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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EASTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th March 2018 IN EASTCHURCH VILLAGE HALL AT 10.00AM.**

MEMBERS: Cllr Kathleen Carter (Chairman), Cllr Mike Brown (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Tina Booth, Cllr Terry Wady, Cllr Andy Booth, Cllr Brian Pullinger and Cllr Ivor Gough.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Kathleen Carter, Cllr Mike Brown, Cllr Brian Pullinger, Cllr Terry Wady and Cllr Ivor Gough.

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk - Fiona Jackson

MINUTES - FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

1) Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Andy Booth and Cllr Tina Booth

2) Approval and Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Cllr Brown proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Gough. **Acceptance proposal carried.**
The Chairman signed the Minutes.

3) Matters arising from the minutes not covered by other agenda items.

Page 1 Minute 3 – There is a meeting set up with Paul Brand from KH&T on 15/03 at 11am. Cllr Brown said that Councillors must ensure there are no changes to the costings as quoted by Ian Grigor from KH&T that had been agreed by the Parish Council.

Page 1 Minute 3 – The request for the TPO has been chased.

Page 1 Minute 5 – A request has been made to KH&T for traffic lights/traffic management at the top of Jenkins Hill. Ref: 335874

Page 2 Minute 6 – The Abnormal loads department at the Police have been contacted regarding the large vehicles coming through the village. Information has been passed on to Councillors regarding reporting of these vehicles.

Page 2 Minute 6 – The fly tipping at Bramley has been reported to SBC.

Page 2 Minute 7a – Swale in Bloom. Notice has been received regarding a new category for Parish Councils. This is being looked at in detail. It was agreed to ask for a meeting on 20/03/18 at 10.00am

Page 2 Minute 9 – IT support from BT has been purchased.

Page 3 Minute 11 – The molehills have been reported. Ref: 13050090

Page 3 Minute 11 – The broken gate and litter in Anne Boleyn have both been reported. Ref 13047764 and 1882301.

Page 3 Minute 11 - The fly posters have been reported. Ref: 13047791 Cllr Gough reported that the posters had gone.

4) For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in regard to items on the agenda under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

None at present.

5) Public Session.

None present.

6) Report from Local Police and KCC Warden.

Police Report PCSO Ben Stevenson

Figures from the 27/01/2018-27/02/2018

Violent crime-5

Burglary-1

Theft-5

Harassment-2

Supply of drugs-2

Fiona Jackson

Clerk to Eastchurch Parish Council

Domestic-2

Criminal damage-1

The Clerk had spoken to the PCSO who gave an update on a recent incident in the village which was being pursued by the Police. The number of violent crimes was questioned and although one these was an assault; the others were much lesser crimes but were still classified under the same heading by the Police.

Community Warden Report from Lynne Bentley

As Parish is aware, dog fouling in the village is a regular problem, as it appears to be across Swale as a whole. Regardless of dog fouling notices, which have been replenished and added to in the village, some dog walkers are not cleaning up the mess deposited by the dogs that are in their charge.

I am endeavouring to patrol areas of concern whenever possible, which does have the effect of acting as a deterrent, but I would like to request the vigilance of the residents in this matter. Information on offenders can be addressed to SBC or myself. Everyone needs to work together to combat this problem.

I raised an extra report with SBC on the fridge that was dumped on the pathway in Church Road, this has now, finally, been removed.

Last month we had reports of a doorstep caller in the village selling household cleaning goods, stating he was an ex-convict and using a laminated ID card. This person also operated in a neighbouring village. KCC has issued an alert on this and is advising people not to buy goods from any doorstep caller. If in doubt call 101 to report.

Finally, at last month's Parish meeting, the parking problems in Bramley Way were raised as an issue. I do not have any jurisdiction on parking but have passed the information onto SBC who have jurisdiction on the grass area in Bramley Way. Myself and an SBC environment warden visited the area in question and I have been assured that monitoring of the problem will be ongoing.

7) Correspondence.

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct – Magazine
- b. SBC Mayor – Thank you card. Councillors appreciated this gesture from the Mayor and Mayoress. It was agreed to send them a card at the end of their tenure.
- c. Sheppey Matters - Sheppey Wheels membership card
- d. LCU Update subscription - £100.00 Cllr Gough proposed renewing the subscription, seconded by Cllr Wady. **Acceptance proposal carried.**
- e. Big Local – Letter regarding consultation with parishes and local groups.

