

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on
Thursday 18th June 2015, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.**

7958 PRESENT

Members Present

Mrs S Boyle (Chair)

Mrs A Cornwell

Mrs T Durrant

Mr G Kirby

Mr M Richardson

Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

Mr R Gough (County Councillor) 9pm – 9.25pm. (Via conference call)

Clerk in Attendance

Ms N Morgan

7959 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

7960 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs Boyle reminded members of the next Surgery to be held on Saturday 27th June 9-11am

7961 CLERK'S COMMENTS

None.

7962○ GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

b) Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the last full council meeting and the minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 21st May 2015, 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 May 2015, 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.

RESOLVED: That all of the outstanding actions are pursued.

e) Budget 2015/2016

Councillors were asked to approve changes to the budget for 2015/2016, taking into account the end of year outturn for 2014/2015

RESOLVED: That the revised budget is approved.

f) Summer newsletter

Councillors were asked to agree articles to be included in the next newsletter, due to go out in July. The following articles have already been suggested, submitted or promised: School Run Safety Campaign, Citizens Advice Bureau, Planning Rules re work to trees, KALC Awards 2016, Parkrun, Speed Watch, Kent Fire & Rescue, Meet your new councillors.

RESOLVED: That the following articles are included in the next newsletter:

School Run Safety Campaign – Mrs A Carter

Citizens Advice Bureau

Planning Rules re: work to trees – Mr M Richardson

KALC Awards 2016 – Mrs A Cornwell & Clerks

Parkrun – Mr P Ward

Speed Watch – Cllr M Horwood

Kent Fire & Rescue

meet you new councillors – Mrs F Haxby & Mr A Cooke

Family Fun Day - Clerks

g) Date of Annual Parish Meeting

Councillors were asked to set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the meeting is held on Friday 22nd April 2016.

h) Date for Annual Walkabout

Councillors were asked to set a date for the Annual Walkabout

RESOLVED: That the Annual Walkabout will be held on 8th August 2015.

i) Co-Option of Council Representative onto the School Run Safety Campaign Committee

Councillors were asked to nominate one or two representatives to attend School Run Safety Campaign meetings on behalf of the council. Meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of the month.

RESOLVED: That Mr G Kirby & Mrs S Boyle are the 2 representatives from the council for the SRSC.

j) Twinning Charter

The Twinning committee have proposed the wording for the Charter to be signed by representatives from both Eynsford and Camphin en Pevele. It will be signed by the Mayor/Council Chair and the Chair of the Twinning Committee on each side. Councillors are asked to approve the wording

RESOLVED: That the following wording is approved:

We the representatives of the citizens of our two villages enter into this Declaration of Twinning on behalf of our respective communities, and thereby promise to work together for the enhancement of that friendship.

We formally declare our desire to promote mutual understanding between our communities by planning exchanges between the many groups and organisations active in our villages. We particularly wish to encourage our young people to visit each other so that they may more easily experience the different cultures, traditions and aspirations of our two countries and in so doing, further the cause of international understanding and peace.

k) Electoral Review of Kent

The council has been consulted by the Local Government Boundary Commission on proposed changes to the boundaries of some of the county councillor areas within Kent. The number of seats has been reduced from 84 to 81. There are some changes to the Darent Valley seat. The deadline for comments is 6th July

RESOLVED: That no comments are made.

k) Appliance Testing

The portable electrical appliance testing for all electrical items in the office has expired. The Clerk reported that, under the clerks delegated powers, she has arranged for the appliance testing to be completed using the previous company. The cost of the testing is £50.00 + VAT

RESOLVED: That information is noted.

7963 PLANNINGa) Planning Committee 1st June 2015

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) Notifications of Planning Consents/Refusals Received from Sevenoaks District Council

Tree Work SE/15/01091/WTPO – Little House, Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford - REFUSED

c) Planning Application KCC/SE/0148/2015

A waterproof lean to canopy, post fixed/supported (not wall mounted) approx. 21.7 m x 4.1 m were tabled for discussion.

RESOLVED: That no objection is made.

