

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2011.**

Present: Councillors N Kenton S Shevde A Wiles B Read S Hooper
 M Pemble M Kemp S Smith K Davenport A Barwick

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council Dist Cllr S Manion
Carol Davis DDC Community Development Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr M Bradshaw. Community Warden Bob Priestly PCSO Benson

The meeting was closed so that Mrs Davis could give an update on the Skate Ramp project. The Consultation period has now closed and the responses collated. A meeting had been held with the project team, local resident and other interested parties. Several matters had been agreed:- The youth club to move the gate towards the road to prevent unauthorised parking, tree would be planted by the Youth Club to provide screening from houses and the existing basket ball hoop will be relocated onto Youth Club land.

Quotes for the preferred option 2 were now being obtained. The next steps would be to ascertain if Planning permission was needed, agree the exact plans with the Parish Council and find funding for the project.

The members thanked Carol for attending the meeting.

2. POLICE LIASION

PCSO Benson was unable to attend but had informed the Clerk that it was very quiet in the village, two cases of broken wing mirrors were being investigated. Community Warden Bob Priestly had sent his apologies.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a) Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 10th Jan 2011 at 7.00 pm

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Pemble that the minutes of the above meeting should be signed as a true and correct record, all agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

b) Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10th Jan 2011 at 7.30 pm

It was proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Read that the minutes of the above meeting should be signed as a true and correct record, all agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk had completed the land search as requested by The Community Warden.

Action Discharged

Highways

DDC – District Street Lighting – The Clerk had asked DDC for a number and location of any district owned lights in the Parish. This information would be forwarded as soon as it became available.

Action Discharged

Salt Bins – The Clerk had thanked KHS for there work in salting roads and filling salt bins during the bad weather at the end of 2010.

Action Discharged

Waste collection - She had also thanked DDC for there efforts in ensuring that waste collection was not disrupted due to the snow and icy roads.

Action Discharged

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Over growing vegetation – The Clerk had reported to PROW.
Blocked drains – The Blocked drains had been reported.

Action Discharged
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Chapel

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent – A letter had been received.

Action Discharged

Planning application for work to Chapel – An application had been submitted.

Action Discharged

Allotments and leisure Fields**Gun Park**

Mill Lane to Wilmott Place Footpath – The Clerk had reported to Cllr Ridings.

Action Discharged

Pond

Cllr Hooper had spoken to the Pond warden.

Action Discharged

Churchyard & Cemetery

Graves – The graves had been topped up.

Action Discharged

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Reminder to all Councillors that you have 28 days in which to inform the Monitoring Officer of any changes to your register of financial or other interests.

Noted by the members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE**a) Correspondence needing a response/decision**

None received

b) Consultation Documents

None received

c) News letters and Circulars

- i) Clerks and Councils Direct

Noted by the members

d) Other

- i) The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend

- ii) BT Press Release – Superfast Broadband

The above were discussed at length

7. HIGHWAYS

- a) Response from Green Oak Farm

The Clerk to write and thank the owners for dealing with the problem trees.

Action Sarah Wells

- b) Pothole update

The above were discussed by the members.

8. CHAPEL

- a) Responses from NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent – No Plans for a NHS Dentist in Eastry

This letter was noted by the members.

9. FINANCE

- a) Parish Council Insurance Information

Noted

b) Dog Waste Bags

The Clerk reported that 12000 dog waste bags usually last 5/6 month. The last ordered had been in mid Dec and these had all been used by the beginning of January. It was agreed that situation should be monitored.

10. ACCOUNTS**Receipts Jan 2010**

Memorials	71.00
EDF way leaves	57.86
Guides Parish Hall Use	77.00
	205.86

Petty Cash Expenditure Jan

No expenditure

		Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Environmental Engineer - Jan Street Cleaning	311.50			
O/T Snow Clearance in Dec	49.84			
	361.34	4188	361.34	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Jan	145.00			
Cleaning Supplies Dec	1.76			
Cleaning Supplies Jan	8.48			
	155.24	4189	155.24	
Plantability - Allotment Land Clearance		4190	960.00	
Mole Controls - Church and Recreation Ground		4191	48.00	
British Gas - Parish Room		4192	84.99	4.33
Clerks Salary Jan 2011		4193	688.77	
H M Revenue and Customs Income Tax	46.20			
Employees NI	31.84			
Employers NI	29.65			
	107.69	4194	107.69	
Employers Pension Contribution	93.12			
Employees Pension Contribution	53.57			
	146.69	4195	146.69	
Petty Cash		4196	60.00	
Clerks Expenses				
Office Allowance Oct - Dec	67.50			
Telephone & Broadband 14 Nov - 13 Dec	24.56			
Telephone & Broadband 14 Dec to 13 Jan	25.29			
	117.35	4197	117.35	

