

# **EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL**

**2nd June, 2016**

**At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall**

## **PRESENT**

Mr C Allington (Chairman), Mrs L Ballard, Mr P Cramp, Mrs H Kilroy, Mr R Marsden, Mr D New and Mr D Phillips

County Councillor Mr D Whittington and District Councillors Mr J Charles and Mr C Hughes were in attendance

Apologies were received from District Councillor Mr K Ballard and CPSO Billingham.

## **WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR**

153. Members were pleased to welcome Mr R Marsden as a co-opted member of the council.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

154. None.

## **MINUTES**

155. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 2016, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

## **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

156. County councillor Mr Whittington advised members that he was happy to represent the council, as well as WSCC at a meeting with the Church Commissioners and their agents on footpath 231 to progress the development of a cycleway along that route. He referred to the WSCC consultation in regard to savings from reduction in waste disposal facilities. Members expressed concern as to the likely increase in fly tipping and the movement of expenditure from WSCC to ADC. This expenditure was likely to be increased beyond any savings that might be made. A complaint regarding the state of the road outside the pharmacy in Barnham Road had been brought to the WSCC's attention following a parishioner's fall there recently. Complaints at the surge in numbers of advertising signs, and the time that they are left up, was discussed. Councillor Hughes indicated that he had been moved from the Local Plan sub-committee. Councillor Charles indicated that he had been given the role of Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning. There was not much happening in regard to the Local Plan although some ideas were coming through and the West Bank of the river was to be developed with greater numbers of housing. His thought was that the BEW site might be restricted to 2000 units rather than 3000.

157. Resolved 1: That a response to the WSCC waste consultation be delivered urging no change

158. Resolved 2: That the Clerk report the defective road to WSCC.

## **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

159. Members were advised of recent decisions. Members discussed applications EG/42/16/HH, EG/28/16/HH, and EG/43/16/HH. Concern was expressed as to the application at Hunters Chase. There was no difference to the original application, only a change in law meant that the developer avoided paying a contribution to the council. Members considered that their original objections to the first application were still relevant and should be repeated. The application at 52 Elm Grove South raised concerns only as to surface and foul water discharge in this flood risk area. Members were advised that there had been little further progress in regard to the NP but further meetings were to be arranged. Members considered a written invitation from ADC to a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. The meeting related to Parish Clerk Liaison and was timed during the working day and was, therefore, inconvenient to all working councillors and clerks. Reference was made to the continuing work at the Elm Grove property where the owner had been ordered to take down a garage area. District Councillor Charles indicated that the owner had been served with papers requiring his attendance at court proceedings, which were likely to take place in the near future. Members considered a request for payment by M Chaffe for attending 5 days of the Dandara Inquiry.
160. **Resolved 1:** That application EG/28/16/HH be commented upon in regard to foul and surface water impacts.
161. **Resolved 2:** That objections to the Hunters Chase proposal be repeated in respect of the repeated application.
162. **Resolved 3:** That Maureen Chaffe, or suitable substitute, be asked to attend the meeting and a letter be delivered asking for more conveniently timed meetings.
163. **Resolved 4:** That Maureen Chaffe be paid for 5 days attendance and 1 day preparation for the Inquiry.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

164. Members were advised of correspondence from Nathaniel Litchfield asking for a meeting and a request for a contribution to allow the website Flickr account to be utilized without repeat advertising. Members considered the possibility of a litter pick, supported in principle. Letters of complaint relating to trees were referred to at the sportsfield and open space areas. The Clerk confirmed that the complaints had been referred to the ADC tree contractors for guidance.
165. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk confirm that the Chairman would meet with Nathaniel Litchfield.
166. **Resolved 2:** That a payment of £50 be authorised to improve the Flickr account

## **PARISH HALL**

167. Members were advised that the electrical contractor had recommended lights and an example was shown. Members were advised of the hall committee meeting which was uneventful and that Mr Cann had offered to undertake decorating. The council's hall committee members were reviewed and Mr Marsden offered to join that committee. The

frontage had not been attended to and it was suggested that wi-fi would be an asset for the hall in seeking more customers.

168. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk deliver a copy of the surveyor's report to Mr Marsden who will join the Hall Committee
169. **Resolved 2:** That the electrical contractor be instructed to complete the work at the hall
170. **Resolved 3:** That the Clerk request M Chaffe's advice in relation to wi-fi in the hall.
171. **Resolved 4:** That Mrs Kilroy will arrange for the frontage work to be undertaken.

### **SPORTSFIELD**

172. Members were advised that the fence supports placed on the sportsfield had been removed. A complaint in regard to a gateway at the play area was received. Members expressed concern at the continuing problems with emptying of the play area litter bin. Provision of a quote from an Architect, Richard Atkinson was discussed in relation to works at the pavilion and a specification would be provided by Mr Phillips.
173. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk request the emptying of the bin from ADC.
174. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk arrange for an emergency repair to the gateway at the play area.
175. **Resolved 3:** That the Clerk request a quotation from an Architect.

### **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

176. Members discussed the poor attendance at the Assembly and ways in which to encourage better attendance. Apologies were received from the 5 Villages Minibus charity and from Judy Wykes of the Stoolball Club. Members noted the much larger audience at other village parishes and the similar agenda for their meeting. It was felt that the event had to be advertised better.
177. **Resolved:** That the meeting be better advertised next year.

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

178. Members considered the provision of a wreath for the forthcoming Remembrance Ceremony. Members discussed the forthcoming refurbishment of the memorial and the grant application to part fund the same.
179. **Resolved:** That the wreath be provided and a grant of £75 be made to the Legion.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

180. The Clerk had not circulated the statements for May due to printer problems. Copies of bank statements were circulated.
181. **Resolved:** That the Clerk arrange an IT review of the council's equipment and the bank statements be noted and payments be authorised.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT**

182. Members considered the requirements of the audit and firstly considered the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/2016

183. **Resolved:** Members resolved to answer all governance questions in the affirmative, save that question 9 was considered not applicable, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

184. Members then considered the Accounting Statements for 2015/2016

185. **Resolved:** Members resolved to approve the statements signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and authorised the Chairman to sign the same

**MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES**

186. Members were advised of the forthcoming JDAC meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

187. None.

**OPEN FORUM**

188. None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

189. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting will be 14th July, 2016.

Signed : ..... Dated : .....