

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Council Events - Coffee Morning – Promoted.

Action Discharged

Litterpick – Successful event held.

Action Discharged

Beating the Bounds – Cancellation communicated via social media and Eastry Village News.

Action Discharged

Gun Park

Skate Park – Tarmac – quotes sourced.

Action Discharged

Dog fouling – More dog warden patrols are being carried out on an on-going basis, irresponsible owners are being challenged and social media and EVN are to be used to try and encourage better behaviour.

Action Discharged

Play Area Improvements

Tenders – Consultation completed with Village and Primary School.

Action Discharged

Cemetery extension – Water table report quotes requested.

Action Discharged

Parish Room refurbishment – Draft specification circulated.

Action Discharged

Energy Bills - Cllr Manion forwarded links to DDC, working party met, Clerk followed up with DDC and Age Concern, Sandwich.

Action Discharged

Parish Councillors

Cllr Barwick checked the defibrillator, Clerk purchased paint for EYPC to use on graffiti on Teen shelter.

Action Discharged

COMMUNICATION

Communication Strategy - Cllr Gourlay will liaise with Cllrs Hay & Ellis.

Action On-going Cllrs Gourlay, Hay & Ellis.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to correspondence received by the Council.

a) Consultation Documents

- i) Deal Leisure Centre Proposals – 20th Sept – 9th Oct

Noted by members.

b) Newsletters and Circulars

- i) Neighbourhood Watch updates & Fraud Alerts
- ii) KALC & NALC – News & CEO Bulletins
- iii) Police Newsletter

Noted by members

- iv) Operation London Bridge, Reading of the Proclamation, Church Service, Coronation budget

The Chair reported that 16 members of the public and Dist Cllr Manion had attended the Reading of the Proclamation and all agreed that the Church Service was very successful, especially the Piper, Cllr Gourlay was asked to convey thanks from the Parish Council to the Piper.

Action Cllr Gourlay

- v) KCC Environment Briefing

Noted by members.

c) Other

- i) KALC - Private Members' Ballot – Local Electricity Bill
- ii) DDC Community Grant Scheme Open – in website & noticeboard & social media- extended to 3rd Oct

Noted by members.

iii) Phonecall re:Letter of Condolence – Hafeez family

Discussions were held, it was agreed that the Chair would write a draft letter of condolence which would be circulated to the members for approval before being sent. The members also RESOLVED to pay for a memorial plaque to go on the bench opposite the Chemist shop, the wording is still to be decided.

Action Cllr Jones & Clerk

iv) KALC – False Autumn Tree Guidance

Noted by members.

6. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues

i) Drainless Road - Closed 25 Sept – 6 days & 22nd Oct – 30 days

ii) Flytipping Thornton Lane – reported

Noted by members.

iii) Rubbish along Eastry bypass reported to Highways – works scheduled 21st Oct-9th Nov, street cleansing in Eastry village – reported to DDC contractors & street cleansing in Woodnesborough reported to DDC & works started.

Discussions were held and it was agreed that the Clerk is to write to McDonalds at Whitfield to complain about the McDonald's packaging often seen on the side of the road.

Action Clerk

iv) Speedwatch – currently no new leader or volunteers

Noted by members.

v) HIP Ideas

Discussions were held, it was agreed that the HIP would go on the agenda for the next meeting to give Parish Councillors chance to consider ideas from parishioners. Clerk to find out when Worth Parish Council are submitting their HIP.

Action Clerk

vi) New bin sites

Discussions were held on the feedback from DDC, it was agreed that the Clerk is to ask DDC to look into installing bins next to the yellow salt/grit bin by the junction with Peak Drive and at the bus stop opposite Halstead on Gore Lane.

Action Clerk

vii) Statenborough Lane, Eastry closed – 3rd Sept– 3 days

viii) Dover Rd, Eastry – closed 26th Sept – 5 days

All the above noted by members.

7. FINANCE

To discuss financial matters affecting the council.

a) Parish Council Grants – no applications yet

It was agreed that the grants would be promoted on social media and on the website.

Action Cllr Hay

8. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED the following payments should be made, proposed by Cllr Barwick and seconded by Cllr Hay.