8) Report and Recommendations from Observance Working Group

A short report on the Observance preparations was given. The Working Group had received and discussed quotations for the provision of stewards and agreed to the recommendation of Kent Events to provide the service.

a) Decision on Stewards

Cllr Brown proposed accepting the recommendation from the Working Group, seconded by Cllr Wady. **Acceptance proposal carried.**

b) Approval of Observance Budget

Cllrs were all given a copy of the Observance budget and the figures were gone through in detail. A substantial amount of grant funding had been received to offset a large percentage of the costs. Cllr Brown proposed approving the budget from the Working Group, seconded by Cllr Wady. **Acceptance proposal carried.**

9) Decision on Parish Planting.

Councillors went through the estimated costs for the replanting of the planters at Cheyne Road and on the Aviation Memorial. At a recent meeting with contractors it was emphasised that any replacement planting would need to be scheduled for the first week of April and the first week of September. The planting this winter had been far too late.

Cllr Wady proposed accepting the quotations for the replanting, seconded by Cllr Gough **Acceptance proposal carried.**

10) Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments

Parish Council

201103	KCS	Admin	1537.44	307.49	£1844.93
201104	Brambledown	Projects	44.10	0.00	£44.10
201105	ACRK	Admin	50.00	0.00	£50.00
201106	F. Jackson	Admin	7.99	0.00	£7.99
201107	K. Carter	Project	15.96	0.00	£15.96
201108	EBLS	Assets	397.50	79.50	£477.00
201109	PCC Wayleaves	Admin	75.00	0.00	£75.00

201110	F. Jackson (Jan)	Admin	829.71	0.00	£829.71
201111	HMRC (Jan)	Admin	48.31	0.00	£48.31
201101	HMRC (Feb)	Admin	48.31	0.00	£48.31
201102	F. Jackson (Feb)	Admin	829.71	0.00	£829.71
Direct Debit	Nest Pensions	Admin	26.43	0.00	£26.43
Direct Debit	BT	Admin	264.78	52.96	£317.74
Received: Big Local Grant			£500.00		
Received: SBC Members Grant			£1200.00		
Received: KCC Members Grant			£500.00		

Solar Fund

100025	5 th Sheppey Scouts	Solar	591.94	0.00	£591.94
100026	Eastchurch PCC	Solar	642.00	0.00	£642.00

Balance of Accounts as per Cash Book, reconciled with bank statements as of 31st January 2018

EPC Treasurer	£7845.75
EPC Money Master	£22925.75
Solar Community Benefit Fund	£5130.96

Cllr Brown proposed accepting the schedule of payments. seconded by Cllr Wady. **Acceptance proposal carried.**

The Clerk reported that an SLCC webinar was to take place on 14/03/18 regarding GDPR at a cost of £30.00. Councillors agreed this would be a useful. Cllr Carter proposed purchasing the webinar, seconded by Cllr Wady. **Acceptance proposal carried.**

11) Councillor's Reports (only to include items not previously discussed on the Agenda).

Cllr Carter reported that the ground around the post-box on Warden Road was in an awful state. Warden Road had not been salted over the period of ice and snow and the salt bins were not filled up. A request should be made to KH&T for more salt bins in other areas so that residents could use them to clear the highway. The saltbox at Homestead on Warden Road had not been replaced. KHT should also be questioned as to when they were checked, filled up and how often.

Cllr Wady reported that once again there were large quantities of mud over the footpath at Cheyne Road, due to a householder parking in their front garden on the ground with no hardstanding. Cllr Pullinger had contacted the resident who was going to ensure that it was cleared today. It was suggested that the housing association was contacted to ensure that this did not keep happening.

Cllr Brown reported that someone had gritted the footpaths from the Church through to past the shops in the High Street which had been very welcome. The RAF Anniversary was being celebrated at the Aviation Museum on 24th March at 11am and the Parish Council was invited as VIPs. Cllr Carter said she would be attending. The Clerk to RSVP.

Cllr Pullinger said that the crocuses were coming through.

12) Dates of Next Meetings.

- Finance Committee 8/03/18 at 10.30am
- KH&T 15/03/18 at 11.00am
- Parish Council Meeting 27/03/18 at 7.00pm

13) Closure of Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.57am

Signed.....Chairman

Signed.....Clerk

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