

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT THE
PARISH ROOM AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2006**

Present: Councillors	S Shevde	S Smith	I Mollart (Chair)	M Pemble
	M Jones	A Barwick	S Hooper	
	D Carr	F Thompson (part)		
	S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council			
	R Priestley Community Warden			P C Wright

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs A Wiles & N Kenton

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending then closed the meeting for reports from PC Wright and Mr Priestley. The meeting was re-opened at 7.23pm.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

a) Minutes of Ordinary meeting 7.00pm 6th Feb 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Pemble and seconded by Cllr Hooper that the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th Feb 2006 be signed as a true and correct record. All agreed, the Chairman signed the minutes.

b) Minutes of Planning committee meeting 7.00pm 27th Feb 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Carr that the Minutes of the Planning committee meeting of 27th Feb 2006 be signed as a true and correct record. All agreed, the Chairman signed the minutes.

c) Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting 7.30pm 27th Feb 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Carr that the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of 27th Feb 2006 be signed as a true and correct record. All agreed, the Chairman signed the minutes.

3. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Correspondence

Voluntary Land Registration – the Clerk had got the legal documents relating to the Parish Councils land from the Solicitor and had found someone willing to get the large plans copied. However she had looked at the documents and was unsure which ones were needed to register the land. Cllr Thompson was asked to look at the documents. **Action Cllr Thompson**

Code of Conduct

Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: the Future – the Clerk had not received any comment.

Minutes and Agenda Standards Board Meeting – these had been circulated.

Action Discharged

Correspondence

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

Letter from Rev Kent forwarding an enquiry about local housing - the Clerk had responded as agreed.

Action Discharged

Village Of Year judge's report – this had been circulated.

Action Discharged

ACRK – membership renewal – cheque to be drawn under accounts.

Action Discharged

Consultation Documents

NHS Consultation on new strategic health authority and primary care trust agreements in Kent and Medway – the Clerk had written to the PCT as agreed.

Action Discharged

Highways

30mph signs at Heronden – the Clerk had e-mailed the Highways department, no response had been received.

Action Discharged

Copy of transport questionnaire sent to Senior Citizens Forum Members – this had been copied to Cllr Hooper.

Action Discharged

Finance

Bowling green Wall - the Clerk had written to the owner as agreed.

Action Discharged

Insurance Renewal - the Clerk had obtained the individual premium details and copied to the members of the risk assessment committee.

Action Discharged

Christmas Lights

The Clerk had got additional information on lights for the Christmas tree outside the Five Bells.

Action Discharged

Forthcoming Events

a) Council Events

Annual Parish Meeting – Wed 24th May 2006 - The Clerk had invited the Rev Kent (Church), Mr Halling (School) and Mr D Eldridge (Greville Home Charity) to speak at the annual meeting.

Action Discharged

Allotment and Leisure Fields

a) Pavilion

i) Letter from Williamson and Barnes – the Clerk had responded as agreed.

Action Discharged

b) Gun Park

E-mail DDC Youth Officer – the Allotments and Leisure Fields committee had met earlier in the evening.

Action Discharged

Working party in the Gun Park. - The date had been advertised.

Action Discharged

c) Pond

Report from Mark Jones ref Trees at pond – the report had been copied out as agreed. **Action Discharged**

Churchyard and Cemetery

a) Churchyard

Holly and Beach Hedges – the quote had been accepted and the work carried out. **Action Discharged**

Letter From Rev Kent ref Working party – the Clerk had responded as agreed. **Action Discharged**

Grave Webbing – this has been purchased. **Action Discharged**

Parade

Letter from Williamson & Barnes – the Clerk has responded **Action Discharged**

4. 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) Minutes and Agenda Standards Board Meeting – Feb
- c) Minutes and Agenda Standards Board Meeting – March

a to c were discussed and noted by the Council

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

- i) CHIK Projects

The Council could not think of any projects that were suitable however Cllr Smith informed the meeting a large list of historical information had been provided as part of the Village of the Year submission. It was agreed this should be forwarded to the CHIK project office. Cllr Smith to provide the list.

Action Cllr Smith

b) Consultation Documents

None received

c) News letters and Circulars

- i) NHS – Improving Health, Modernising Health Services
- ii) KAPC Parish News
- iii) DDC Close to Home
- iv) The Relay
- v) Local Council Review – being Circulated separately

i to v were discussed and noted by the Council

d) Other

- i) defra – Calor Village of the Year feedback
- ii) DDC – Response ref Dog Warden Patrols

i and ii were discussed and noted by the Council

6. HIGHWAYS

- a) Kent Trails - Noted.

b) Speedwatch site Survey

The survey stated that half of the roads identified as possible speed watch sites were unsuitable. Their followed a lengthy discussion about the cost of the equipment. Concerns were raised that fines and fixed penalty points could not be issued as a result of speed watch as it was manned by volunteers. Cllr Smith reported that the NW executive were concerned about reprisals on volunteers manning the equipment. There was also a feeling amongst the members that speed limits should be enforced by the Police. As a result of the above points it was agreed that the Council would not proceed with Speed Watch.

7. FINANCE

- a) New Salary Scales for Clerks
- b) Review of Fees and Charges – Current list attached

a and b to be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting on Wed 29th March 2006 at 7.00pm. The Clerk to call the meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

- c) KCC – Local Government Pension Scheme regulations

Noted

- d) Christmas Tree Lights

The Clerk had received a catalogue from and spoken to a company that provided lights for public bodies. The lights the Parish Council had discussed at the last meeting were not recommended in a place accessible to the public as the bulbs are standard household bulbs and they are often stolen. A tree lighting kit had been recommended at the cost of 318.43. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Shevde that these be purchased. It was agreed that they should be stored by the Parish Council when not in use. The Clerk to place the order. **Action Sarah Wells**

- e) Parish Council Insurance

Cllr Carr and Jones of the Risk assessment committee had meet to discuss the property section of the insurance renewal, they recommended that the premium be paid for this year but that a full review of the Council property and insurance should be carried out in the summer.

