

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT
THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2009.**

Present: Councillors N Kenton S Shevde S Smith A Wiles
 S Hooper M West M Pemble

PCSO Benson & Bob Priestley S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Kemp M Bradshaw, A Barwick & G Bury. Dist Cllr Manion

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a) Minutes of Planning meeting 1st Dec 2008 at 7.00pm

It was proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Smith 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 1st Dec 2008

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.

c) Minutes of the Finance meeting 7.30pm 15th Dec 2008

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

Forthcoming events

Lord Lieutenant of Kent Civic Service Thur 26 March 11.00am - The Clerk had put this item on the agenda for the January. **Action Discharged**

Freedom of Information

To adopt the Model Publication Scheme – The Clerk had sent the relevant information to the web manager for inclusion on the council’s web site. **Action Discharged**

Correspondence

Correspondence needing a response/decision

Emergency Plans – The Clerk had responded as agreed at the last meeting. **Action Discharged**

Highways

Complaint ref curb in Church Street – The Clerk had responded to the letter. **Action Discharged**

Finance

Letter from Eastry Bowling Club asking for £300 back – This payment had been added to the list of payment for this meeting. **Action Discharged**

Allotments and Leisure Fields

Allotments

Request for Shed on an allotment – The Clerk had written giving permission for the shed to be erected. **Action Discharged**

Churchyard and Cemetery

Recreation Ground

Mr Kemp had made repairs to the Parish Room door. **Action Discharged**

Reports**Parish Councillors**

The Clerk had responded to the Manston Airport consultation document.

Action Discharged

Communications**Village News Letter – Feb Edition**

Crime reporting and Highways fault reporting had been put in the report for the next magazine.

Action Discharged

4. POLICE LIASION

PCSO Benson reported that speed checks were being carried out and the motor cycle unit had been out to look into the mini motor bike problems.

Mr Priestly reported on problems with bonfires and drinking in the wooded area on the Dover Rd.

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.

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

- i. Invitation to join Rural Services Network

After some discussion the members decided not to join this organisation.

b) Consultation Documents

- i. DDC – Equality Scheme Consultation – By 9th Feb 2009

After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would not respond to this document.

c) News letters and Circulars

- i. ACRK Rural news
- ii. Green Gang
- iii. Groundwork News
- iv. Bourne amenity Newsletter

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

d) Other

- i. Kent Fire & Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009/10
- ii. Southern Electric Contracting – Lighting Services Office
- iii. Copy of letter from BT to DDC – Ref proposals to re-align payphone provision
- iv. Thank you letter from Mrs H Eldridge – Ref memorial bench for her sister Mrs M Bullock
- v. Complaint ref bonfires at Hospital Site.

The above were discussed and noted by the members.

7. HIGHWAYS

- i. Kent Highways Services – Provision of Footpath in Gore Lane

The members were disappointed with the responses from Kent Highways Services.

- ii. Linton PC – boundary stone project

It was agreed that this may be covered as part of the Councils plans for beating of the bounds. It was agreed beating of the bounds should become an agenda item for future meetings. **Action Sarah Wells**

8. FINANCE

a) To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the draft budget be adopted by the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Wiles that the draft budget agreed by the Finance committee should be adopted by the Council, all agreed.

b) To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Parish Council Precept in the amount of £44888 in 2009/10.

c) It was proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Wiles that the Finance committee recommendation to precept for £44888 should be adopted by the Council, all agreed.

d) DDC – Precept demand to DDC by 6th Feb 09.

Noted by the members

e) DDC Community Waste Action Funding 2009/2010

Noted by the members

f) Christmas Trees

Both the Christmas trees and lights had been removed; all the members were very please with the trees and felt that had looked very nice over the Christmas period. It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Pemble that a small gift should be made to those people that had helped by providing the trees and putting them up and taking them down, the Clerk to make the arrangements.