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Pemble that the above payments should be made, all agreed. Cllr Barwick was the third signatory.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**a) Council Events**

i) Annual Parish Meeting – Final Agenda

The final agenda was discussed and agreed. The Clerk to get it printed in the March edition of the Village News.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Outside Events

- i) KALC Training – Introductory Modules for Officers and Councillors 2011
- ii) Community Engagement Conference – Friday 25 Feb 2011 9.00am, Oakwood House, Maidstone
- iii) Flood protection exhibition – 9th Feb 2011 3pm to 7.30pm – Leysdown, Isle of Sheppy
- iv) My Generation, Your Generation – Our Neighbourhood – seminar – 12th March 2011, The Kent Police College, Coverdale Ave, Maidstone.

The above were noted by the members.

- v) KALC Training – Planning Conference 2011 – 12th March Lenham Community Centre

Cllrs Davenport, Read and Kemp would like to attend. The Clerk to book places once they confirm there availability. **Action Sarah Wells**

- vi) Play England – Engaging Communities in Play – Tue 1st March, Whitfield

Cllr Davenport to attend, the Clerk to book a place. **Action Sarah Wells**

- vii) Royal Wedding

The Clerk asked if the members wish to mark the occasion of the Royal Wedding in any way. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council did not wish to take the lead. However the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 was discussed. It was agreed that the Council would try and form a committee of Councillors and other members of the local community to make arrangement to celebrate the Jubilee. The Clerk to put something in the March Village News asking for volunteers.

Action Sarah Wells

12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS**a) Gun Park**

- i) Bench – broken by contractor, dangerous

The Clerk reported that the metal bench in Gun Park had been hit by the contractors vehicle and was no longer safe to use, she had taped of the bench and put up signs to prevent it being used. This had been reported to PROW and they were pursuing the contractor to get a new bench. In the mean time it was agreed the old bench should be removed. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii) Letter from Insurance Company – ref playground inspections

Following the claim against the Council for an alleged accident on the skate ramp, the insurance company were asking for weekly documented checks of the play areas. The Clerk to make arrangements for this to be completed. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Allotments

- i) Best Utilised Allotment Competition – Request for Cllr to be a Judge.

Horticultural society had asked if they could hold a meeting with Allotment holders to discuss the competition and to talk about allotment gardening. They had asked if the Parish Room could be used, this was agreed. They had also requested a member of the Parish Council to act as a judge, this would normally have fallen to Cllr Hooper as Chairman of the Allotments and Leisure committee, however as a Allotment Holder she was disqualified. It was therefore agreed that the Chairman should take on this role. The Clerk to contact the Chairman of the Horticultural society. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii) Vacant Allotment Land

The Clerk reported that the land behind Mill green had now been cleared, it was agreed she should now get quotes for fencing. **Action Sarah Wells**

It was unclear whether this land would be sufficient to clear the waiting list. It was agreed that quotes to clear the land between the dog loo and the school should be obtained. **Action Sarah Wells**

d) Pond

The Pond warden had asked for £100 to pay for students studding wildlife/pond life to help him with the work needed to clear parrot weed etc. he felt this would be preferable to volunteers as the student would be more knowledgeable. It was proposed by Cllr Kenton and seconded by Cllr Shevde that this should be paid, all agreed. The Clerk to inform the pond Warden. **Action Sarah Wells**

e) Picnic Site

Nothing to discuss.

f) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss.

g) Correspondence

i) BTCV Kent Heritage Trees Project

This was noted by the members.

13. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY**a) Churchyard & Cemetery**

Nothing to discuss.

b) Recreation Ground

i) WW2 Bollard

The Clerk had been contacted during the week by the Rural Interest group and a local resident about the removal of a WW2 bollard from the corner of Liss road and Mill Lane by KHS. It was felt that this bollard formed part of the village history and should not be lost. Following a conversation with the Vice Chairman the Clerk had made arrangements for the Bollard to be place in the recreation ground.

14. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllrs Manion and Kenton gave brief reports.

b) Parish Councillors

i) KALC Meeting report – Cllr Smith

ii) Youth Club report – Cllr Smith

iii) Village Hall Report – Cllr Shevde, Barwick and Pemble.

The above were noted by the members.

15. COMMUNICATION**a) Village News Letter – Mar 2011 Edition**

Annual Meeting Agenda – Queens Diamond Jubilee.

b) Mercury Report

As above

c) Web Site

As above

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mon 7th Mar	Annual Parish Meeting	Wed 9th Mar	
Mon 4th Apr	Mon 9th May	Mon 6th Jun	Mon 4th Jul
Mon 5th Sept	Mon 3rd Oct	Mon 7th Nov	Mon 5th Dec

The meeting closed at 9.05pm