



## EYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held

on 09 October 2024 at 6.30 pm, Eythorne Baptist Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Whitehead (Chair), Cllr Wright (Vice Chair), Cllr Morgan-Lovett, Cllr Hansell, Cllr Martin, Cllr Luckhurst, Cllr French, Cllr Wetz and Cllr Godfrey

**Also, present:** KCC Cllr Beaney, DDC Cllr Woodgate, DDC Cllr Mamjan, Juliette West Community Support Officer, PC Rural Police Officer Constable Bowler, Jo Pannell (Clerk to EPC), and 6 Members of the public.

#### **10/70/24. Chairmans welcome and opening comments**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that it was nice to see members of the public and especially the officers in attendance. The Chairman also noted that the agenda was a lengthy one, so we will have to keep an eye on the time.

#### **10/71/24. TO CONSIDER any applicants for Co-Option as a Parish Councillor**

The Chair asked the clerk if there had been any interest in any new residents coming forward to fill the vacancy. The clerk noted that no one new had come forward.

**10/72/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – No apologies had been received.

#### **10/73/24. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

#### **10/74/24. MINUTES**

The minutes from the Council meeting held on the 11 September 2024 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

**Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded Cllr Morgan- Lovett and unanimously carried. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.**

#### **10/75/24. COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING/MATTERS ARISING**

The clerk confirmed that most actions had been completed, the only outstanding items were as follows: The clerk to speak to the Handyman about different signage in the play areas. Approach more arboriculturist for village tree survey quotes. Finalise the double yellow lines with KCC Highways. Cllrs to think about 2025 – 2026 Capital Projects.

#### **10/76/24. KCC AND DDC COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Beaney to address the meeting. Cllr Beaney thanked the Chairman and explained that the long-awaited Fast Track Bus Service is due to commence on 17 November, but with diesel buses rather than the initial proposal of electric buses. KCC Trading Standards visited Dover and two other Districts to check shops for the stock and sale of illegal tobacco products. In total 163,000 vapes, 153,000 disposable vapes, and 17 kilograms of illegal tobacco were seized.

KCC Highways has an active consultation on the Transport Plan, this closes on 18 October. The planning for the Lower Thames Crossing has so far cost £300 million and this still might

not go ahead. Cllr Beaney explained that transport for children with Special Educational Needs is expensive and often only pick up one person to take them to and from their educational facility. He also explained that KCC currently house 2,071 illegal migration students, but this will be clamped down on in time.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Beaney and asked Juliette West to address the meeting. Juliette explained that current scams are notified to clerks via the Police emails, the clerk noted that she uploads these to the PC website. Juliette introduced the new Community initiative to provide a telephone handset to a community venue (provided Wi-Fi was available). This does not need to be physically manned, but a member of the public with a query such as Pension Credit, can call the dedicated number in the community venue and be connected to an advisor who can assist with queries on benefits, especially Pension Credits. **ACTION: the clerk will approach the Community Centre to see if this is something that they would like to offer.**

The Chairman thanked Juliette for the information and welcomed PC Bowler from the Rural Task Force to the meeting. PC Bowler thanked the Chairman and explained that he had been a Police Officer for over 25 years and had taken the Rural Police Officer role just over a year ago. The first year had been challenging due to the size of the area to be policed, but this has now been addressed with the recruitment of more Police Officers. He now patrols Aylesham, West marsh and Stourmouth.

Cllr French explained that speeding on Adelaide Road is not just cars but also motorbikes, with one in particular. PC Bowler thought he might know who this is but have been unable to stop them to date. He also explained that he was aware of nuisance off road motorbikes in Eythorne and has recently seized a vehicle. A member of the public asked about the possibility of traffic calming measures to be put on Adelaide Road, PC Bowler noted he was happy to raise this with KCC Highways **ACTION: PC Bowler to email Highways re: to request traffic calming measures be introduced on Adelaide Road – Cllr Beaney asked to be copied into such emails [David.Beaney@kent.gov.uk](mailto:David.Beaney@kent.gov.uk)**

The Chairman explained that previously Highways would not entertain traffic calming due to the road being a bus route, but this is no longer the case. Cllr Beaney explained that he had been invited to a site meeting to discuss the issues with the wall being damaged at Barfrestone Church, he will feedback to the PC any actions to be considered. PC Bowler is happy to be contacted via emails with any issues, please email him on: [Jon.Bowler@kent.police.uk](mailto:Jon.Bowler@kent.police.uk)

## 10/77/24 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no contributions at this time.

The meeting reconvened

## 10/78/24. PLANNING

### Applications:

24/00604

Proposal: Erection of 2 detached dwellings, driveway, parking, and parking at no 2 (existing garage/sheds to demolished)

Location: Land Rear Of 2 And 4 Green Lane Eythorne CT15 4DD – Closing date for comments 12 October 2024

24/00892

Proposal: Outline application for residential development of up to 24 dwellings with landscaping and infrastructure (all matters reserved except for access)

Location: Monkton Court Lane, Eythorne, Kent –

23/00679

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) for amendments to DOV/17/00246 relating to pedestrian access and creation of opening in listed wall (S73) (Erection of 9 detached dwellings, landscaping, creation of vehicular access and parking) Location: The Old Rectory, Church Hill, Eythorne, CT15 4AE – Permission Granted 08 April 2024 – Change of conditions made in September 2024

## Applications commented on under the scheme of delegation - None

### Decisions:

None
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The Planning Committee had met prior to the evening meeting to discuss the recent planning applications.