Payments October 2022				
Receipts				
Interest – Deposit A/c – July & Aug		£20.31		
Paid between meetings				
Card Payments				VAT
Bickers – stickers for play area consultation & string		Card	7.99	1.00
Aldi – milk for coffee morning		Card	2.15	
Virtual landline - Sept		Card	7.96	1.33
Ebay – Bike lock – play area double gates		Card	2.49	

Ebay – Toilet rolls		Card	19.99	
The Five Bells – Litterpickers Brunch		Card	150.00	25.00
B & Q – Paint for Teen Shelter		Card	16.00	2.67
Co-op – milk for coffee morning		Card	1.62	
Already paid – Unity Trust		Cheque No		VAT
Opus Energy – Gas – 5 Aug to 4 Sept		DD	7.20	.34
Everflow Water – Allotments		DD	507.97	
Clerks Salary September 2022		BP	1002.86	
H M Revenue and Customs ER NI Sept	47.33			
H M Revenue and Customs EE NI Sept	3.25			
H M Revenue and Customs PAYE Sept	7.40			
Caretaker - H M Revenue and Customs ER NI Sept	.67			
		BP	58.65	
Employers Pension Contribution Sept	260.62			
Employees Pension Contribution Sept	58.99			
		BP	319.61	
Caretakers Pay Sept 2022		BP	762.45	
Unity Trust – 1/4ly bill		DD	18.00	
To pay – Unity Trust				
AJL Garden Services – Grounds Maintenance - Sept		BP	812.83	
Trevor Oku – Mowing & Cemetery Maintenance - Sept		BP	262.78	
Petty Cash Transfer		BP	750.00	
British Gas – Electricity – 19 Aug to 18 Sept Mtr 21610		DD	22.06	1.05
British Gas – Electricity – 19 Aug to 18 Sept Mtr 21656		DD	11.35	.54

9. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

To discuss and agree actions relating to events

a) Council Events

- i) Coffee Morning – Age Concern attending – 14th October
- ii) Litterpick – Successful & write-up submitted to EVN

Noted by members.

b) Outside Events

- i) KALC Training Events – Dynamic Councillor 23rd Nov 6pm £60

RESOLVED Clerk to book Dynamic Councillor course for Cllr Gourlay.

Action Clerk

- ii) Table-Top Sale – Village Hall – 9th Oct
- iii) VCS Event – Volunteering – DDC 21st Sept

Noted by members.

10. POND AND PARADE

To discuss matters relating to the Pond, Parade and area behind the bus shelter.

a) Pond – Licence/lease update

The Clerk reported that a three year lease rather than a licence was being suggested, still for £1 a year with the same repairs and responsibilities, however there may be legal costs involved. Clerk to report back to Strutt & Parker that the Parish Council did not wish to pay any legal costs.

Action Clerk

b) Strutt & Parker – Church Commissioners Tree Survey at Pond – 29th & 30th Sept

Noted by members.

11. ALLOTMENTS

To discuss matters raised about the Allotments

a) Invoices

Clerk to send out invoices in the next week or so, along with a flyer from the Horticultural Society and a covering letter which will include details of the Allotment Holders Group Facebook page, Cllr Hay will also promote this on social media.

Action Clerk & Cllr Hay

b) Spare plots advertised in EVN

Noted by members.

12. LEISURE FIELDS

To discuss matters relating to the Councils leisure fields and amenities, to receive correspondence relating to leisure fields.

a) Gun Park

i) Skate Park – Tarmac

Still awaiting more quotes so add to the next agenda and ask Evolution to quote for removing the skate park equipment in order to relay the tarmac.

Action Clerk

ii) KCC – Free tree bundles – unsuccessful

Noted by members.

b) Play Area Improvements

i) Tenders

The results of the Village & Primary School Consultation were shared, Playdale & Safeplay both 51 votes each and Kompan - Design 2, received 97 votes. RESOLVED Kompan Design 2 is the chosen new play area design. Clerk to inform all tenderers of the result, start proceedings with Kompan, apply for an Awards For All Grant and look into the Parish Council's capital expenditure funds.

Action Clerk

13. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

To discuss and agree action on matters relating to land controlled by the Council in and around Church Street.

a) Churchyard & Cemetery

i) Cemetery extension – water report

The Clerk had received three quotes for Environmental water reports but the content of them was not exactly the same, it was agreed that the Clerk is to confirm with DDC exactly what they would require for a planning permission submission.

