

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillors J Gardiner N Kenton (Chairman) A Barwick A Wiles
 M Pemble N Wickham M Kemp S Hooper
 B Read
 Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council 1 Member of the Public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Mitchell & J Sale. PCSO Ryan Doel. Community Warden

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations received.

3. POLICE LIASION

The PCSO had sent a written report.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED minutes of the Ordinary Committee Meeting held on 7th Oct 2013 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Churchyard & Cemetery

Response from Strutt and Parker ref Cemetery Extension

Strutt and Parker had asked how much land the PC wished to purchase and how much they would be willing to pay. It was agreed Cllr Kenton would investigate further. **Action Cllr Kenton Ongoing**

Correspondence

Sewage Sludge Spreading – The clerk had written to the local MP asking that he lobbies for changes to the law on sewage sludge spreading to require the water companies to store the sludge for a longer time so that it breaks down further to reduce the odour. **Action Discharged**

KALC Community Awards Scheme – The Clerk had made the nomination as agreed.

Action Discharged

Dogs Trust – Free micro chipping in the community – The Dogs trust did not wish to put any information in the Village New. **Action Discharged**

Highways

Speeding Traffic – Lower Street – The Clerk had asked the local PCSO undertake speed checks on Lower Street. **Action Discharged**

Finance

Quote for works to the Pond – This quote had been accepted.

Action Discharged

Grants - Another grant invitation had been issued.

Action Discharged

Forthcoming Events

WWI commemoration next year – A note had been put in the Village News asking if anyone wished to help organise an event to commemorate WW1. **Action Discharged**

KALC Dynamic Councillor – Dover TC 7th Nov – Places had been booked for Cllr Wickham and Sales **Action Discharged**

Allotments

UK Power Networks – Wayleave to reroute overhead power cables underground – Cllr Barwick had read through the document. **Action Discharged**

RESOLVED the Wayleave should be signed.

Action Sarah Wells

Resignation of Allotments Committee member – The Clerk had contacted all Allotment Holders asking if they would be willing to join the committee. **Action Discharged**

Leisure Fields**Gun Park**

Work to Cherry Trees - The Clerk had requested a quote, she work chase this up. **Action Sarah Wells**

To consider recommendations from the Leisure Field Committee following a site meeting on 26th Sept 2013 - Quotes for this work had been obtained. **Action Discharged**

Wicksteed had been asked to replace three platforms on the Multi-play unit and to repair the safety surface. **Action Discharged**

Pond

Cllr Hooper had set a date for a working party and published the details in the Village News.

Action Discharged

Allotments Play Area

Quotes for small works had been obtained.

Action Discharged

Churchyard & Cemetery

Recommendations from the Churchyard & Cemetery Committee – Quotes for this work had been obtained. **Action Discharged**

6. CORRESPONDENCE**a) Consultation Documents**

- i) Standing for Election in the UK Consultation – response by 28th Nov 2013

Noted by the members.

b) News letters and Circulars

None received.

c) Other

- i) Our place Programme
ii) Thank you From NHW for use of the Parish Room for their AGM

The above were noted by the members.

- iii) Email ref proposed borehole drilling in Tilmanstone

The content of the email was discussed – the Clerk to respond.

Action Sarah Wells

- iv) WW1 Centenary Funding

Noted.

7. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Wickham reported problems with the Street Light in Gore Road – The Clerk to report to KHS. Also the yellow lines opposite the Post Office have faded and need repainting. The Clerk to report to KHS. **Action Sarah Wells**

8. COMMUNITY CENSUS

Cllr Mitchell had informed the Clerk that he had only received one response commenting on the content of the questionnaire. It was agreed that the questionnaire should now be rolled out.

Action Cllr Mitchell

9. FINANCE

- a) 2014/15 Precept – It was agreed the Clerk should produce a draft budget and predicted outturn for a Finance Committee meeting to be held in January 2014 once DDC announce what grants are being given to off set the change in housing benefit calculations. **Action Sarah Wells**

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the following payments should be made, proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Read. Cllr Pemble was third signatory.

Receipts Oct				
Funerals and Monuments		768.00		
Allotment Rents		905.15		
		1673.15		
Petty Cash expenditure				
	Stamps	45.60		
	Stamps	10.00		
		55.60		
			Cheque No	Amount
			VAT	
Environmental Engineer Oct			4627	393.25
Toilet Cleaning Contract Oct	160.00			
Supplies	7.02			
	167.02		4628	167.02
KALC Training - 2 x Dynamic Councillor event			4629	144.00
AJL garden Services - Oct	623.23			24.00
AJL garden Services - Additional Work Ch yrd & Cem	185.00			
	808.23		4630	808.23
Petty Cash			4631	100.00
Kent County Supplies - stationary			4632	32.92
Safeplay Playground Services - Operational Inspection			4633	72.00
British Gas - Gas Parish Room			4634	62.64
Lumalite - Bulbs Christmas tree			4635	35.40
				5.90
Clerks Salary Oct 2013			4636	765.91
H M Revenue and Customs	Income Tax	0.00		
	Employees NI	17.33		
	Employers NI	14.19		
	31.52		4637	31.52
Employers Pension Contribution	110.70			
Employees Pension Contribution	49.10			
	159.80		4638	159.80
Clerks Reimbursement/Expenses				
Telephone - 5 Nov to 4 Dec	9.81		4639	9.81

