

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday

18 September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: M Childs (Chair), P Baker, C Britcher, S Flack, P Clarke

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (BDC) and 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from S Norman (holiday – approved) and J Finch

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** in any item on this Agenda – none

3. Reports:

B Hurren (BDC) confirmed that the move to Endeavour House had been postponed to October. The Boundary Review which is under way proposed splitting Boxford from Groton and Edwardstone. Alternative proposals have been put forward to keep them together. The second phase of the Goodlands development in Boxford is still causing controversy because of the inevitable negative impact on Swan Street. The mobile phone mast on the A1071 is now working well. Konings, who have taken over Copella, have a planning application in. There are objections due to the additional traffic movements, but the proposals will provide additional employment.

4. **The Minutes** of the Meeting of 17 July 2017 were approved and signed.

5. **Councillor vacancy** – No applications had been received since the last meeting. The vacancy will continue to be advertised with a notice to be inserted in the BRN, making it clear that this vacancy has been outstanding since 2015.

6. Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public.

Mr and Mrs Milsom of Well House, Round Maple gave a brief presentation on their proposal to build 2 small cottages next to their existing house. Once they have made their planning application, Councillors will consider the filed plans and comment accordingly.

Daphne Clark reported that the disabled toilet in the Parish Hall had now been repaired with grant funding from BDC and she thanked B Hurren for his assistance. The Parish Hall has a new treasurer.

P Baker referred to the Better Broadland newsletter and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact SCC to ask whether the outlying parts of Edwardstone fall within the 98% of properties to be reached by 2020, or the remaining 2%.

7. Highway and Footpath Matters

7.1. **Potholes** – no additional issues.

7.2. **Speeding traffic** – no additional issues.

7.3. **Footpath cutting** – P Baker reported that all were currently in order.

8. Planning Matters

8.1. Planning applications received – none.

8.2. Planning decisions received – Fletchwood, Sherbourne Street – approved; 1A Mill Green – approved.

9. Financial Matters

9.1. The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved as under and the cheques

were signed. The accounts to date were checked and approved.

Business Savings Account as at 31 August 2017	£2517.76
Business Current Account as at 31 August 2017	<u>£4741.38</u>
Total	<u>£7259.14</u>

Payments received

28/7/17	HMRC	VAT refund	£70.91
21/8/17	HMRC	Tax refund	£63.20

Cheque no	Amount	Payee	Purpose
100818	473.06	Anita Robinson	Clerk's salary 1/7/17-30/9/17
100819	5.40	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's salary
100820	16.07	Anita Robinson	Clerk's expenses
d/d	35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration

9.2. The adequacy of the budget for 2017-18 was considered and approved.

9.3. The external auditor's report on the Annual Return was approved.

10. **Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence** – Councillors considered the information received from Anglian Water regarding the water main renewal from Mill Green via Round Maple towards Lindsey, due to start at the end of October 2017. This will cause road closures but has to be carried out.

11. **Future Agenda items** – broadband

12. **The date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Monday 20 November 2017. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Chairman

Date