

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.**

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**8373 PRESENT**

Members Present

Mrs S Boyle  
Mrs A Cornwell (arrived 8.04pm)  
Mrs F Haxby  
Mr G Kirby  
Mr M Richardson  
Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Cllr R Gough attended between 9.04 and 9.20pm.

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

**8374 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr A Cooke  
Mrs T Durrant  
Mr M Richardson

**8375 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Mrs Boyle reminded councillors about the next surgery which would be on 29<sup>th</sup> September between 9-11am. Mrs Boyle said that she had represented the parish council at the licensing of Dorothy McGarvey as Associate Rector in St Martin's Church. Mrs Boyle offered congratulations to Eynsford in Bloom for their GOLD award and asked that a letter be sent. She also thanked Mr Ward for all his work on the Local Plan consultation.

**8376 CLERK'S COMMENTS**

None.

**8377 GOVERNANCE**

a) Declarations of Interest

Mrs Haxby declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Dementia Café (minute 8330e).

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 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 August 2018, as per Appendix A.

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts are approved and payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

Mr Kirby reported that he needs to speak to the chair of Farningham PC about a Community Plan, and if they are not interested, maybe continue alone.

Mr Kirby and Mrs Ivaldi had chased Kent Highways for a site meeting to discuss the various issues in Eynsford.

Mr Kirby confirmed would raise the possible River Warden project at the DVL board meeting in November.

Mrs Haxby agreed to speak to the family of Ethel Darby about the future of the memorial bench.

**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.

Mrs Cornwell arrived during the above item at 8.04pm.

e) Cleaner

Mrs Ivaldi reported that a new cleaner had been appointed to clean the parish office for one hour a week, initially on a one month probation period.

**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.

f) Next Newsletter

Councillors discussed items to include in the quarterly newsletter due out in October.

**RESOLVED:** That the following articles are requested:

KALC Community Award

Speedwatch

Eynsford in Bloom – Gold Award

Lullingstone Roman Villa

Lullingstone Visitor Centre

Pedham Place Development

Summer Fun Days

Community Warden

Darent River Preservations Society

g) Trident Magazine

Councillors were asked to consider thanking Mrs Newbold for her long editorship of the Trident magazine, on her retirement.

**RESOLVED:** That a card and thank you letter are presented to Mrs Newbold.

## 8378 PLANNING

### a) Planning Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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/18/02508/HOUSE – 5 Saddlers Hall, Saddlers Park – Granted

SE/18/02073/HOUSE – Dunhelm, Priory Lane – Granted

SE/18/02202/FUL – Park House Farm, Bower Lane – Withdrawn

SE/18/02203/FUL – Park House Farm, Bower Lane - Withdrawn

### c) Removal of Trees, Common Meadow

The Clerk informed the council that one quote to remove the dead Malus and Prunus at Common Meadow had been received - £385, and that further quotes were awaited.

**RESOLVED:** That this item is brought back when further quotes have been received. That the Clerk proceeds with the application to Sevenoaks District Council to remove the trees.

### d) Tree Work Application SE/18/02829/WTPO – 51-59 Old Mill Close, Eynsford

Councillors were informed that details for this application to re-pollard a Lime tree and to fell a Sycamore tree had been sent to the Tree Wardens for comment.

**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.

## 8379 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

### a) Speedwatch

The Clerk told councillors that she is working with Farningham Parish Council to set up a training date for Speedwatch volunteers. The session will be held in the Parish Office in Eynsford and the joint group will use our equipment. So far 6 people have volunteered from Eynsford and 12 from Farningham.

**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.

### b) 30mph Limit Shoreham Road

Mrs Cornwell told the council about the difficulty of crossing Station Road to access the station and bus stops at its southern end. School children have to negotiate this crossing on their own at dawn and dusk. Sightlines in both directions are poor and cars pass both ways at speed. Mrs Cornwell suggested moving the 30mph limit further south to level with the recycling layby, and that councillors review the current signage, some of which is obscured or dirty. Also that the

vegetation under the railway bridge is cut back to improve sightlines. Mr Kirby noted that moving the 30mph limit further south was in his station/parking proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That the 30mph limit and a review of signage are included in the site meeting with Kent Highways. That Mrs Cornwell speaks to Mrs Penney of Eynsford in Bloom about the possibility of cutting back the bushes under the railway bridge.

#### c) Car Park Bollard

With the completion of the pathway to Edwards Hall car park, it had been noted that the concreted area outside of the gate may be vulnerable to damage from cars parked on the verge. Councillors were asked to consider the installation of a bollard at the corner of the concrete path to deter cars from mounting the path.

**RESOLVED:** That quotes are sought to install a bollard at the corner of the new path.

### **8380 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT**

#### a) Community & Environment Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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) Police Report

The Clerk had found the following crime figures:

JULY 2018 (latest)

Castle Road 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour

Lullingstone Country Park 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour

Eynsford Station 1 x Vehicle Crime

TOTAL – 3

**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.

#### c) Community Assets

Following recent discussions, councillors were asked to agree to the first five assets to be listed. There would be a cost of £3 each to get title deeds from the Land Registry, and an individual application needs to be filled out for each asset.

**RESOLVED:** That the following assets are listed with Sevenoaks District Council:

- The Five Bells, High Street.
- Rafferty's, High Street.
- Riverside Tea Room, Riverside.
- Eynsford Baptist Church, High Street.
- Land at Little Mote adjacent to Anthony Roper School/High Street

d) Donation to Poppy Appeal

Councillors were asked to agree to the purchase of a wreath and a donation towards the Poppy Appeal this year. Mrs Boyle requested that the council buy two additional wreaths to lay on the two WW1 graves in the village – one at St Martin’s Church and one at the Baptist Church.

**RESOLVED:** That a Civic wreath is purchased, costing £50, but that a donation of £125 is made to include this. That two 10” wreaths are purchased costing £12 each. That both wreaths are paid for from the Regular Donations budget.

e) Leaflet for Play for Dementia Café

Councillors were asked to approve the inclusion of a leaflet advertising a play raising funds for the Eynsford & Farningham Dementia Café in the next quarterly newsletter.

**RESOLVED:** That the leaflet is included for free provided that it is inserted into each newsletter before being collected by the deliverer.

f) Membership of Darent River Preservations Society

Councillors are asked to approve continued membership of DRiPS at a cost of £20.

**RESOLVED:** That membership of DRiPS is renewed at £20 from the Regular Donations budget.

At this point, 9.04pm, the meeting was paused for questions from the public (Appendix Q)  
The meeting resumed at 9.20pm.

**8381** **RECREATION**

a) 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 deferred until the timing of the planning application is known.

b) Chain at Eynsford Ford

Councillors were asked to discuss whether or not to keep the chain across the ford as it seems to be broken frequently. Councillors established that it was only broken 2 or 3 times a year and that the handyman fixed it without charge.

**RESOLVED:** That the chain is left and that the situation is monitored.

The meeting of the council closed at 9.40 pm

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Chairman: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018