

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillors	J Gardiner	N Kenton (Chairman)	A Barwick
	M Pemble	N Wickham	B Read
	M Kemp	S Hooper	J Sales

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council 2 Members of the Public
Mr R Priestley Community Warden

Cllr Sales signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs S Mitchell & A Wiles. Dist Cllr Manion. PCSO Painter

2. CASUAL VACANCY

The Casual vacancy had been filled by un-contested election. Juliet Sale had been elected.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Sale declared a DPI in the matter relating to the complaint about Forge House as she works at the house.

4. POLICE LIASION

The PCSO had sent a written report. The Community Warden gave a verbal report.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on 1st July 2013 be duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, held at 7.30pm, on 22nd July 2013, be duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting, held at 2.00pm on 5th Aug 2013 be duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6. 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**

Quote – Remove suckers and Ivy - this quote had been accepted.

Action Discharged

Correspondence

Dementia Friendly Communities – The clerk had put Eastry forward as a possible dementia Friendly Community as agreed. **Action Discharged**

DDC Littering and Dog Fouling Enforcement – Links to the online reporting system had been added to the web site. **Action Discharged**

Leisure Fields

Gun Park Deeds – The Clerk had picked up all deeds and documents from the Solicitors.

Action Discharged

Gun Park bins – DDC waste services are to replace the damaged bins. **Action Discharged**

A broken window in the Pavilion - This had been reported to the Football Club. **Action Discharged**

Antisocial behaviour around the skate ramp-This had been reported to the Police. **Action Discharged**

Highways

Appledore parking problems Mill Lane – This matter had resolved itself. **Action Discharged**

Speeding vehicles in Mill Lane and Lower Street – This had been reported to the Police.
Action Discharged

Fence running parallel to the road in front of 8/9 Gore – This had been reported to the East Kent Housing Association. **Action Discharged**

Village Sign post – This had been inspected, no action necessary. **Action Discharged**

Forthcoming Events

Purchase of Christmas Lights – Cllr Barwick had identified the required lights, the Clerk to place an order. **Action Sarah Wells**

Allotments

Clearance of Willow from Plot 63B – The tenant had been informed of the Councils requirements.
Action Discharged

Vacant plot adj Mill Green – The Clerk had been unable to find anyone willing to graze sheep on the plot. **Action Discharged**

Pond

The contractor had been asked to quote for work. **Action Discharged**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to correspondence received by the Council.

a) Consultation Documents

- i) NALC – A new Future – developing the strategy
- ii) DCLG – national waste policy

The above were discussed but it was not felt that a response was required.

b) News letters and Circulars

- i) Clerks and councils direct
- ii) Oast to Coast
- iii) Rural News

The above were noted by the members.

c) Other

- i) Advice Partnership for East Kent – Annual Review 2012-2013
- ii) Thank you letter from Sam Shevde
- iii) Thames Water – Human Waste Fertiliser
- iv) Rural Fair Share Petition
- v) Rural Community Energy Fund

The above were noted by the members.

8. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues

- a) Complaint ref large vehicles using Thornton Lane

The members sympathised with the complainant, however as both the principle authorities with powers to act in these area, DDC planning and KHS, had responded to say that no action could be taken as no offence was being committed, the members had no legal powers that would enable them to act. It was suggested that perhaps headway could be made if the KCC member and/or the local MP were contacted. The Clerk to respond the complaint. **Action Sarah Wells**

- b) Fences down at Gore Close and Gore Lane path to Mill Green Lea both the responsibility of EKHA

The Clerk had reported the Gore Close Fence, but no action had been taken by East Kent Housing Association, she informed the members that it was very hard to contact the relevant person. It was agreed she should contact Cllr Sue Chandler as the DDC member responsible for house. **Action Sarah Wells**

- c) Footpath from High Street to Church Street – Overgrowing vegetation

The Clerk to report to KHS. **Action Sarah Wells**

- d) Possible Trip hazard outside Doctor surgery driveway

The Clerk to report to KHS. **Action Sarah Wells**

9. COMMUNITY CENSUS

To discuss and agree a way forward for producing a strategic plan for the Parish Councils future activities

Cllr Mitchell had informed the Clerk that he would get the survey out within the next two weeks.