Action Clerk

b) Recreation Ground

Nothing to discuss.

c) Bowling Green & Parish Room

i) Parish Room – removal of electricity meter quotes

The Clerk reported that British Gas charge £98.80, including VAT to remove an electricity meter and the lead time is approximately five weeks, the Clerk had requested three quotes for the re-wire into the new single consumer unit but only received two, £190 from AP Electrical and £360 plus VAT from Seymour & Saunders. RESOLVED instruct British Gas to remove one electricity meter for £98.80 and AP Electrical to re-wire into the new Consumer unit for £190.00.

Action Clerk

ii) Love Energy – Parish Room Electricity & Gas quotes

Due to market instability, Love Energy are currently only able to quote fixed rates for Limited Companies. Clerk to request another quote at the beginning of November, fixed rates don't expire until April for Gas and Electricity in May.

Action Clerk

iii) Parish Room refurbishment

Discussions were held on the tender documents that the Clerk had prepared, it was agreed that disabled toilet access, suitable outside lighting and suitable disabled step-free with railings path access to the building from the pavement is to be added to the specification and that the works should be scheduled to avoid the Bowling season. The Clerk also needs to speak to DDC to check any planning permissions required for the refurbishment and then send around the revised specification before adding to the Government Portal.

Action Clerk

iv) Fire Safety Risk Assessment

Discussions were held, it was agreed that Cllrs Jones & Barwick would work on a draft Fire Safety Risk Assessment which would be circulated for review at the next meeting. **Action Cllrs Jones & Barwick**

v) Path trip hazard – reported by Bowling Club

The trip hazard was actually within the Bowling Club area so it was agreed that it would be their responsibility to resolve it.

14. IMPROVING THE VILLAGE

i) Cost of Living Crisis Leaflet & Meet, Eat & Heat Lunch Club

The Clerk reported that Age Concern wished to run a subsidised satellite lunch club in the Village Hall, running straight after the Coffee Morning, once a month, starting on 28th October, Clerk would sell £4 tickets on behalf of Age Concern. RESOLVED Parish Council to pay for two extra hours hire of the Village Hall after the coffee morning and to spend approximately £100 on leaflets to promote the event and to also promote on social media.

A draft leaflet produced by Cllr Gourlay detailing help for all age groups had been circulated and it was agreed that this would be adjusted for social media by Cllr Hay and then put on the website and social media. Frustrations were expressed about lack of support for those under fifty and it was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up with DDC and the Vicar, who was suggesting a meet, eat and heat for families. Dist Cllr Manion reported that St. Richards's Church, Deal were running a similar project.

Action Clerk, Cllr Hay

ii) Collaboration project with Rivendell

Rivendell, the mental health rehabilitation unit in Eastry had approached the Parish Council to offer help in volunteering roles such as leaflet dropping, help at coffee mornings, litter picking, planting and maintaining the footpath from the High Street to the Gun Park. The Parish Council agreed to this, Clerk to investigate further.

Action Clerk

iii) Fracking

Concerns were expressed about the possibility of fracking in then Woodnesborough area, Dist Cllr Manion advised that the Clerk contact Guston Parish Council for their experiences.

Action Clerk

15. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

a) **County Cllr** – No report.

a) **Dist Cllrs** – Dist. Cllr Manion reported on the Local Plan, it has progressed to the next stage and once approved by full Council will go out to consultation again. He also advised that DDC had a supply of room thermometers to alert people when the room temperature was too cold, Clerk to apply for some to distribute in the parish. **Action Clerk**

b) **Parish Councillors** – Nothing to report.

c) **PCSO** – new – PC Matthew Bensted – attended coffee morning & patrols requested
Noted by members.

16. COMMUNICATION

To agree Council communication to the following media:-

- a) Communication Strategy – Nothing more to discuss
- b) Village News Letter - Deadline 14th Nov for Dec/Jan edition
- c) Web Site – updated regularly
- d) Clerk – Annual Leave – October 20th & 21st

All the above noted by members.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next proposed meeting of the Council will be the Ordinary Meeting on 7th November at 7.30pm 2022.

Scheduled	5 th December	9 th January	6 th February
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The meeting closed at 9.36pm