

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.

8543 PRESENT

Members Present

Mr M Barker

Mrs S Boyle

Mr A Cooke

Mrs T Durrant

Mrs F Haxby

Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8544 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr G Kirby

Mr M Richardson

Mr R Gough (County Councillor)

Mr A Cheeseman (District Councillor)

8545 CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mrs Durrant thanked Mr Ward for chairing the last meeting and for the good wishes. Mrs Durrant also noted that it was the surgery this coming Saturday.

Mrs Durrant said that the council had received the news that sadly Mr Eric Syddique had died. He had been as parish councillor and a district councillor in the past and had also acted as trustee for the Henry Cox Eleemosynary Charity for many years. Mrs Durrant said that the council was grateful for his contribution both to the parish council and to the wider community.

8546 CLERK'S COMMENTS

Mrs Ivaldi told councillors that the newsletter should be ready for distribution next week.

8547 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 19th December 2019 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 December 2019, as per Appendix A. A schedule of payments was also presented. Mrs Durrant requested that monthly figures are also shown on the report.

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

d) Outstanding Actions

None

e) Village Hall Project Agreement

Councillors discussed the draft project agreement which sets out how the new village hall project would be managed. Some amendments were made, and the revised document is attached.

RESOLVED: That the revised village hall project agreement is brought to the next main meeting for approval.

f) Management of the Football Pitch Realignment Project

Councillors were asked - assuming planning permission is obtained, whether the council would be prepared to administer the contract to realign the football pitch so that the VAT can be recovered.

RESOLVED: That this cannot be agreed until the Project Agreement has been approved.

g) Timing of the Release of Funds: Village Hall Project

Councillors were asked – assuming planning permission is obtained, at what stage the parish council would release monies to the Trustees.

RESOLVED: That this cannot be agreed until the Project Agreement has been approved.

h) Payment for Geotechnical and Drainage Survey – Village Hall Project

Councillors were asked - assuming planning permission is obtained, would the council expend monies such that a geotechnical and drainage survey of the whole site can be carried out, costing approximately £6000.00.

RESOLVED: That this is brought back to a future meeting.

8548 PLANNING

a) Planning Committee 6th January 2020

Councillors were asked to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 6th January 2020 and to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved, and the recommendations accepted.

b) Notifications of Planning Consents/Refusal

SE/19/02657/FUL – Hulberry Farm, Lullingstone Lane, Eynsford – GRANTED

SE/19/03249/HOUSE – 16 Eynsford Rise, Eynsford - GRANTED

c) Further Information: SE/19/03366/HOUSE, Land West of Lullingstone Park Farmhouse

Mr Ward brought back this item as information had been raised by the project's architect relating to the size of the proposed building.

Mr Price, the property owner, attended the meeting and spoke about the project. He understood that the building was not over the 50% increase allowed in Green Belt areas.

Mr Ward agreed that the parish council had not spotted that the garage was just over 5m from the main building and therefore was not included in the calculation. However, the deadline for comments had now passed. If the comment was incorrect, this would be picked up by Sevenoaks District Council who will make the decision.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

The meeting adjourned for questions from members of the public at 9.15pm. The meeting resumed at 9.19pm.

8549 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Highways & Transportation Committee 6th January 2020

Councillors were asked to approve the minutes of the Highways & Transportation Committee meeting held on 6th January 2020 and to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved, and the recommendations accepted.

8550 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Police/Crime Report

The Clerk noted that there were no new details available since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

b) KALC Community Award 2020

Councillors voted on the individuals who had been nominated by members of the public to receive the community award. Councillors voted by paper ballot.

RESOLVED: That Ed and Iris Holbrook receive the reward this year. That a letter is written to inform them and that they receive their reward at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May.

8551 **RECREATION**

a) Litter Warden Contract

Councillors were asked to discuss whether any changes should be made to the litter warden contract.

RESOLVED: That the document is changed in line with other contracts for services. That a conversation is held with the current Litter Warden to see if he is happy to continue or if we should put it out to tender.

b) Use of Riverside: Grace Church

Councillors discussed a request to use Riverside for a community picnic on 25th May by the Grace Center Church.

RESOLVED: That permission is granted subject to the usual conditions of no dogs, removing litter and returning the green in its original condition.

c) Changing Room Showers

Councillors were asked to approve expenditure of £600 to replace the pump for the home showers at the Harrow Meadow changing rooms.

RESOLVED: That the pump is replaced at a cost of up to £600 from the Harrow Meadow Building Maintenance fund.

The meeting of the council closed at 9.45pm

Chairperson: 20th February 2020