

Draft MINUTES OF EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 8 January 2020, 6.30PM

Elvington Community Centre, St John's Road, Elvington

1. PRESENT

Cllr Ledger (Chair), Cllr Butcher, Cllr Millard, Cllr Morgan Lovett, Cllr Wiles and Cllr Whitehead. Speed Watch Co-ordinator Ray Luckhurst, Community Warden Julliette West, 5 members of the public. Also in attendance S Collins Clerk.

Apologies

Cllr Hansell and Paul Boiston – personal reasons.

DDC Cllrs Keen and Woodgate and KCC Cllr Lymer – attending other meetings

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES 11 DECEMBER 2019

The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded by Cllr Butcher and were signed by the Chair.

4. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR, COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

Community Warden Julliette West gave the following report:

There has been an increase in rats in Elvington. Julliette has dealt with fly tipping, driving on the Recreation Ground, electric cables from a property in Elvington reaching across the footpath and over Sweetbriar Lane. There has been an increase in stolen number plates from farm vehicles and cars isolated in the dark. There is a new cyber crime reporting hotline 0300 1232040 provided by Action for All. Issues with HGV's on Pike Road continues.

Dover and Canterbury Community Warden Teams have merged and have a permanent team leader.

The chairman thanked Julliette for her on going support.

DDC Cllr Linda Keen sent in the following information:

- i. The light on Ash Grove will be fixed when the LED scheme reaches that part of Elvington during the first week of February.
- ii. Local Plan meetings for Parish and Town Councils will be held in February.

5. SPEED WATCH

Ray Luckhurst gave a summary report of the activities and findings of the Speed Watch volunteers. There was discussion over speeding on The Street and issues with Eythorne Roundabout. The data from the traffic strips installed by DDC has been requested, but is unlikely to be given as the data collection was to inform the Local Plan.

Cllr Morgan-Lovett suggested a letter is written to PCC Matthew Scott and the Chief Constable regarding speeding issues.

Cllr Whitehead, reminded the meeting that DDC Cllr Walker wrote a letter last year asking for local Parishes to work together with regards to speeding, but there has not been any follow up so far.

Cllr Millard asked where 'slow down' signs could be purchased and was informed that signs on the highway can only be purchased and agreed by Kent Highways.

Cllr Ledger thanks Ray and the Speed Watch volunteers for all their valuable work for the community.

Ray Luckhurst and Julliette West left the meeting at 7.00pm

6. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTION

- i. A resident of Barfrestone asked if a Wildlife Area could be set up at the pond in Barfrestone if it was

tidied it up. A group of enthusiastic people have completed a litter pick and are looking at ways to tidy up the local environment. She also asked about whether new signs could be put in Barfrestone and requested to be part of the sub-committee looking at signs.

7. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The invoices as detailed below were agreed for payment, proposed Cllr Morgan-Lovett, seconded Cllr Whitehead and carried.

Finance Report		
Payee	Cheque number	Amount
S Collins	300755	£119.99
SLCC and ALCC	300756	£220.00
S Thomson	Standing Order	£587.50
S Collins	Standing Order	£1,250.37
KCC Pension Fund	Standing Order	£291.07

The Q3 Budget check showed all the budget headings were on track except for Eythorne Playing Field which was over budget. S Collins said this was due to the 5 aside football pitch markings which were not budgeted for but money was available from Elvington Recreation Ground to subsidise the over spend.

8. PRECEPT 2020-2021

After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Whitehead to increase the precept by 3% to £55.38 per annum or 3p per week for a band D property, seconded by Cllr Millard and carried.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

i. DOV/19/01328 – Change of use to general industrial (class B2) and the installation of a 2 storey container unit, weighing hoppers, conveyors, aggregate reception bays, enclosed plant mixer, cement storage silos and replacement 2.5m high fencing – Unit 6, The Old Tilmanstone Colliery, Pike Road, Eythorne – concerns over oil contamination on the land, vehicle movements and no routeing agreement, the silos being noisy when filled and when the alarm is triggered, the silos being over bearing, light pollution from the site being open 24/7. The PC will ask to comment again when the Highways questions have been adequately answered.

ii. DOV/19/01478 – Internal works to include: replacement staircase, remove and insert ground floor partitions and opening to form utility room WC. Infill hall opening, insert new stone floor finishes to ground floor. First floor remove bedroom fitted cupboards, enlarge existing dormer – Gardeners Cottage, Coldred Road, Eythorne CT15 4BE – no objection

iii. DOV/19/01482 – Erection of a detached garage with ancillary accommodation/storage above, erection new 900mm high boundary wall, landscaping, formation of parking and turning area – Gardeners Cottage, Coldred Road, Eythorne CT15 4BE – no objection

iv. DOV/19/01511 – Change of use of land for the purpose of walking dogs and the erection of a 1830mm boundary fence – Barville Farm, Barville Road, Waldershare CT15 5BQ – no objection

The Planning Committee on 16 January 2020 will discuss DOV/19/00856 erection of 2 detached dwellings, creation of a new vehicle access and parking at land to the rear of 56 Sandwich Road, Eythorne CT15 4DE.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 13 NOVEMBER 2019 NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

S Collins gave the following updates:

- i. The Ash Grove light issue continues
- ii. A new quote for poly carbonate for the bus shelter repair was acquired
- iii. The car park lights and MUGA timer switch have been completed
- iv. Cables on Roman Way and Sweetbriar Lane have been reported
- v. Meeting with DDC planning case officer was held regarding the container
- vi. Another quote for works to the trees on Eythorne Roundabout was received
- vii. Kent Highways have agreed to install traffic strips on The Street week commencing 13 January 2020

11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

None.

12. SLCC AND ALCC RENEWAL

To renew the subscription for the Clerks Union was proposed by Cllr Wiles, seconded Cllr Butcher and carried.

13. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Morgan-Lovett and Paul Boiston are trying to organise a community day with East Kent Railway and the Heritage Group. More details will be given as plans develop.

14. CONTAINER FOR GARDENER / HANDYMAN

After a lengthy discussion it was undecided how to proceed with the planning application and the comments from the Case Officer. Cllr Whitehead suggested that if the PC proceeds with the application in the future, a planning statement will need to be submitted. Cllr Millard suggested asking the Resource Centre if the PC could rent the garage in the corner of the car park. Cllr Millard agreed to speak to St Peter's Church regarding the idea. Cllr Morgan-Lovett suggested putting the container near the allotment site where it would not affect the street scene. It was agreed to ask DDC to put the application on hold while other sites and other options were investigated.

15. TREE SURGEON QUOTE FOR EYTHORNE ROUNDABOUT

S Collins gave details of the 2 quotes received from tree surgeons. Cllr Millard asked if there was a need for the works if the trees were safe. S Collins to ask each tree surgeon if they would assess if the trees are safe in their current state.

16. WIGMORE LANE FOOTPATH UPDATE

David White informed the meeting that budget quotes have been received but more are still outstanding. David is checking with statutory undertakers for utility maps which may be affected by the footpath.

17. BUS SHELTER ON MILNER ROAD REPAIRS

Cllr Ledger proposed to replace with glass, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Lovett with 2 votes for and 3 votes against and one abstention this proposal was not supported.

Cllr Wiles proposed to replace with poly-carbonate, seconded by Cllr Butcher, with 2 votes for and 3 votes against and one abstention this proposal was not supported.

With the Cllrs not being able to make a majority decision, the bus shelter will remain as it is and S Collins to inform the supplier.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Eythorne Road closure 13 January 2020 for up to 5 days
- ii. A256 Whitfield Bypass speed limits 14 and 15 January 2020 between 8pm and 4am
- iii. Email from resident regarding speeding on The Street
- iv. Email from resident regarding Barfreestone village

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

Meeting closed at 8.30pm