7964 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) Highways & Transportation Committee 1st June 2015

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.

b) Lights at Old Mill Close

Councillors were asked to discuss the replacement of the lights at Old Mill Close and decide if members should inform all residents of the planned replacement lights or write to the Old Mill residents association. The cost to replace the 9 Windsor lights, with 8 Swan necks, at Old Mill Close is £485 each totalling £4365 + VAT, as budgeted. The contractor has asked if the columns should remain black or be painted green as per the remainder of the village. Mrs Boyle suggested that it should be clarified how many resident associations are at Old Mill Close and ensure that all are written to.

RESOLVED: That the OMC Residents Association(s) is/are informed that the council will be replacing the Windsor lights, and that the columns are to remain black.

c) Ice Cream Van on Riverside

Ms Morgan reported that the council had received the following information from Sevenoaks District Council following the submission of photographic evidence, of the Ice Cream Vans, parking on double yellow lines and causing congestion. Mr David Booman's response was, "subject to other operation demands we will keep enforcing against this kind of operation. Have you considered introducing your own bye-law or injunction to control such activities? I think you could make a Parish wide bye-law to control this and other activities you would seek your own legal remedy".

Ms Kelly Webb's response was "I passed this onto our Licensing and Environmental Health Team and it is not anything they can take action against".

Councillors discussed both responses and agreed that we seek further clarification on the terms of the Ice Cream Van's licences.

RESOLVED: That clarification on the terms and conditions of the Ice Cream sellers' licences is sought from SDC and that we speak to our PCSO regarding the parking of the Ice Cream Van.

d) Introduction of the Oyster Card

Discussions are taking place about introducing the Oyster Card system to all stations on lines to Sevenoaks. This would mean that Transport for London would run services so contracts to train operators would be offered differently. Prices for travellers would be likely to be reduced under this system (although it was not clear if this would also relate to off peak services too), but could not be put in place until the current franchise ends in 2018.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

e) Ford House Car Park

Following the decision to move the planter to the middle of the car park, the parish council has been advised that it is positioned in its current location to facilitate easier access to the garage at the rear, and has been in such a position for approximately 21 years.

RESOLVED: That the planter is left in its current position as only one complaint has been received in that time, although the situation should be monitored.

At this point, 9.00pm, the meeting was paused for questions from the public (Appendix Q)
The meeting resumed at 9.25pm.

f) Highways & Transportation Committee Member

Councillors are informed that Mrs O'Callaghan has decided to step down from this committee

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

7965 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Community & Environment Committee 1st June 2015

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

No police report available for the meeting

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

c) Request for permission to install a bench at Common Meadow

A request had been received to install a memorial bench for an Eynsford resident at Common Meadow. A member of the Cricket Club had suggested that one of the existing benches could be replaced with a seat with a back. There would be no cost to the council. Councillors agreed that a member should take a look at the proposed site before agreeing.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Durrant views the current benches at Common Meadow, and advises the council, if a suitable place is available. That once viewed, that subject to approval of the design of the replacement, a memorial bench is permitted to replace the existing 'beam bench' backing onto the river

d) Community Energy

Mrs Cornwell reported that she had contacted the company X-wing, and the gentleman who had originally contacted the council, had left the company. Mrs Cornwell gave a brief description on the company and the wind power energy they were offering. Mr Richardson asked how it could benefit EPC and Eynsford itself. Mr Ward suggested that, if put on Parish Council land, the

money from energy so harvested could be put into the EPC funds and thus benefit the village as a whole. However, it was noted that wind generators at a height affecting skylines would be needed and councillors agreed not to pursue this at present.

RESOLVED: That no further action is taken.

e) Anthony Roper Primary School

Anthony Roper Primary School ICT department has requested a donation towards the purchase of a new 652 LED TV Monitor for use in their ICT Suite. The current cost for the TV monitor (inc. installation) is £2695.00 and the PTA have also been asked to contribute.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £250.00 from Ad Hoc Donations, Section 137 is made.

7966 **RECREATION**

a) Recreation Committee 1st June 2015

Minutes of the above meeting were circulated to all councillors for approval, as per Appendix E

RESOLVED: That the minutes are accepted as a true and complete record, and that the recommendations are approved.

The meeting of the council closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman: 16th July 2015