Action Sarah Wells

9. ACCOUNTS**Receipts**

EDF Energy - Way leave	53.89
Funeral Williamson	340.00
Internment of Ashes	42.00
Funeral Williamson	505.00
Funeral Gibb	460.00
WI Sewing - Parish Room Use	132.00
	1532.89

Cheque			
No	Amount	VAT	

Jan 2009 Payments**Paid Between meetings –**

MB Electrics Christmas tree socket		3864	85.00	
Environmental Engineer - Dec Street Cleaning		3865	300.00	
Toilet Cleaning Contract Dec	135.00			
Toilet Supplies	7.12			
	142.12	3866	142.12	
Stripy Landscape - Church yard Hedge		3867	1500.00	
Oatmor-Harris - Work to path by school		3868	983.54	128.29
Funeral 12/12/2009 - Double	265.00			
Funeral 18/12/2009 - Double	220.00			
	485.00	3869	485.00	

Harrison's Packaging - Poop scoops		3870	239.20	31.20
Clerks Salary Dec		3871	663.64	
H M Revenue and Customs	Income Tax		48.00	
	Employees NI		31.05	
	Employers NI		28.71	
		107.76	3872	107.76
	Employers Pension Contribution		89.73	
	Employees Pension Contribution		51.62	
		141.35	3873	141.35
Clerks Expenses				
	McAfee - Internet security		33.49	5.64
	Sky Broadband		10.00	
	Sky talk		10.35	
		53.84	3874	53.84
	Bowling Club grant returned		3875	300.00

It was proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Pemble that the above payments be made. Cllr Hooper was the third signatory.

10. PLANNING

a) Applications

b) Decisions

The above had been dealt with at the planning meeting earlier in the evening.

c) Other

Cllr Kenton reported that he had been in talks with DDC planning department and the developers of the Hospital site. He was hopeful that when the application was submitted the developer would have reduced the number of properties proposed for the site.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Events

- i. Set date for Annual Parish Meeting

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Village Hall booking Clerk with a view to holding the Annual parish meeting in the W/c 18th May 2009. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Outside Events

- i. Lord Lieutenants Civic reception 26th March 2008

The Chairman agreed to attend the meeting, the Clerk to send the RSVP. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii. Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum – Next meeting Thursday 5th Feb at Worth Village Hall

Noted by the members.

12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS

a) Gun Park

- i. Request from Bloobirds radio Flyers – asking permission to fly planes in Gun Park

After some discussion the members agreed that permission would be granted for model planes to be flown over Gun Park, however this would be on a trial period and should any complaints be received by the Council then permission would be withdrawn. **Action Sarah Wells**

- ii. Mark Jones Tree Surgery – National Tree Week - noted

c) Allotments

Nothing to discuss

d) Pond

Cllr reported that a working group would be arranged before the end of February. **Action Cllr Hooper**

e) Allotments Play Area

Cllr Bury had reported that the strimmer was causing damage to the adventure trail. The Clerk to report to the contractor. **Action Sarah Wells**

g) Picnic Site

Cllr Kenton declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

There was some discussion about the gate locking and unlocking.

h) Correspondence

None received.

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

The Clerk reported that a Crab Apple tree was obstruction access to the newly consecrated graves. It was a small tree and is not very attractive; it was it should be removed. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Recreation Ground

Nothing to discuss

14. PARADE

Cllr West reported that the power had not been connected. It was hoped this would take place at the end of January 2009.

15. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllr Kenton reported on the LDF Core Strategy, the Wind farm enquiry and regeneration of the Dover.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr Smith gave a report on the Youth Club

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

Crime reporting, Highways fault reporting, use of salt bins, availability of poop scoop bags, Hospital Development and waste collection. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Mercury Report

Waste Collection dates and use of salt bins

Action Sarah Wells

c) Web Site

As per a & b

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting Dates for 2009

Mondays 5th January
Monday 2nd March
Monday 11th May
Monday 6th July
Monday 5th October
Monday 7th December

Monday 2nd February
Monday 6th April
Monday 1st June
Monday 7th September
Monday 2nd November

The meeting closed at 8.40pm