MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2009.

Present: Councillors N Kenton, S Shevde, M Kemp, A Wiles, S Hooper, M Pemble, A Barwick, G Bury, M West, S Smith

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council, PCSO Benson, Dist Cllr Manion, Bob Priestley

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr M Bradshaw

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a. Minutes of the Planning Meeting 7.00pm 2nd Feb 2009

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

b. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting 7.30pm 2nd Feb 2009

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

3. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Pond

Two working party days had taken place in February. **Action Discharged**

Police Liaison

PCSO Benson had made dog fouling a priority and contacted the dog warden. **Action Discharged**

Correspondence

Consultation Documents

DDC – Consultation in respect of Taxi Matters – The Clerk had responded as agreed at the last meeting. **Action Discharged**

Other

ACRK – Kent Village of the Year 2009 - The Clerk had responded as agreed at the last meeting. **Action Discharged**

ACRK – Parish Plan Survey - The Clerk had responded as agreed at the last meeting. **Action Discharged**

Website statistics - The Clerk had written and thanked Mr Carr for his work to provide the site. **Action Discharged**

Highways

The Clerk had contacted Highways to ask about the positioning of the speed counters in Lower Street. **Action Discharged**

Beating of the Bounds

This item will be put on the agenda for discussion in early 2010. **Action Discharged**

Finance

Village Hall Committee – Grant funding for window project – The Clerk has suggested that the committee apply for Colyer Fergusson grant or O2 Community award. **Action Discharged**

DDC - Active Dover – The Clerk had informed DDC that the Council did not wish to participate in this initiative. **Action Discharged**

East Kent Joint Parish Independent Remuneration Panel – The Clerk had completed the questionnaire. **Action Discharged**

Invitation to join ACRK – This payment had been added to the list of payments for this meeting. **Action Discharged**

Forthcoming Events

Outside Events

Neighbourhood Watch – The Clerk had informed the NHW Chairman that the Council would be willing to provide Tea, Coffee and biscuits for a 25th Anniversary celebration. **Action Discharged**

Allotments and Leisure Fields

Gun Park

Wicksteed Safety Inspection due – The safety inspection had been ordered. **Action Discharged**

Churchyard and Cemetery

Mole in Cemetery – The Clerk had arranged for the moles to be dealt with. **Action Discharged**

Recreation Ground

PCC – request for use of recreation ground for 2009 events – The Clerk had informed the PCC that they could use the recreation ground on the dates requested. **Action Discharged**

4. POLICE LIASION

Dog Fouling - Extra patrols have been carried out by the local PCSO and community warden. The dog warden has been contacted and has placed signs in the area to deter offenders. The community warden has also been carrying out an environmental health clean up of the area. The area will continue to be monitored.

Mini-Motorbikes – registration numbers had been taken and reported to the police for action.

The Community Warden is arranging a litter pick in the village.

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.
b) Standard Committees meeting date changed

The above were 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. KALC Parish News
ii. Green Gang
iii. The Kent Playing Fields Association Newsletter
iv. Senior Citizens Forum – Newsletter
v. Southern water – Feb 2009 update

The above were discussed and noted by the members

d) Other

i. DDC – District Youth Strategy 2008-2012
ii. Reports & Accounts 2008
iii. KCC –Emergency Planning
iv. Notes from Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum
v. QPSMR – Parish Action Plan Survey

The above were discussed and noted by the members

7. **HIGHWAYS**

a) KCC – Definitive Map modification

Noted by the members

b) Kent Highways Services – verge mowing

The Council do not undertake any Highways verge mowing, the Clerk to inform Kent Highways services. **Action Sarah Wells**

8. FINANCE

a) Parade

Cllr West reported that the builder that had undertaken the work on the Parade seemed to have gone out of business. Unfortunately the electrical safety certificate had not been provided before this had happened. An electrical contractor had been asked to inspect the site and provide a certificate, the inspection had revealed some problems with the electrical work and an estimate to rectify this had been provided. Cllr West felt that the quote was very high and it was agreed that he should get two additional quotes. **Action Cllr West**.

b) Parish Council Insurance

Two quotes had been received for Parish Council insurance for 2009/10. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council should continue with its current insurance company.

