

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL. HELD AT THE
PARISH ROOM AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2006**

Present: Councillors S Shevde S Smith I Mollart (Chair) M Pemble
 N Kenton M Jones A Barwick S Hooper
 D Carr F Thompson

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr A Wiles

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

a) Minutes of Ordinary meeting 7.00pm 12th Dec 2005

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Jones that the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th Dec 2005 be signed as a true and correct record. All agreed, the Chairman signed the minutes.

b) Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting 4th Jan 2006 at 6.30pm

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Pemble that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 4th Jan 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 not yet filled in the land registry forms.

Action Sarah Wells Ongoing

Allotments and Leisure Fields

Gun Park

The Clerk had asked Kemp Bros and Sons to recover the old benches and install the one from the Pavilion.

Action Discharged

Correspondence

Consultation Documents

i) *DDC ASBU – Designated Public Places* – the Clerk had responded as agreed. **Action Discharged**

Village Information Booklet

The Clerk had written to the two businesses that had not been included in the publication.

Action Discharged

Planning

DDC LDF – Rural Settlements – the Clerk had responded as agreed.

Action Discharged

Forthcoming Events

a) Council Events

Annual Parish Meeting –The Village Hall has been booked for Wednesday 24th May 2006.

Action Discharged

Churchyard and Cemetery

a) Recreation Ground

Quote Tree work Bowling Green/ Wall - the quote had been accepted.

Action Discharged

Bowling Green Wall – the Clerk had got additional quotes for the work.

Action Discharged

Parade

The Clerk had written to Mr and Mrs Chan as agreed.

Action Discharged

Reports

Reports for Eastry Village News – Cllr Kenton and Manion would provide reports for future issues of the Parish news.

Action Discharged

Mercury Report

An article for the Parish News had been written, however due to its length it was not possible to include all the items listed. It was agreed that SE Plan & ASBU designated Public Places should be included in the next report.

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.

Noted by the Council

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence needing a response/decision

a. Village Of the Year 2006

As last years winners Eastry are unable to enter the competition.

b) Consultation Documents

b. DDC Flat Conversion Guidelines – Public Consultation

The members had read the document and felt it included good practise guideline that they would like to see followed for any development in the Parish. The Clerk to respond.

Action Sarah Wells

c. Kent Fire and Rescue Service – Making Kent Safe

The member had read the document but did not wish to send a response.

iii)Kent Police Authority – Council Tax and Policing Plan Consultation

This document had only just been received and had not been read by the members. It was agreed that the Clerk should copy to all Councillors.

Action Sarah Wells

c) News letters and Circulars

- i) Kent Police – Closing the Gap
- ii) Oast to Coast
- iii) The Playing Field
- iv) Pfizer – Community News
- v) Erha – The Bulletin
- vi) Dover Pride
- vii) SEEDA Progress Report Sept 2005
- viii) Neighbourhood Watch News
- ix) Abainfo
- x) KAPC News
- xi) Local Council Review- (On circulation separately)
- xii) Christmas Tree Recycling

i to xii were noted by the Council. Cllr Kenton asked that Christmas lights be added to next months agenda.

Action Sarah Wells

d) Other

- i) DDC Play Area Review

Noted by the Council

- ii) Letter from Cllr Smith –

Mobile Police Station – A neighbourhood watch ring round on Friday 6th Jan had informed NW members that a mobile police station would be coming to the village in the afternoon of Wednesday 11th January. Cllr Smith was concerned that this limited publicity would be insufficient to get members of the public to visit the station. Other members were concerned about the unit being on site on a Wednesday Afternoon, as the Library Van was in the village on Wednesday mornings and it was felt people would not come out twice on the same day, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the police raising these concerns and asking for future dates so they could be advertised in the Village News.

Action Sarah Wells

School academic results

Cllr Smith suggested that the Parish Council should write to the school congratulating them on their recent academic success. This was agreed by the members.

Action Sarah Wells

6. HIGHWAYS

- a) e-mail received ref salting Forge Ally to Wilmott Place.

The Clerk had contacted the Highway department and been told it is not their policy to salt footpaths, however in the past during prolonged periods of bad weather they have, if resources are available, salted footpaths outside hospitals and old peoples homes and may be able to help in the future.

- b) Phone Call ref Lighting Lower Street

The Clerk had spoken to the lighting Engineer at the Highways department. He had agreed to look at the site and draw up a scheme.

c) Dog Bin Albion Road

The Community Warden had asked for a dog bin next to the piece of waste land owned by DDC in Albion Road. A lot of bags with dog waste were being thrown on to this land. The Council felt that it was the Housing departments responsibility to install a dog bin at this site, as it was felt that if the land was properly maintained the problem would not occur. The Chairman agreed to bring it up at the next tenant's association meeting.

