

Minutes of Eynsford Parish Council Committee Meetings 4th August 2025

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 4th August 2025 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker (Chair of the Planning Committee), Mr A Cooke, Mrs J Laird, Mr D Naylor, Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs H Ivaldi

Others Present

None

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Griffiths, Mrs H Sim, Mr O Young

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Neighbourhood Plan Update / Microsoft Office

Mr Robson reported that the household questionnaires have now been distributed to all household and most businesses in the village. He noted we need to encourage people to complete the forms. Mrs Laird reported that she had had some positive conversations whilst delivering questionnaires to businesses. It was noted that the steering group or councillors might need to visit households to encourage them to complete the questionnaires.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group sometimes had need for use of office software such as Microsoft Teams and Microsoft Forms. It was noted that the current licence could not be used by councillors as it provided access to protected documents and data held by the parish council. It was suggested that an additional licence be purchased to be installed on the parish council laptop that could be borrowed by councillors or clerks as required.

Resolved: That an additional Microsoft Business user licence is purchased costing £115 + Vat per year to be installed on the parish council laptop.

3) Village Hall Contractor

Mr Cooke told members that the Eynsford Village Hall Trustees had agreed on a preferred contractor, GA Harper, to undertake the construction of the new village hall. Members were asked to approve the choice. It was noted that the contract would be between the village hall trustees and the contractor.

Resolved: That the appointment is approved.

4) Planning Application 25/01968/PIP – Land South of Mote Cottages, High Street, Eynsford

Erection of dwellings with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 dwellings and associated ancillary works.

Due to the deadline for response, the Clerk responded using delegated authority as follows:

Councillors have no objections to this proposed development. We would like to request that this development is used for affordable and/or small starter homes as there is a need for these in the village. We are pleased to see the mature tree and hedgerow at the front of the site preserved. We would like to request a wildlife survey as badgers have been seen in the area.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

The meeting of the Planning Committee closed at 7.59 p.m.

**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee of Eynsford Parish Council
held on Monday 4th August 2025 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.59 p.m.**

Members Present:

Mrs J Laird (Chair of the Community Committee), Mr M Barker, Mr A Cooke, Mr D Naylor, Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs H Ivaldi

Others Present

None

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Griffiths, Mrs H Sim, Mr O Young

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Lullingstone Liaison Group Meeting

Mrs Laird gave an update on the most recent meeting of the group which she had attended. It was reported that the improved pathway between Lullingstone Castle and Lullingstone Visitor Centre had been started (now completed). There had been some ash dieback in the park. The park had received lots of school visits and the forest school was popular. Those present were interested in Eynsford's Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

3) Visit to Beams

Mrs Laird reported that she had attended the Beams open day event. Beams is a charity supporting disabled children and families in Sevenoaks and Dartford districts and the parish council has made donations towards their work. Mrs Laird was impressed with the work that the charity do.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

The meeting of the Community Committee closed at 8.07 p.m.

Public Questions taken at the Committee meetings on 4th August 2025

At 8.07pm the meeting was opened to questions from the public.

Mr Barker, in his role as District Councillor for Eynsford reported that enforcement action relating to Girdle Bridge Cottage had been dropped by Sevenoaks District Council.

Public questions ended at 8.10pm.