parish Council
- Appointment of Trustee to the Eleemosynary Charity – it was agreed that Mrs Boyle would speak with Rev Gary Owen for him to engage with Eric Syddique before appointing another Trustee. Mr Cooke had also spoken to Mr Smith (a friend of Mr Syddique) about the matter.
- Annual Tree Inspection – Mr Richardson to meet with the Clerk about obtaining quotes for an annual tree safety inspection.

RESOLVED: That all of the outstanding actions are pursued, as detailed above.

e) Kent Association of Local Council AGM

Councillors were asked if they would like to attend the AGM of the Kent Association of Local Councils on 18th November in Ditton.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Boyle and Mr Richardson would attend the AGM, subject to confirmation.

f) Renewal of Electricity Contract for Streetlighting

Councillors were asked to consider which contract to take on for street light electricity. Due to the installation of LED lamps, the cost has reduced considerably for this unmetered supply, although the price per KWh had increased. Options of 12 month, 24 month and 36 months were offered with EON. The previous 24 month contract had cost £4586.00.

RESOLVED: That a 24 month contract is signed with EON at an estimated cost of £2815.00..

8258 **PLANNING**

a) Planning Committee 2nd September 2017

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/17/02708/LDCEX – Park House Farm, Bower Lane, Eynsford – GRANTED

APP/G2245/W/17/3174146 – Eynsford Pumping Station, Lullingstone Lane, Eynsford – ALLOWED

APP/G2245/D/17/3180452 – Pax, Eynsford Road, Eynsford – Awaiting Decision

SE/17/02418/HOUSE – 39 Eynsford Rise, Eynsford – GRANTED

SE/17/02556/HOUSE – 20 Eynsford Rise, Eynsford – GRANTED

c) Planning Application SE/17/02905/FUL – Girdle Bridge Cottage, Shoreham Road, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans for the erection of agricultural buildings to include: a detached cow shed, a detached hay and straw barn and a vehicle store with farm office to form part of the farm business, at this site.

RESOLVED: That councillors object to this application. The council has concerns about the height of the buildings, particularly the tractor store/office – however, it broadly supports the application and would like to see changes as recommended by Rural Planning Limited.

d) Planning Application SE/17/02958/FUL- 2 Bay Tree Cottages, Station Road, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans for the erection of a log cabin for recreational use within the rear garden at this site.

RESOLVED: That no objection is made.

e) Planning Application SE/17/03080/HOUSE – Land at Bluebell Bank and 4 Saddlers Park, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans for the formation of access and driveway and associated works at this site.

RESOLVED: That no objection is made.

At this point, 9pm, the meeting was opened up to questions from members of the public. The meeting resumed at 9.12pm.

f) Village Hall/Harrow Meadow update

Mr Cooke reported on the latest progress with the project. He said that at the last meeting, the internal layout was fixed with 1m added to the main hall to allow for storage of the seating. The architect is very busy and there is no current timescale for the new plans and elevations. These will also need to be costed. Mr Cooke had met the Football Association representative, and when told of the plans for Harrow Meadow, the representative said that the Football Association would require a new football pitch to be full sized and would not support a planning application if the pitch is lost. Mr Cooke has requested revised costs from the grounds work company to see whether this is feasible. Mrs Ivaldi mentioned the possibility of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding to contribute towards the costs of the project.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8259 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Highways & Transportation Committee 2nd September 2017

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.

8260 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Police Report

None Received

b) Laying of Wreath

Councillors were asked to agree who would lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday at the Act of Remembrance on 12th November.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Boyle lays the wreath on behalf of the council.

c) Public Art Project Donation

Councillors were asked to consider making a donation to Eynsford Village Society towards the Public Art Project. This would be a contribution towards the cost of a carved wooden sculpture to be sited at Nine Hole Wood.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £150 is made from the Section 137 Ad Hoc Donations budget.

d) Victim Support Donation

Councillors were asked to consider making a donation to Victim Support (Kent).

RESOLVED: That a donation of £50 is made from the Section 137 Regular Donations budget.

e) Himalayan Balsam

Councillors were informed that there is a small patch of Himalayan Balsam (an invasive species) at Common Meadow by the river. They were asked to consider whether to and how to go about removing it.

RESOLVED: That, in March, Mr Gray is asked to quote for its removed before flowering in early summer.

f) KCC Volunteer Support Warden

Councillors were told that the council had been informed that there would be another recruitment drive for volunteer support wardens shortly, and that the clerk has confirmed the council's continued interest in this scheme.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8261 RECREATION

a) Recreation Committee 2nd September 2017

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) Cutting of the Nature Area

Councillors were asked to approve payment for the cutting of the Nature Area at Castlefield Allotments by North West Kent Countryside Partnership at the cost of £240.00.

RESOLVED: That £240 is paid from the Allotments and Nature Area budget.

c) Football Association Meeting

Councillors were asked to approve payment of £100 retrospectively for a meeting with the Football Association about maintenance and plans for the football pitch..

RESOLVED: That the fee of £100 is paid from the Harrow Meadow maintenance budget.

d) Flood Warden Training

Mr Cooke reported on a training seminar he had attended for Flood Wardens. The session clarified the role of the flood warden in relation to other volunteers and the emergency services. The warden was to act as a co-ordinator in case of flood or threat of flood, and the Environment Agency would provide flood warnings. 181 properties in Eynsford had been identified as at risk of flooding. However, a list of vulnerable people was not available. Various barriers and flood prevention equipment were demonstrated.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

The meeting of the council closed at 9.48 pm

Chairman: 16th November 2017