#### **24/00604**

It was noted that there was not capacity for a fire appliance to get to these buildings, but it was noted that a sprinkler system would be installed. It was noted that the scale and dominance of the proposals was an overdevelopment of the area, and that there would be a loss of privacy to the occupants of 10 Green Meadows. However, it was thought that there were no material reasons to object to this application. **ACTION: the clerk will upload neutral comments but note the points about the over development and the privacy issues in the comments**

#### **24/00892**

It was noted that KCC Highways had requested passing places on Monkton Court Road. This application also lends itself to S106 community monies to assist in the development of community infrastructure. **ACTION: The clerk will contact the DDC Development Investment team to request S106 monies for the Parish, Cllr Woodgate will forward an email contact to the clerk.**

#### **23/00679**

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) for amendments to DOV/17/00246 relating to pedestrian access and creation of opening in listed wall (S73) (Erection of 9 detached dwellings, landscaping, creation of vehicular access and parking) Location: The Old Rectory, Church Hill, Eythorne, CT15 4AE – Permission Granted 08 April 2024

The Chairman explained that new paperwork had been uploaded to the planning portal relating to this application, it looks as though the disabled bay has moved further up the hill, so there may be a query with the planned double yellow lines.

**Proposal for a Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (“Elvington Solar Farm & BESS”) on land north and south of Thornton Road, Elvington, CT15 4DT –** There is a public event being held at Nonnington Village Hall, Dover, CT15 4HA. On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm

The proposal is for 300 acres of farmland to be used for siting the Solar Panels. It was noted that this involves green belt land which cuts across two rights of way and next to a bridleway. It was suggested to talk to the landowner and the developers with regards to how this will be addressed.

The following two applications were submitted after the agenda had been published. ***It was agreed to have an email exchange to decide on the representation to take on these two applications and to note the outcomes on the November agenda. ACTION: please send any representations to the clerk by 27 October.***

#### **24/00726**

Location: Land Adjacent To: Barfrestone Farm, Barfrestone Road, Barfrestone CT15 7JJ  
Description: Barn conversion to residential dwelling with parking (self-build) – Closing date: 29 October 2024

#### **24/01021**

Location: The Old Rectory Barfrestone Road Barfrestone Dover Kent CT15 7JJ  
Description: Conversion of stable to form 2no holiday lets. Works include remove and insert new partitions and wall linings. Replacement windows and doors to external envelope. Replacement 6no rooflights. Insert 1no new rooflight. Replace glazing with timber weatherboarding and 1no window to side NE elevation. Closing date: 29 October 2024

## 10/79/24. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

- a) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation, the invoices detailed below were agreed for payment, by all Cllrs present.

<b>Finance Report Payments</b>		
Jo Pannell	Salary (October)	
S Thomson	Salary (October)	
KCC LGPS	Pension	£365.70
HMRC	National insurance	£0.00
S Thomson	Mileage & Expenses	£56.14
Idverde	September grass cutting	£69.92
J Pannell	Expenses	£436.25
Baptist Church Hall	Meeting hall hire	£21.00
Cllr Luckhurst	Collection of Speedwatch equipment (mileage)	£56.70
Hugo Fox	Monthly DD	£23.99
Unity Bank	Quarter 2 Bank Charges	£18.00
Elvington Community Centre	Annual cost for the MUGA court	£500.00
	Total	£3,845.64

- b) The bank reconciliation for September were **RECEIVED** and **RESOLVED** and duly signed by Cllrs and
- c) **TO RESOLVE** to purchase spare keys for the allotment padlock.
- d) **RESOLVED** to purchase a second poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday. **Action: The clerk will order this from RBLI**
- e) To start to think about Capital projects to be undertaken during 2025 – 2026 for next year's budget. **Action: All Cllrs**
- f) **RESOLVED** to pay the clerk's expenses for PC purchases once an invoice had been received

All Cllrs present **RESOLVED** to accept the above payments unanimously, carried.

**10/80/24. Allotments** – No updates were noted.

**10/81/2024 HIP** – Cllr French explained that Barville Road was continuing to flood and there was a pothole on the way to Tilmanstone on this road. Cllr French noted that despite the remedial works carried out by KCC Highways, these have not been effective, and we are only just entering the autumnal months. **ACTION: The clerk to draft another letter to the Head of Transportation at KCC to raise this issue.**

Cllr French also noted the dangerous, unplanned exit on to Barville Road, from Falconsview. **ACTION: The clerk was asked to draft a letter, to question why this has been allowed to happen and to ask the enforcement team to investigate. This item was also requested to go onto the November agenda.**

**10/82/2024 PROW** – There were no updates noted.

**10/83/24 – Play Areas** – There were no updates noted

**10/84/24. Speedwatch** – Cllr Luckhurst asked what the Parish Council would like to do with the old Speedwatch equipment, either give to Mr Watson to be used as a spare, or for another PC who are just starting up a Speedwatch group? It was proposed by Cllr Luckhurst and

seconded by Cllr Wright to donate the spare equipment as discussed to Mr Watson, unanimously carried.

**10/85/24. Councillors' items.**

Stagecoach buses – **ACTION: the clerk will invite Louise Sills, Stagecoach to the next meeting and request data for the number of people using the Connect service.** To gain prices for one of the items on the Prepare Campaign List and collate for the next meeting to be discussed. Research DDC Emergency Plan and bring any updates to the next meeting. **ACTION: to investigate somewhere to site a container for housing the Prepare Campaign items and equipment.** To investigate the proposed switch from analogue phones to BT's digital service for the next meeting **ACTION: the clerk will research these topics for reporting back to the next meeting.**

**TO NOTE** There is to be a Eythorne Village History group meeting on Wednesday 26 October from 15.00 to 17.00 at the Baptist Church Hall to listen to a talk on 1840 Tythe Map. All are welcome to attend

**10/86/24. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 18.30 in Elvington Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairman: Cllr A Whitehead

***Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until the parish council approves them at their next parish council meeting.***