

# Eynsford Parish Council Committee Minutes, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Mr M Barker (Chair of the Planning Committee), Mr O Young, Mr A Cooke, Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

Pauline Penney & John Jolly

Apologies for Absence:

Mrs F Haxby, Mr D Naylor, Mrs H Sim

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Barker said there is a working group meeting with the consultant Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April and after this he will call a steering group meeting to finalise the Local Green Space proposal.

Councillor Robson ask if the Design Code would be considered as is an extra protection and

Councillor Barker said he would talk to the planner at the meeting about it but thinks the Neighbourhood Plan covers enough.

**Resolved:** That the information is noted.

3) Container, Harrow Meadow

Councillor Cooke Provided an update on the Container; that the base is down and container is being ordered, the container is slightly bigger than originally planned.

**Resolved:** Councillor Cooke will speak to The Trustees and The Riverside Players to get an agreement in place.

The meeting of the Planning Committee closed at 7.49 p.m.

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.49 p.m.**

### Members Present:

Mr M Barker, Mr O Young, Mr A Cooke, Mr V Robson

In the absence of a Committee Chair Mr Robson chaired the meeting

### Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

### Others Present

Pauline Penney & John Jolly

### Apologies for Absence:

Mrs F Haxby, Mr D Naylor, Mrs H Sim

### 1) Declarations of Interest

None

### 2) Election of a Chairperson

Councillors were asked to elect a chair for the Community Committee.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Haxby was elected.

### 3 Quarterly Newsletter

Councillors were asked to suggest and agree items to be included in a parish council newsletter to go out by the end of the month.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed the following articles and who will write them:

Village Hall Update – Alan Cooke

Neighbourhood plan – Michael Barker

Eynsford Village Society – Vince Robson

Eynsford in Bloom news – Anne Marie Fereday

Annual Parish Meeting – Vince Robson

A225 Footpath article – Ollie Young

Meet your new councillor – Ferne Haxby

Green Week events – Erica Russell or Michael Barker

New Councillor Vacancy – Clerks

Reg 18 / Pedham Place – Vince Robson

#### 4) Defibrillator at Eynsford Village Hall

With the closure of the village hall, the council needs to find a new (possibly temporary) host for the defibrillator in the centre of the village, ideally accessible 24/7. The cabinet requires electricity for its light and a small heater. However, the actual defibrillator is battery powered.

**Resolved:** Mr Martin at Rafferty's has kindly offered to have the Defib at the shop, That the Clerks contact Mr Martin to arrange for this to be completed.

The meeting of the Community Committee closed at 7.54 p.m.

**Minutes of a meeting of the Facilities and Environment Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.54 p.m.**

Members Present:

Mr M Barker, Mr O Young, Mr A Cooke, Mr V Robson

In the absence of Mr D Naylor Mr Robson chaired the meeting

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

Pauline Penney & John Jolly

Apologies for Absence:

Mrs F Haxby, Mr D Naylor, Mrs H Sim

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2 Green Team Proposal

The Green Team are planning a week of events focusing on our Chalk Landscape 6 – 14<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors were asked to agree the programme and budget. The Green team didn't have all the finalised bookings and budget details so this will be put to the main meeting next week.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed to help with funding, once details are known.

3) Carbon Literacy Training

Councillors were asked to approve covering the costs of three members of the Green Team undertaking Carbon Literacy training. They will be able to lead sessions for others in the village. Carbon Literacy is defined as “An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.” Put simply, ‘Carbon Literacy’ is the ability to understand, communicate about, and act on climate change in our daily lives. It’s about being equipped and empowered to

deliver the best possible climate action, wherever you live, work or study. The cost is £30 per person.

**Resolved:** That Councillors approve funding for this training.

#### 4) River Footpath

A resident has requested a footpath from Farningham to Otford along the Darent riverbank. They have provided a map with spots at which river access is not possible.

John Jolly came to the meeting being that resident and gave an update on the path and advised he has contacted KCC Public Right of ways team (PROW) with all his findings and all the details needed.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed to back John in this quest, they are fully supportive, if he needs further support that this is brought back to another meeting.

The meeting of the Facilities and Environment Committee closed at 8.05 p.m.

## **Appendix Q**

### **Public Questions from the Meeting of Eynsford Parish Council, held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

At 8.05 p.m. the meeting was opened to questions from the public.

Pauline Penney thanked the council regarding the post that was fixed at the school. She said that the drains are still blocked around Eynsford: The Baptist Church, Parsonage Bank and Eynsford Rise, she was advised By Councillor Robson that these have all been reported to Highways and have been added to a priority list to be delt with.

She asked for the War Memorial chain and post to be fixed as there is judging to be held there in June, this is on the next agenda as quotes have been requested to fix these issues.

The public questions ended at 8.08 pm