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

To discuss and agree actions relating to events

a) Council Events

- i) Set dates for APM and discuss possible speakers

The Clerk to book the Village Hall for the 20th May 2014 for the APM. A possibility of getting a speaker from Hadlow College to talk about the Betteshanger development was discussed.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Outside Events

- i) Remembrance Sunday Service Eastry Church

The Vice Chairman to represent the Parish Council.

- ii) KALC Dynamic Councillor event Dover TC Thur 7th Nov - 2 Places have been booked.

- iii) Dover District Annual Town and Parish Meeting – Wed 11th Dec 6.00pm

Cllr Hooper to attend on behalf of Eastry Parish Council – the Clerk to book a place.

Action Sarah Wells

- iv) KALC – Localism Module Programme Autumn 2013

Noted by the members.

12. PLANNING

- a) DOV/13/00825 – erection of a two storey extension (existing single storey building to be demolished) – 25 Mill Green, Eastry, sandwich

- b) DOV/13/00818 – Erection of a shed (existing shed to be demolished) – Eastry Bowling Club, Church Street,

The above applications were viewed by the members of the planning committee between meetings, no objections were raised.

- c) TC DOV/13/00104 – Pollard eucalyptus to approx 4m – 1 Old School House, Church Street, Eastry – Work may proceed

- d) DOV/13/00562 – Granted planning permission – Erection of detached annexe – Capling House, Gore Road.

The following application had just been received.

Cllr Read declared and disclosable pecuniary interest as her husband had been asked to quote for the necessary building work associated with this application.

e) DOV/13/00903

Proposed: Change of use of part of ground floor and first floor to pharmacy and associated storage.

Location: Eastry Pharmacy, The Cross, Eastry, Sandwich

RESOLVED this application be positively supported as this is a thriving business that is of great benefit to the local and wider community.

13. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Kemp reported that the recent allotment holder meeting had been well attended.

14. CCTV

The quote for CCTV was discussed however some members were concerned that either the offenders will move to another part of the Village or they will disable the camera as due to the location of the skate ramp it will need to be mounted on a lamp column. The cost of a new CCTV system is quite considerable and if the police are not acting on the intelligence already provided, how can the members be sure that footage from CCTV will be requested and used.

RESOLVED this matter should be put on hold and the Clerk should write to the Police, DDC antisocial behavior unit, Local MP and the Police and Crime Commissioner complaining about the lack of response to information provided by local residents. **Action Sarah Wells**

15. LEISURE FIELDS

To discuss matters relating to the Councils leisure fields and amenities, to receive correspondence relating to leisure fields.

a) Gun Park

- i) Quotes for maintenance works

RESOLVED the quote for B Boorman should be accepted.

b) Pond

Working party to take place this weekend

c) Allotments Play Area

RESOLVED the quote for B Boorman should be accepted.

d) Correspondence

None received.

16. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

To discuss and agree action on matters relating to land controlled by the Council in and around Church Street.

a) Churchyard & Cemetery

- i) Quotes for works to remove vegetation.

RESOLVED the quote form AJL garden services should be accepted.

The Clerk reported that a tree had come down in the Church Yard during the storm last week, this had been cut up by the local tree Surgeon.

b) Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that the large tree opposite the Church Gates had also come down during the storm last week. This had blocked the road for a time but had been cleared by the local Tree Surgeon.

RESOLVED the tree surgeon be asked to cut the stump off at ground level. **Action Sarah Wells**

The tree had damaged the recreation ground fence when it fell, this needed to be repaired. The Clerk to investigate. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Bowling Green & Parish Room

The draft lease was being reviewed by the Kent Law Clinic.

17. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

a) Dist Cllrs

Cllr Kenton reported that Worth had completed there Neighbourhood Plan and it was now out for consultation. He went on to outline the advantages to a local community of having a Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Hooper reported on the KALC Dover area committee meeting.

18. COMMUNICATION

To agree Council communication to the following media:-

a) Village News Letter – Dec/Jan Issue

Neighbourhood Plan. Antisocial Behaviour reported to police. Dog Fouling

b) Mercury Report

Information as received.

c) Web Site

Information as received.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Ordinary meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd Dec 2013.

Scheduled dates for ordinary meetings

Mon 2 nd Dec 2013	Mon 13 th Jan 2014	Finance Meeting 20 th Jan 2014	Mon 3 rd Feb 2013
Mon 3 rd Mar 2014	Mon 7 th Apr 2014	Mon 12 th May 2014	
Annual Parish Meeting 20 th May 2014		Mon 2 nd Jun 2014	Mon 7 th Jul 2014

The meeting closed at 21.05pm