

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

Present: Councillors N Kenton S Shevde M Kemp
 S Hooper M Pemble M Bradshaw A Barwick G Bury

PCSO Benson & S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs A Wiles, M West & S Smith. Dist Cllr Manion. Bob Priestley

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a. Minutes of the Planning Meeting 7.00pm 5th Jan 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 5th Jan 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Hooper 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

Highways

Linton PC – boundary stone project – Beating of the Bounds had been added to the agenda.

Action Discharged

Finance

Christmas Trees – The Clerk had purchased the gifts as agreed at the last meeting. **Action Discharged**

Forthcoming Events

Council Events

Set date for Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk had booked the Village Hall for Wed 27th May, as the VHC AGM had been scheduled for the 19th May. **Action Discharged**

Outside Events

Lord Lieutenant's Civic reception 26th March 2008 – The Clerk has sent the RSVP.

Action Discharged

Allotments and Leisure Fields

Gun Park

Request from Bloobirds radio Flyers – asking permission to fly planes in Gun Park – The Clerk had responded as agreed. **Action Discharged**

Pond

Working group would be arranged before the end of February.

Action Cllr Hooper Ongoing

Allotments Play Area

Strimmer was causing damage to the adventure trail The Clerk had reported this problem to the contractor. **Action Discharged**

Churchyard & Cemetery

The Clerk had asked the contractor to remove the Crab Apple tree.

Action Discharged

Communications

The Clerk had forwarded the articles as agreed.

Action Discharged

4. POLICE LIASION

PCSO Benson reported that there had been a number of Van break ins over the past few weeks. Cllr Hooper had been contacted about the increase in dog fouling in the village, PCSO Benson agreed to make this a priority for the village, and she would also contact the Dog Warden. **Action PCSO Benson**

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.

- b) Communities and local Government – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – A Consultation

The document had been circulated to the members, its contents were noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Correspondence needing a response/decision**

None received.

- b) **Consultation Documents**

- i. DDC – Consultation in respect of Taxi Matters – By 8th Feb 2009

A response to this consultation was discussed, the Clerk to respond.

Action Sarah Wells

- ii. East Kent – Sustainable Communities Strategy – by 26th March 2009

The above was discussed and noted by the members.

- c) **News letters and Circulars**

- i. LCR
- ii. Oast to Coast
- iii. The Bulletin
- iv. KALC Parish News
- v. Clerks and Councils Direct
- vi. East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust – A review of 2007-08
- vii. Wicksteed Playscapes – Netscapes
- viii. DDC Close to Home

The above were discussed and noted by the members

- d) **Other**

- i. 2009 Community Rural Retailer of the Year
- ii. ACRK – Kent Village of the Year 2009

The above were discussed, however it was agreed that no action should be taken this year.

- iii. ACRK – Parish Plan Survey

The Clerk to return the survey.

Action Sarah Wells

- iv. ACRK – Colyer-Fergusson grants

This information had been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee.

- v. Policing Kent 2009/10 Survey

This had been circulated and returned between meetings.

- vi. Minutes of Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting

Noted by the members

- vii. Website statistics

The members were very please to see that the Web site was so well used. It was felt that Eastry Parish Councils web site is one of the best Council sites available, the Clerk to write and thank Mr Carr for his work to provide the site.

Action Sarah Wells

7. HIGHWAYS

It was noted by the members that the traffic counters had been installed in Lower Street, there was some concern that the counters were to far up the hill and would not reflect the true traffic speeds. The Clerk to contact the highways department and inform them of the Councils concerns.

Action Sarah Wells

8. BEATING OF THE BOUNDS

The last Beating of the Bounds took place to celebrate the Millennium in 2000. After some discussion it was agreed that the next beating should take place in Sept/Oct 2010. This item to be put on the agenda for discussion in early 2010.

Action Sarah Wells

9. FINANCE

- a) Village Hall Committee – Grant funding for window project (£5K short of required amount)

This request was considered by the members; unfortunately the Councils grant fund had been spent for this financial year. Information on the Colyer Fergusson grant had been sent to the committee, the Clerk also suggested the O2 Community award.

Action Sarah Wells

- b) DDC - Active Dover

After some discussion the members agreed not to participate in this initiative, the Clerk to return the form.

Action Sarah Wells

- c) East Kent Joint Parish Independent Remuneration Panel

This document had been circulated and members had made their comments, the Clerk to complete the questionnaire.

Action Sarah Wells

- d) Invitation to join ACRK – (£35)

It was agreed that the Council should remain a members of ACRK, the Clerk to arrange for the membership payment to be made at the next meeting.

Action Sarah Wells

- e) Beadle Pitt & Gottschalk - £1000 legacy left to Parish Council

This legacy was noted.

- f) New Deal Theatre Company – Asking for a contribution towards cost of production at Eastry Village Hall.