Action Cllr Mitchell Ongoing

10. FINANCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to any financial correspondence presented to the Council.

- a) SLCC – New salary rates for 2013/14

RESOLVED that effective from 1-4-13 the Clerk be paid at the new rate for Spinal Column 13.

11. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the following payments should be made, proposed by Cllr Read, seconded by Cllr Gardiner. Cllr Kemp was the third signatory.

	Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Toilet Contract Supplies Aug	4600	11.31	
Allotments Water Supply - Reimburse Committee	4601	96.36	16.06
Hydra Quip - Allotment Water	4602	9.30	
AJL Garden Services - Aug payment	4603	623.23	
Gary Boorman - Repairs to Bench Parade	4604	29.50	
KCC Supplies - Shredder	4605	95.34	15.89
T R & C Carpenters - Environmental Engineer	4606	38.81	6.47
Coffee Break refreshments	4607	49.57	

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

To discuss and agree actions relating to events

a) Council Events

Nothing to discuss.

b) Outside Events

- i) KHS – Parish & Town Council Seminar – 22nd Oct 2013

The members did not wish to attend.

13. PLANNING

- a) Complaint about noise – Forge House, High Street

Although the members sympathised with the complainant there did not have any powers to act in this matter, they suggested that the complainant write to Optima Care if there were still experiencing problems. The Clerk to respond. **Action Sarah Wells**

- b) TC/13/00059 – No objection raised – Pollard one Mimosa – Eastry Cross Cottage

- c) DOV/13/00424 – Granted Permission – Erection of a detached dwelling – Land Adj 1
Ingleside Cottages, Gore Lane, Eastry

The above were noted by the members.

14. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that Mr Coulson was thinking of standing down as chairman. The members to wait for an official notification from the allotments committee.

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) Anti social behaviour near skate ramp

This had been reported to the police and the Police had attended, however anti social behaviour was still going on. This had been reported by several members of the public when the Police Community vehicle had been on site.

- ii) Play area and Skate Park safety inspection reports.

The Leisure Fields committee to meet on site to go through the reports, with a view to making recommendation to the Council on what work should be undertaken, the Clerk to arrange a meeting.

Action Sarah Wells

- iii) CCTV – Data Protection Code of Practice

This was noted, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact CCTV suppliers to get quotes and advice.

Action Sarah Wells

- iv) Pavilion – Football club would like to meet and discuss the future of the building

The Clerk to arrange a meeting.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Pond

Cllrs Hooper and Kemp had met with the contractor.

c) Allotments Play Area

- i) Safety inspection reports

This to be discussed at the Leisure Fields committee site meeting above.

ii) Dogs in the play area

It was reported that dogs were being allowed into the fenced play area. The Clerk to contact DDC about dog control orders.
Action Sarah Wells

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

b) Recreation Ground

The Churchyard and Cemetery committee to meet and inspect the above areas.

Action Churchyard and Cemetery Committee

c) Bowling Green & Parish Room

A draft lease is being drawn up.

17. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

a) Dist Cllrs

Cllr Kenton gave a brief report.

b) Parish Councillors

No reports received.

18. COMMUNICATION

To agree Council communication to the following media:-

a) Village News Letter – Oct issue

Cllr Sales to provide a short article introducing herself.

Action Cllr Sales

b) Mercury Report

Information as received.

c) Web Site

Information as received.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to take place on Mon 7th Oct 2013

Scheduled dates for ordinary meetings

Mon 4th Nov 2013

Mon 2nd Dec 2013

Mon 13th Jan 2014

Mon 3rd Feb 2014

Mon 3rd Mar 2014

Mon 7th Apr 2014

Mon 12th May 2014

Mon 2nd Jun 2014

Mon 7th Jul 2014