Action Cllr Mollart

7. FINANCE

Nothing to discuss

8. ACCOUNTS**CURRENT ACCOUNT**

Funeral - 21-12-05 610.00

CAPITAL ACCOUNT**Payments**

		VAT	Cheq No
Petty Cash	60.00		3362 *
Mr Swain - Toilet Cleaning Supplies Nov	2.49		3363
Village Hall Hire Dec Coffee Break	60.00		
Village Hall Hire Jan 06 Coffee Break	48.00		
	108.00	108.00	3364
Grave Digging - Funeral 21-12-05	210.00		3365
British Gas - Parish Room	28.73	1.36	3366
KCC-Landscape 2nd Half Year Ground Work	4285.62	638.28	3367
Clerks Expenses Office Allowance Oct-Dec	57.00		
Telephone BT (3 month)	15.94	2.78	
Internet and Telephone - Tiscali (month)	16.15	2.41	
	89.09	89.09	3368
Mark Jones Tree Surgery - Work in Gun Park	352.50	52.50	3369

* Signed Between Meetings

It was proposed by Cllr Shevde and seconded by Cllr Kenton that the above accounts be paid, all agreed. Cllr Smith was third signatory.

9. VILLAGE INFORMATION BOOKLET

a) Letter ref Eastry Resource and data input forms.

The Clerk to copy the forms to the Cllr Carr as web manager and Resource Editor. **Action Sarah Wells**

10. PLANNING

a) Applications

Nothing to discuss

b) Decisions

- i) DOV/05/01206 Refusal of Certificate of Lawful use – Walton Lea, Sandwich Road

Noted

c) Other

Nothing to discuss

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

b) Council Events

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

It was agreed that the format of last years meeting was quite successful and that it should be kept for this year. The Clerk to write to village organisations and ask them to submit written reports. It was also felt that a more senior police officer should be invited to attend and speak at the meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Outside Events

- i) Affordable village housing – seminar – Newchurch Village Hall – Tue 17 Jan 2006

Noted by the Council

12. ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE FIELDS

a) Pavilion

No new information had been received about the lease for the football club.

b) Gun Park

Cllr Shevde asked if the suckers at the base of some of the big trees could be removed. It was agreed that another work party would be a good idea; Cllr Hooper said Mark Jones had agreed to help at a future date when the last working party did some work in the gun park. He was needed to remove and dispose of the cuttings. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mark and ask if he could help and when he would be available. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Allotments

Nothing to discuss

d) Pond

The Highways department had cut the vegetation next to the road. Cllr Hooper asked when Paul Hadaway was planning his next visit and if he required any help. The Clerk to check. **Action Sarah Wells**

e) Allotments Play Area

Nothing to discuss

f) Correspondence

Cllr Hooper reported that the Parks department had removed one of the benches from the picnic area for repairs.

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

Consecration of grave spaces – Still waiting for the Bishop to provide a date for the service.

Cllr Hooper had been approached by a Parishioner who wished to provide some form of memorial in the Church Yard or Cemetery. Cllr Hooper had suggested a bench. It was agreed that the Church Yard and Cemetery Committee would meet on site to discuss the possible siting of any bench should the Parishioner wish to precede. The Committee to meet on Sunday 22nd July at 11.15am in the Church Yard. The Clerk to call the meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) Recreation Ground

Bowling Green Wall – the Clerk had asked for four and received three quotes for the work. It was agreed that these would be discussed by the Council. It was Proposed by Cllr Kenton and seconded by Cllr Shevde that the quote from P A Hollingworth and Co. Ltd should be accepted. **Action Sarah Wells**

Quotes for the work to remove the vegetation had not been received yet, it was hoped these would be in by the next meeting.

14. COFFEE BREAK

a) Consumer Direct – a new telephone and on-line consumer advice and information service funded by the DTI. It was agreed that Clerk should order some literature for distribution at Coffee Break. **Action Sarah Wells**

15. PARADE

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Highways lighting Engineer. It is possible for a feeder pillar to be supplied off the street light circuit. The Parish Council would then be billed directly by EDF for an un-metered supply. The Parish Council would be responsible for the maintenance of grills and bulbs etc. The Clerk to let the architect know and give him the engineer's contact details. **Action Sarah Wells**

16. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllrs**

Cllrs Kenton and Manion gave a report covering, LDF, Waste Collection, Finance, Dover Youth Forum and additions to the DDC web site.

b) Parish Councillors

i) Eastry Young Peoples Club – Cllr Smith reported that a sign has been erected at the entrance to the Youth Club Building drive informing drivers that they were crossing a footpath. A quote for a barrier had been obtained, unfortunately the cost was prohibitive. Cllr Smith had raised the Councils question about

getting a paid youth worker and Mr Lasslett had agreed to investigate the possibility. Cllr Smith had also spoken to Bill Butler of Youth And Community about a paid youth worker; he had felt it was unlikely unless the Parish Council contributed towards the costs.

17. MERCURY REPORT/EASTRY VILLAGE NEWS

Village News Letter

March Issue - SE Plan & ASBU designated Public Places

Action Sarah Wells

Mercury Column

Time Team new series on Channel 4. Eastry 26 Feb, Dog Waste.

Action Sarah Wells

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Churchyard and Cemetery Committee Sunday 22nd January 2006 11.15am in the Church Yard.
The next Ordinary meeting will be on **Monday 6th February 2006**