

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Supplement to the Agenda for Full Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 19th February 2025

7. County Councillors, Borough Councillors, Residents,

7.1 To receive reports from County Councillor, Borough Councillors

TMBC Councillor Matt Boughton: Having discussed the issues being faced by residents living in Coult's Close and Coult's Cottage, Matt will be following up the condition of the road with the landowner and investigating any agreement with the leaseholders regarding upkeep. As the road is un-adopted, it is not a matter for Kent Highways, but the regular blocking of the side road by those frequenting the Co-op shop is a safety issue as well as a nuisance to residents.

Enforcement have been in contact with the landowner along Hale Street, regarding the white fence and gates, requesting they put in a planning application or remove them. Awaiting an update as to whether one has been received.

A 'structure' has appeared next to Khan Spice, and the landowner has been contacted twice by Enforcement but still early days in the process. He requests if any residents get in touch regarding any further development, to let him know.

7.2 To receive correspondence from residents

The office has received correspondence regarding the new fencing around the adult exercise equipment and complaining that their children can no longer use it. They were reminded that this was for their children's safety as much as the preservation of the equipment.

An email request regarding CCTV being installed in the centre of the village to help with the poor traffic / parking created by the takeaway collections in the evening and the damage done to residents' cars was received. As the council does not own any land that side of the road, it would not be possible for the council to do so, nor does it have any powers regarding the poor parking. Resident was advised to report to Kent Highways for advice.

Dog fouling has been brought to the council's attention by several residents and a meeting with the dog warden has been had. The link to report any witnessing of dog owners failing to clear up after their dog has been widely circulated.

An email regarding the parking along Church Lane due to footballers and the 'suggested' over use of the football pitches has been received. The parking issue has previously been raised both with the teams and Kent Highways, and will be raised again. Resident kindly provided photos which will be forwarded to Kent Highways.

8. To receive a report from the Chairman / Clerk

Clerks' Report:

Following last month's meeting, the Precept for 2025/26 was submitted, as were the applications for S106 monies to fund the new fencing around the adult exercise equipment and the conversion of the old ref's changing room into a public toilet. The conversion is underway and so far all going well. Still awaiting receipt of the funds, Matt Boughton is following up with them.

The office received a malicious letter last week, which has been reported to the police. It will be delivered to them tomorrow (Wednesday) to see if they can trace where it was sent from. The new bins in the playground and by the MUGA have all been installed, along with the boot scrapers and the bike rack.

The issue with the rubbish bins and dog poo bins around the village not being emptied regularly has been raised with TMBC and followed up by Matt Boughton. Any subsequent missed collections have been reported to Matt who has ensured they are then emptied within a day or so and the process is so far working well.

Myself and Jackie completed the online Legionella Awareness course last week, which we both found very useful. We will be relooking at our current measures to ensure we comply in all areas, as well as considering other safety aspects.

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11. Finance

11.5 To consider options for applying for the Cost of Living Grant that is now open to EPPC
Paddock Wood Advice Centre is currently looking for financial support from EPPC and their request for a donation is currently on-hold until the new financial year. One suggestion would be to apply for £300 on their behalf. Another proposal would be to use the funding to help residents over the Easter period such as snack bags for families needing to provide more meals and snacks for children during the holidays and then an alternative options for older residents to help tackle isolation etc.

11.6 To consider any increase in Allotment Fees for 2025/26
Current annual allotment fee income is £1100. The budget this year for maintenance is £500 but this has been overspent by £200 due to the need for pest control; the extra cost has not been passed on to allotment holders. Next year's maintenance budget is £700. Decision required as to whether wish to increase the annual fee or keep it the same.

12. Dog Exercise Area, to be located in the field next to the current allotment site

We have received an enquiry regarding sharing our allotment entrance to the site to enable access to the field to the right of it, as owned by the school. The enquirer has an agreement with the school to hire the field from them for use as a secure dog walking field and would install their own 6ft deer fence to ensure this. The proposal is subject to the necessary planning application and procedures, part of which is the need to ensure a safe and suitable entrance from Church Lane for potential customers.

They are considering two possible options for access:

1. **A Dedicated Entrance:** They apply for a new entrance directly from the road, designed to be wide and deep enough for vehicles to pull off safely before entering the site—similar to the existing allotments entrance.
2. **Shared Access via the Allotments Entrance:** they wish to explore the possibility of sharing the current allotments entrance, with a pathway leading into the field beneath the CCTV camera, where there is already an opening in the fence.
For security, their dog walking sites operate with coded gates. Each customer receives a unique code one hour before their booking. Managing this would be straightforward on our end, but we would need to discuss how often the code is updated and whether it aligns with the allotments' current access procedures.

13. Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields

13.1 To consider request by EP Juniors to host a football tournament on the playing fields in the summer and note potential issues that may require resolving

Main things to consider are parking, impact of inclement weather, potential impact on residents and costings. Parking could be resolved by reserving space on the field for parking and having a one-way system, so entry via the JH carpark and exit past the school. Obviously if we have very wet weather around that time, this would probably require an alternative option. The impact on residents in general would be the playing fields area being in use most of the day and additional noise. Parking could be reserved for residents at the far end of the car park for those wishing to use the tennis courts and playground etc. Costings would need to take into account the extra cleaning required indoors after the event and possibly external rubbish too. As an initial suggestion for costings, if we charged for 3 pitches and hall hire at £10.50 each so £42 per hour, x 6 hours = £252. Exact timings etc to be confirmed, the team would just like to know if feasible at this point.

13.2 To consider request from potential hirer regarding adding rigging to the ceiling of the sports hall for use during ariel yoga classes

Please see below the questions we put to the hirer and the responses received:

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What rigging is required?

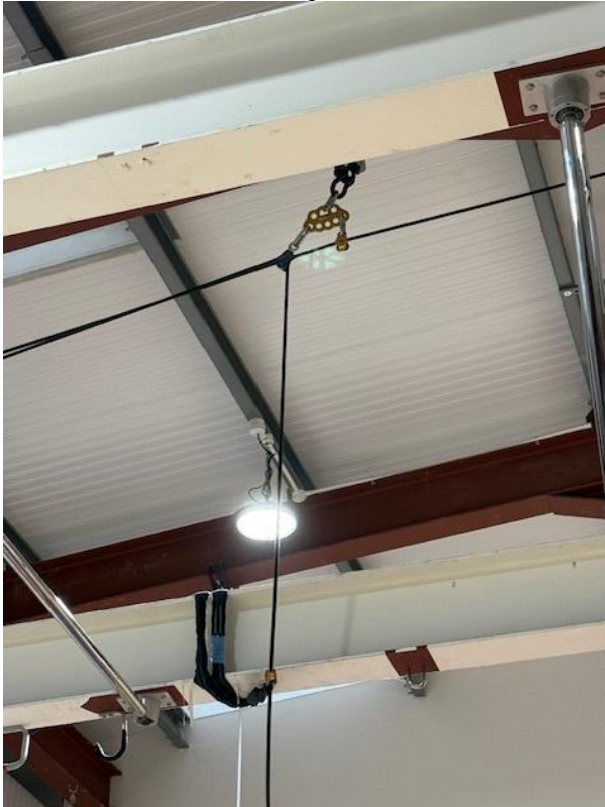
The rigging would be carabiners which would be hoisted to the ceiling and then let down during the class to hang hammocks. When they're not being used, they would be up high and not really noticeable.

Who would cover the cost of this works? Would you cover the costs to have this regularly safety checked?

I would cover the cost of the rigging. It would be done by a professional and regularly safety checked.

Could I have a photograph of the rigging?

It would be something similar to this:



How is the rigging put away after each session?

After each session, the rigging would be up high out of reach. The hammocks would be removed.

Will you be insured to cover any damage to the ceiling?

I would take out insurance but there would be no damage to the ceiling. I wouldn't do it if that would be the case. I'd first take the advice of a professional to see if it would even be possible ahead of us agreeing anything.

No one else would be able to use the rigging. It would be specific to aerial yoga.

13.3 To consider the hourly hire rates of the Jubilee Sports Hall and Meeting Room for 2025/26 Current predictions show a £4000 increase in hire income for each the hall and the sports pitches this financial year. Maintenance is currently within budget as are energy costs. Prices did not increase for hall hire this financial year, and the cost of the football pitches only increased by the cost of pitch marking. The pitches will need some maintenance at the end of the season although we are waiting to hear from the FA if we are eligible for some funding towards that. Increase in use does require increase in upkeep maintenance and cleaning so anticipate an increase in costs, plus the amount of time office staff have to allocate to the management and billing of hire.

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14. **To approve the Trustees of the Boorman's Almshouses Trust**
Letter from the Boorman's Almshouses Trust circulated on email with details of the current Trustees
15. **Confirmation of date and time of the Annual Parish Meeting in May**
Last year the meeting was held on the evening of Thursday 23rd May, consider if wish to hold it on a week day evening or weekend, and format for this year.