8. ACCOUNTS

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Tap and Key Deposit - Allotments 10.00

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

			VAT	Chq No
Payments				
Mrs Broster Feb pay		260.00		3380
Mr Swain - Toilet Cleaning Feb	125.00			
Mr Swain - Toilet Cleaning Supplies Feb	0.99			
	125.99	125.99		3381
Village Hall Coffee Break	4 x Feb 06	48.00		
	5 x Mar 06	60.00		
	108.00	108.00		3382
J Dilnot Smith & Son - Grave Webbing		25.00		3383
KCC -Playarea Repairs		5675.32	845.26	3384
Cemetery Hedges		500.00		3385
Action with Communities in Rural Kent		35.00		3386
S .Wells Salary Jan		597.28		3387
Inland Revenue	Income			
	Tax	34.10		
	Employees NI	26.62		
	Employers NI	25.34		
	86.06	86.06		3388
Employees Pension Contribution Nov		42.00		
Employers Pension Contribution Nov		72.10		
	Kent County Council	114.10	114.10	3389
Clerks Expenses	Internet & Phone Feb	14.79	2.20	
Chain Padlocks-Skate Board Park,Dog Loo		26.55	3.95	
	41.34	41.34		3390
Parish Council Insurance		2339.41		3391

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

9. PLANNING

a) Applications

i) DOV/06/00152

Proposal: Outline application for erection of detached dwelling alterations to existing vehicular access (Amended Details)

Location: Site R/O Alpha, Gore Road, Eastry, Sandwich

The amendments rectified the concerns raised about the original application.

ii) TC/06/00009/TC

Proposal: Re-pollarding two sycamore trees and 20% crown thin to one Beech tree

Location: Eastry Bowling Club, Church Street, Eastry

Noted by the Council.

b) Decisions

None received.

c) Other

- i) Walmer Design Statement

It was agreed the Council would accept the free copy offered by the design statement group.

Action Sarah Wells

- ii) Whitfield Action Group

The Clerk to acknowledge the letter.

Action Sarah Wells

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**b) Council Events**

- i) Annual Parish Meeting – Wed 24th May 2006

The Clerk had received a request from a parishioner that traffic and speeding be added to the agenda, it was agreed this should be added under Policing Issues.

Action Sarah Wells

It was agreed that an A5 version of the agenda should be put in the May issue of the Parish News and the Guides to be asked to deliver an A4 size agenda as in past years. The Clerk to contact the Guides.

Action Sarah Wells

c) Outside Events

- i) Chairmanship Training Day – Wednesday 29th March 2006

Noted by the members.

11. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS**a) Pavilion**

- i) Williamson & Barnes – Proposed Lease in Favour of Eastry Football Club

The lease had been sent to the football clubs solicitors for comment.

b) Gun Park

- i) Gun Park Clean Up – Sunday 19th March 2006

There was concern that some old chairs had been dumped on the piece of land between the old dog loo and the school. It was agreed that a working party would be organised to clear the rubbish away. The Clerk to check with DDC about the best way to dispose of the items.

Action Sarah Wells

c) Allotments

The Clerk reported that two allotments had been let and she had had enquiries from two other people.

d) Pond

- i) Tree Work

It had been proposed by the Allotments and Leisure Field Committee at its meeting early in the evening that £420 be spent on tree work at the pond. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Carr that this recommendation be accepted.

Action Sarah Wells

e) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss

f) Picnic Site

Cllr Hooper reported that the by-annual meeting with the Parks department would take place in the next month.

g) Correspondence

- i) The Playing Field

Noted.

12. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY**a) Churchyard**

Cllr Shevde reported that a few trees in the church Yard looked dead. It was agreed they would be monitored over the next month to see if there are any signs of life.

13. Recreation Ground

- a) Letter from Church Fete Committee. They wish to use the Parish Room in case of wet weather at the Fete – 15th July 2006. They also wish to use the Recreation Ground for parking as it is also the flower festival.

It was agreed that permission be granted provided the Fete Committee took responsibility for any damage to the fencing when it was removed to allow parking and that parking would not be allowed should the ground be very wet and liable to damage by vehicles.

Action Sarah Wells

14. COFFEE BREAK

As storage for puzzles had not been found in the Village Hall, Cllr Hooper proposed to take Puzzles from the Parish Room to the Village Hall and then return them at the end of session. The Clerk to get Cllr Hooper a key to the Parish Room.

Action Sarah Wells

The Chairman had been asked about allowing a football card swapping table at Coffee Break during the Eastry School holidays. Two parents were willing to supervise. It was agreed this would be a good idea.

15. PARADE

- a) Williamson & Barnes

Top Copy of leases had been provided for signature. These were signed by the chairman and Vice Chairman. The Clerk to return to Williamson and Barnes.

Action Sarah Wells

16. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Dist Cllr Manion gave a report.

b) Parish Councillors

No report received.

17. COMMUNICATION**a) Village News Letter – April Addition**

It was agreed the following should be included, Speed Watch, Christmas Tree Lights, Tree Work at the Pond, Allotments available, football card swapping at Coffee Break and a warning about bogus callers.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Mercury Report

To be included Football Card swapping and details of the web site.

Action Sarah Wells

c) Web Site

A copy of the April Village News article.

Action Sarah Wells

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Finance Meeting 7.00pm 29th March 2006

The next Ordinary meeting will be on Monday 3rd April 2006 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.11pm