9. ACCOUNTS

Feb 2009 Payments

Environmental Engineer - Feb Street Cleaning			3886	300.00	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Feb		135.00			
Toilet Supplies		2.92			
		137.92	3887	137.92	
Internet Website July 08 to Mar 09			3888	105.60	
Kemp Bros and Son various			3889	87.60	
EDF Energy - Parish Room			3890	30.49	1.48
TR&C Carpenters - Allotment keys			3891	14.17	1.85
ACRK membership			3892	35.00	
Petty Cash			3893	100.00	
Clerks Salary Feb			3894	663.64	
H M Revenue and Customs	Income Tax	47.80			

Employees NI	31.05			
Employers NI	28.71			
	107.56	3895	107.56	
Employers Pension Contribution	89.73			
Employees Pension Contribution	51.62			
	141.35	3896	141.35	
Clerks Expenses				
Sky Broadband	10.00			
Sky talk	10.17			
	20.17	3897	20.60	
E Saunders - Work to parade electrics		3898	73.60	9.60
Allianz - Parish Council Insurance		3890	2182.59	

10. PLANNING

a) Applications

b) Decisions

c) Other

All planning matters had been discussed at the Planning meeting earlier in the evening.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Events

i. Annual Parish Meeting - 27th May 2009

After some discussion it was agreed that members of Hougham-Without Parish Council should be invited to speak about there Climate Change Project **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Outside Events

i. KALC Planning Information Day – Sat 28th March 2009

ii. Legal and Finance Update – 24th March 2009 – London Beach Hotel, Tenterden

iii. Meeting on LDF Development Plan submission document consultation – Friday 6th March – East Studdal Parish Hall – 6.15 for 7.00pm start.

The above were noted by the members

12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS

a) Gun Park

Cllr Hooper reported that there is a lot of litter in the park at the moment. This was one of the reasons the community warden had suggested a litter pick.

c) Allotments

i. Clearance of rubbish

The Clerk reported that now nearly all of the allotments had been let there was a problem developing with rubbish on the allotments. A lot of the new holders were finding old bikes, breeze blocks etc that had been left on there allotments. A lot of these items were being piled up by the top gates on the May Mills side. It was not felt fair to ask the allotment holders to dispose of these items. It was felt that the best way to deal with this would be to ask the holders to put all the items in one place, and then the Council could order a skip so the debris could be removed. The Clerk contact the allotment holders and liaise with Cllr West about the provision of the skip. **Action Sarah Wells**

d) Pond

Cllr Hooper reported that work had now ceased until the autumn, she asked the members to consider the need for a digger during the next stage of the work. After some discussion it was agreed that the

Council would hire a digger for additional work in the autumn, once this work had been completed the site would be evaluated and possible tree planting considered, the details to be discussed at the September meeting of the Council.

e) Picnic Site

The bin outside the site was not being emptied, the Clerk to report to DDC. **Action Sarah Wells**

f) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discus at this time.

g) Correspondence

i. Wicksteed leisure – order acknowledgement safety inspection

13. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

a) Churchyard & Cemetery

No problems at this time.

b) Recreation Ground

No problems at this time.

14. REPORTS

a) Dist Cllrs

Cllr Manion reported that the District Council were meeting this week to discus and set the Council Tax for 2009/10. Cllr Kenton reported on waste management and recycling.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Smith reported on NHW matters.

15. COMMUNICATION

a) Village News Letter – April Edition

The Council St Georges Day tea. Annual Meeting date and time. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Mercury Report

As above

c) Web Site

As above

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting Dates for 2009

Mon 6th April	Mon 11th May	Annual Parish meeting Wed 27th May	
Mon 1st June	Mon 6th July	Mon 7th Sept	Mon 5th Oct
Mon 2nd Nov	Mon 7th Dec		

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.