This request was noted however the Councils grant criteria was limited to local groups.

- g) Parade

Cllr West had e-mailed the Clerk to say that John Hind Construction has gone out of business. This means that the £600 retention money would not be paid, however JHC had not forwarded the electrical safety certificate, Cllr West had therefore instructed an independent electrician to inspect the site and issue a test certificate so that EDF can complete there connection. He hoped there would be no charge for the test and the certificate. The EDF work will cost approx £600.

10. ACCOUNTS**Receipts**

Memorial Inscription	35.00
Football Club - Pavilion rent and Insurance	144.45
Girl Guides - Parish Room use 2008	70.00
	249.45

	Cheque No	Amount	VAT
Feb 2009 Payments			
Environmental Engineer - Jan Street Cleaning	3876	300.00	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Jan		135.00	
Toilet Supplies		3.80	
		138.80	
KCC Supplies - Folder dividers	3877	138.80	
KCC Supplies - Folder dividers	3878	1.84	0.24
NEAT Ideas - Stationery Order	3879	49.57	6.47
British Gas - Parish Room	3880	68.75	3.27
Mr D Spencer - Allotment Key deposit	3881	5.00	
Clerks Salary Jan	3882	663.64	
H M Revenue and Customs			
Income Tax		47.80	
Employees NI		31.05	
Employers NI		28.71	
		107.56	
Employers Pension Contribution	3883	107.56	
Employees Pension Contribution		89.73	
		51.62	
		141.35	
	3884	141.35	
Clerks Expenses			
Office Allowance Oct - Dec		67.50	
Xmas Tree - Thank you's		26.95	3.52
Sky Broadband		10.00	
Sky talk		10.60	
		115.05	
	3885	115.05	

11. PLANNING**a) Applications****b) Decisions****c) Other**

- i. DOV/08/01145 – Erection of a rear conservatory extension – 64 Orchard Road – treated as withdrawn.

a & b had been discussed at the Planning meeting earlier in the evening.

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

- i. Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk had booked the Hall for Wednesday 27th May 2009. The Clerk asked if any of the members had ideas for speakers to address the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that this should be discussed again at the next meeting.

Action Sarah Wells & Councillors

Outside Events

- i. Neighbourhood Watch
Meeting 19th March – Presentation from Special Constable
Meeting 18th June – Special event 25th Anniversary –help with catering costs

After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would be happy to sponsor this event by providing Tea, Coffee and biscuits. The Clerk to inform the Chairman of the NHW Committee.

Action Sarah Wells

- ii. Kent Miners Festival Monday 31 August 2009 Fowlmead
- iii. KALC Dover Area Committee meeting – Thur 22nd Jan 7.30pm
- iv. Police Parish Forum 1900hrs on Thursday 12th February 2009 in HMS Brave at DDC
- v. My Kent Highways Online Road Show
- vi. ACRK – Climate Change – A Challenge for your Community

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

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

- i. Inspection of play areas – problem with roundabout
- ii. Wicksteed Safety Inspection due

It was agreed that Wicksteed should be booked to undertake the annual report, and to provide a quote for the necessary repairs to the roundabout.

Action Sarah Wells

c) Allotments

One of the allotments had been given up and the key returned.

d) Pond

The working part would meet before the end of the month.

e) Picnic Site

Cllr Kenton declared a personal interest.

Cllr Hooper reported that there had been a change in officers at the Parks departments due to promotions.

f) Allotments Play Area

Cllr Hooper had been told there was a problem with dog fouling in the play area. Cllr Bury had inspected the area at the weekend and had not seen any evidence of dog fouling.

g) Correspondence

None received.

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

- i. Thank you letter for cutting back hedge.

Noted

- ii. Mole in Cemetery

There are numerous molehills in the Cemetery, it was agreed the Clerk should employ someone to remove the moles.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Recreation Ground

- i. PCC – request for use of recreation ground for 2009 events

After some discussion it was agreed that the PCC should be granted permission to use the recreation ground on the dates requested. The Clerk to inform the PCC.

Action Sarah Wells

15. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllr Kenton reported on the waste collection services.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Hooper reported on the KALC Dover Area Committee meeting.

16. COMMUNICATION**a) Village News Letter – Mar Edition**

St Georges Day Cream Tea 26th April in the Village Hall. Waste Collection e-mail notification. Planning Portal, dog waste now a policing priority and bags provided by PC.

b) Mercury Report

Waste Collection e-mail notification. Planning Portal, dog waste now a policing priority.

c) Web Site

As per a & b above.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting Dates for 2009

Mon 2 nd March	Mon 6 th April	Mon 11 th May	Mon 1 st June	Mon 6 th July
Mon 7 th September	Mon 5 th October	Mon 2 nd November	Mon 7 th December	

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 27th May 2009 7.00am.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm