

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Eynsford, held on
Thursday 18th May 2017, at the Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford, at 8 pm.**

8204 PRESENT

Members Present

Mr A Cooke
Mrs A Cornwell
Mrs T Durrant
Mrs F Haxby
Mr G Kirby
Mr M Richardson
Mr P Ward

Other Officials Present

None

Clerk in Attendance

Mrs H Ivaldi

8205 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Boyle, Cllr R Gough, PCSO L Fry

In the absence of Mrs Boyle, Mr Ward chaired the meeting.

8206 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr Ward asked that the following be recorded: Yesterday, Eynsford lost a very special man who died after a long illness. Ian Slipper, doctor of science, university lecturer, author, actor, musician of many instruments, composer, singer, loyal husband, a most decent human being and a dear friend.

8207 CLERK'S COMMENTS

The clerk reminded councillors of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 26th May at 6pm. Mr Kirby gave his apologies for this meeting.

8208 GOVERNANCE

a) Declarations of Interest

Mr M Richardson declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8209c as a trustee of the village hall.
Mrs Haxby declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8209e as a neighbour of the property.
Mrs Cornwell declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8209h as a friend of the property owner.

b) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last full council meeting held on the 20th April 2017 were presented for approval.

RESOLVED: That minute 8180a be completed to include details of interests declared and that minute 8181e be corrected for spelling. That, taking into account these changes, the minutes are accepted as a true and complete record, and that the recommendations are approved.

c) Finance Notes

The clerk submitted a list of accounts, and a budget report, for April 2017, as per Appendix A. It was suggested that '0' budgets be removed from the reports in future. The Clerk was asked to check expenditure on the Dog Bin & Sign budget.

RESOLVED: That the accounts are approved and payments made.

d) Outstanding Actions

Councillors discussed items listed that had been outstanding for three months or more.

- Mr Cooke to write a management plan for the allotments – still in progress
- To proceed with a Community Plan – Mr Kirby reported that he was awaiting a meeting with Farningham Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That all of the outstanding actions are pursued.

e) Insurance

Councillors were asked to consider the quotes received for insurance which were Zurich - £886.21 and Came and Co. £900 for the year starting 1 June 2017.

RESOLVED: That insurance is taken out with Zurich at a cost of £886.21, with the policy starting on 1st June 2017.

f) Annual Return and Governance Statement 2016/17

Councillors were asked to approve the Annual Return and Governance Statement which had been checked by the internal auditor, before sending onto the external auditors.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Return and Governance Statement for 2016/17 are approved and signed.

g) Annual Parish Meeting

Councillors were reminded of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 26th May between 6pm and 9pm.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

At this point, 8.16pm. a Recreation item was discussed (see minute 8212a) due to the presence of members of the public wishing to discuss this. The meeting resumed at 8.29pm.

8209 PLANNING

a) Planning Committee 2nd May 2017

Minutes of the above meeting were circulated to all councillors for approval, as per Appendix B.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are accepted as a true and complete record, and that the recommendations are approved.

b) Notifications of Planning Consents/Refusals Received from Sevenoaks District Council

Planning Application SE/17/00454/LDCEX – Park House Farm, Bower Lane, Eynsford – REFUSED.

Planning Application SE/17/01139/LBCALT – The Barn, Park House, Bower Lane, Eynsford – GRANTED.

Planning Application SE/17/00595/HOUSE – 1 The Old Dairy, Upper Austin Lodge Road, Eynsford – GRANTED.

c) Eynsford Village Hall/Harrow Meadow Update

Mr Richardson gave an update on the working group's recent work on this project. Mr Richardson noted that the latest plan for the architect linked the changing rooms (to be refurbished) to the new hall. Riverside Players would be consulted on the stage and other relevant features. Mr Cooke was speaking to Mr Goldsworthy about the costs of landscaping and removal of spoil. It was hoped that new quotes would be lower than those provided by the Quantity Surveyor. Mr Richardson said that the current options were to turn the pitch or to replace with a 'Mugga' and 5-a-side pitch. Riverside Wanderers FC had been informed of the situation. A KCC Sports England rep had told the group that the loss of the football pitch would delay plans. It was noted that there was a covenant on the existing hall site restricting its use, and Mr Richardson said that this was being followed up by the hall's solicitors.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

d) Consultation on Planning Applications

Sevenoaks District Council were consulting parish councils about how they are willing to receive applications – whether by email or as hard copies.

RESOLVED: That councillors are happy to receive the letter and plans only as hard copies and to access any additional documents online.

e) Planning Application SE/17/00986/HOUSE – Lydith, High Street, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans for a proposed new pitched roof to the existing flat roof garage, and the removal of the existing window to the side elevation, the brick wall to the rear of the site with electronic gate.

RESOLVED: That no objection is made.

f) Planning Application SE/17/00407/HOUSE – Pax, Eynsford Road, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans to demolish the wooden part of the building with concrete fibreboard roof, to rebuild a single storey extension, to rebuild and position the main dwelling roof and a side extension with associated landscaping.

RESOLVED: That councillors object as the building has already exceeded the 50% increase in the Green Belt, and that the proposed development is contrary to policy GB1b – it is not in keeping with the original form and appearance of the building.

At this point, 9pm, the meeting was opened up to questions from members of the public (see Appendix Q). The meeting resumed at 9.17pm.

g) Planning Application SE/17/01026/FUL – Park House Farm, Bower Lane, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans relating to the demolition of an existing rusting steel barn, the erection of a new timber clad barn for residential use in a better position and of more traditional appearance, and the erection of a double garage.

RESOLVED: That councillors object as the applications clearly contravenes policy GB9c.

h) Planning Application SE/17/00945/HOUSE – 46 Pollyhaugh, Eynsford

Councillors discussed plans relating to the erection of a single storey side extension which connects the existing detached garage to the house, the conversion of the garage into a habitable room, the enlarging of the side dormer, and alterations to the roof and fenestration.

RESOLVED: That no objection is made.

i) Tree Work Application SE/17/01343/WTPO – Old Mill Close, Eynsford

Councillors were informed of an application for various works to trees which had been referred to the Tree Wardens. The Clerk informed the council that this application had been refused by Sevenoaks District Council.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8210 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a) South Eastern Rail Franchise Public Consultation

Councillors were asked to respond to a consultation about the future of South Eastern Rail services. The deadline for responses is 23rd May.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Durrant completes the consultation on behalf of the council.

b) Streetlighting Price Review

Councillors were asked to make a decision about the street lighting contract for Eynsford. However, not all of the prices had been received.

RESOLVED: That this item is deferred until the next meeting when the information is available.

c) A20 Issues

Councillors discussed how to support Farningham Parish Council in their efforts to improve the safety of the A20 at Farningham following another recent fatal crash.

RESOLVED: That Mr Kirby drafts a strongly worded letter to Kent Highways Services setting out the council's concerns about the safety of the A20 and its support of Farningham Parish Council. That the council works with consortium councils on this issue.

d) School Run Safety Campaign meeting with Kent Highways

Mrs Cornwell gave a summary of the recent meeting with a representative from Kent Highways. There had been discussions about many proposals from the school run group including bollards, signage, reducing HGVs, speeding control etc. However, the KHS officer was not very positive in supporting any new suggestions.

RESOLVED: That Mr Gough is asked to confirm which work has been agreed to be carried out in relation to school run safety.

8211 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

a) Community & Environment Committee 2nd May 2017

Minutes of the above meeting were circulated to all councillors for approval, as per Appendix C.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are accepted as a true and complete record, and that the recommendations are approved.

b) Police Report

The Clerk reported one item received from the police - that a couple had been caught with cannabis in a car at Lullingstone.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

8212 RECREATION

a) Use of Common Meadow

Councillors were asked to consider a request to use Common Meadow to erect a marquee and to hold a summer ball in summer 2018. Two members of the public attended the meeting to explain their plans. The event would be aimed at residents of Eynsford mainly but others would be likely to attend too. It would be a black tie event with live music, ideally in mid July. They had spoken to the cricket club who were happy with the arrangement.

RESOLVED: That the council approves the use of Common Meadow in principle, but that further meetings are held with Mr Cooke to work out details including timings..

b) Membership of Kent County Playing Fields Association

Councillors were asked to renew their membership of Kent County Playing Fields Association costing £20.

RESOLVED: That membership is renewed at £20 from the Regular Donations budget.

c) Last Harrow Meadow Sub Committee

Councillors had been sent a copy of the notes from the meeting held on 9th May. Mr Cooke summarised the main points of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

d) Football at Harrow Meadow

Councillors were told that Riverside Wanderers Football Club had proposed starting football training for children and young people on Saturday mornings at Harrow Meadow with a view to creating a youth side. Councillors were asked to consider whether to approve this use in principle, and whether additional charges should be made.

RESOLVED: That the use of Harrow Meadow is agreed in principle and at no cost. That the arrangement is reviewed at the end of the summer.

e) Kent County Council Grass Cutting Contracts

Councillors were informed that the grass cutting contracts with KCC had now been finalised and that the parish council will be undertaking urban grass cutting, visibility cuts and urban shrub cutting for 2017/18. KCC will be invoiced for the work carried out.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

The meeting of the council closed at 10.05pm

Chairman: 15th June 2017