

Eynsford Parish Council Committee Minutes, 2nd March 2026

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2026 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker (Chair of the Planning Committee), Mr J Griffiths, Mr A Cooke, Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

3 Members of the public

Apologies for Absence:

Mr O Young, Mr D Naylor, Mrs H Sim

1) Declarations of Interest

None

2) Planning Application 26/00109/HOUSE – 2 Bower Lane, Eynsford

Councillors were asked to discuss the proposed rear extension.

Resolved: Councillors objected to the planning as looks like it could be more than 50% of original house and in AONB and Green Belt, it also goes up to the neighbour's fence, so could cause light issues.

3) Planning Application 26/00224/HOUSE – 9 Priory Fields, Eynsford

Councillors were asked to discuss the application for the removal of a rear bay window, a proposed rear orangery and part garage conversion and alterations to the fenestration.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to no objections

4) Local Government Reorganisation

Councillors were asked to respond to a consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Kent and to select which of the proposed options they prefer.

Resolved: Councillors support Option 3a. This is:

Folkestone and Hythe District Council, Maidstone Borough Council, Sevenoaks District Council, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council proposed 3 unitary councils. These would comprise the current areas of:

- **North:** Dartford, Gravesham, Medway, and Swale
- **West:** Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, and Tunbridge Wells
- **East:** Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, and Thanet

This proposal is known locally as proposal 3A

This keeps existing district boundaries intact. The Clerk will reply on behalf of the Council.

5) National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

Councillors were asked to respond to the latest NPPF consultation.

Resolved: Councillors agreed not to respond to the current NPPFC.

6) Neighbourhood plan update

Councillor Griffiths provided an update on the progress of the Local Green Space consultation that went live Monday 3rd March 2026. He reported a positive response from all parties involved and confirmed that the consultation is proceeding well. A meeting is being held at the parish office on Friday 6th March where Mr Griffiths is seeking election as Chair. The public are invited to the Steering Group meeting which will be followed by a private session with the Consultant on the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan. An Additional meeting will be held on 9th March at Olive seal Hall at 6.30pm for those that unable to make the daytime meetings. A pop up at Eynsford station is in the process of being approved.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

7) Village Hall Update

Councillor Cooke Provided an update on the Eynsford Village Hall project advising that the final design has been approved for the contractors to seek prices to proceed with the works. Mr Cooke has called another meeting to finalise and tweak a few issues with the electrics, Mr Griffiths has offered his help and advice for this meeting.

Resolved: That the Information was noted

The meeting of the Planning Committee closed at 7.57 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee of Eynsford Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2026 held at Eynsford Parish Office at 7.57 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr M Barker, Mr J Griffiths, Mr A Cooke, Mr V Robson

Clerk in Attendance:

Mrs J Tunbridge

Others Present

3 Members of the public

Apologies for Absence:

Mr O Young, 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 Jim Griffiths was elected.

3 Riverside Public Space Protection Order

Councillors were asked to respond as a council to the PSPO consultation for Riverside.

Resolved: Councillors agreed that the Clerk will reply on behalf of the Council.

4) Eynsford Stories Project

A member of the community wants to create an audio documentary of life in Eynsford, the focus initially being on older generations - the plan is to capture the stories people have to tell about their life and things they recall about village life. Professional equipment will cost around £2,000.00.

Councillors were asked to agree on a donation amount of £100 towards the project.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to the £100 donation towards the project.

The meeting of the Community Committee closed at 8.03 p.m.

Appendix Q

Public Questions from the Meeting of Eynsford Parish Council, held on Monday 2nd March 2026

At 8.03 p.m. the meeting was opened to questions from the public.

Pauline Penney mentioned that she has already spoke with Eynsford in Bloom and Councillor Cooke re EIB removing their belongings from the current Village Hall.

The public questions ended at 8.10 pm