

Eynsford Parish Council Committee Minutes 7th July 2025

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.40 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

None

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Griffiths

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Draft Report on Pedham Place

Councillors were asked to review the draft report from Tibbalds on the Pedham Place development and to note any comments or amendments to send back via Farningham Parish Council.

Resolved: That councillors email comments to Mr Barker who will collate the comments and respond to Farningham Parish Council for the group within the next 72 hours as this is urgent.

3) Planning Application 25/01127/FUL - Unit 3 Lullingstone Park Farm Barn Estate Lullingstone Lane Eynsford Kent DA4 0JA

Siting of two storage containers.

Since the parish council submitted its response to this application, correspondence had been received from a resident (circulated). Additionally, Sevenoaks District Council are deciding whether to take this application to committee, rather than an officer decision.

Resolved: That councillors agreed to withdraw their objection to the application.

4) Tree Work Application 25/01791/WTPO – 60 Old Mill Close

Removal of an Ash Tree

The Tree Warden has been asked for comments. As at the time of the meeting there was no response from the Tree Warden

Resolved: That the information is noted.

5) Tree Work Application 25/01749/WTPO – 24 Old Mill Close

Various works to trees

The Tree Warden has been asked for comments. As at the time of the meeting there was no response from the Tree Warden

Resolved: That the information is noted.

6) Tree Work Application 25/01792/WTCA – Castle House, High Street

Remove an apple tree

The Tree Warden has been asked for comments. As at the time of the meeting there was no response from the Tree Warden

Resolved: That the information is noted.

The meeting of the Planning Committee closed at 8.08 p.m.

**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee of Eynsford Parish Council
held on Monday 7th July 2025 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 8.08 p.m.**

Members Present:

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

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

None

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Griffiths

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Election of a Chairperson

Members were asked to elect a Chair of the Community Committee

Resolved: That Mrs Laird is elected as Chair

3) Anti-Social and Criminal Behaviour at Riverside

Councillors were asked to discuss recent incidents, the police response and any actions for the future.

Mrs Laird presented an email received from My Community Voice which has been shared on Facebook. In the statement it asks all residents to report all incidents to the police and provides instructions on how to do so.

Numerous incidents have been causing distress among residents, leading to a sense of intimidation. Councillors noted the effectiveness of the S34 ASB dispersal order implemented the weekend of 27th June 2025.

Resolved: Councillors have requested two meetings be set up ASAP: one being with the Local Businesses to discuss the matter and one with the Police and the public.

4) Family Fun Day Activities

Councillors were asked to agree costs for additional fun day activities beyond the core activities provided by Sevenoaks District Council.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to the additional costs for the hire of face painting at £225.00 & a bouncy castle slide at £150.00.

Total being £375.00 from the Summer Play Session budget.

The meeting of the Community Committee closed at 8.29 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 8.29 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr A Cooke (Chair of the Open Spaces Committee), Mr M Barker, Mr D Naylor, Mr V Robson, Mr O Young, Mrs H Sim, Mrs J Laird

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

None

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Griffiths

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Matched Funding – Pitch Maintenance Grant

Councillors were asked to agree their commitment to provide matched funding for 25% of the cost of a multi-tool piece of equipment to maintain the football pitch, that the council is applying for from the Football Foundation. The total cost is just over £3000, so the parish council's contribution would be approx. £750.

Mr Cooke provided information about multipurpose tool which is needed for drainage and other maintenance on the pitch to keep it at the high level, this had been recommended by the FA.

Resolved: Councillors agreed the pitch is an asset and needs looking after and therefore to agree to the £750 contribution.

3) Use of Football Pitch during the Summer

A local resident has asked whether they could use the football pitch on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings for football training for children throughout the summer. This would mainly be for Eynsford & Farningham children. The resident has their own equipment and is a teacher so would take full responsibility.

Resolved: Regrettably the Councillors have had to decline this request. The pitch is new and requires time to recover from the busy season and the recent dry weather. It necessitates a top dressing to restore its condition and recover.

That the clerk is to reply to the resident and suggest contacting the local school. They will also advise trying again next summer when the pitch is more established.

The meeting of the Open Spaces Committee closed at 8.38 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Facilities & Environment Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 8.38 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr D Naylor (Chair of the Open Spaces Committee), Mr A Cooke, Mr M Barker, Mr V Robson, Mr O Young, Mrs H Sim, Mrs J Laird

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

None

Apologies for Absence:

Mr J Griffiths

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Footpath adjacent to Lullingstone Lane.

Councillors were asked to discuss the historic footpath through the fields to the east of Lullingstone Lane.

On a recent bike ride Mr Young observed people walking in the road rather than a footpath. Upon further investigation he discovered that the footpath was out of date and not on any recent ramblers maps. Consequently, he hoped we could start a lost paths campaign.

Resolved: Mrs Laird will investigate to see if the path has been stopped up (Ceased to be a footpath) and inform Mr Young of her findings, they will also communicate with Susan Pitman from the Crockenhill and Eynsford Rights of Way Group to see if she has any information on this historic path.

3) Acrostic Trees, Lullingstone

Councillors were asked to discuss maintenance of the acrostic trees at Lullingstone during this very dry spell.

Resolved: Councillors are to enquire with the Alexander family if they would be willing to assist by filling up a water bowser near to the trees. This will then enable the councillors to water the trees, and then after ask the Tree Warden regarding the next steps.

The meeting of the Facilities and Environment Committee ended at 8.54p.m.