

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

1st June, 2017

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

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

Mr K Ballard was in attendance

Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr D Whittington

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

148. None

MINUTES

149. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

150. District Councillor Mr Ballard noted that ADC were writing to landowners prompting them to apply for planning permission. He also noted that there were no local ward councillors on the planning or building control committees and this was considered to be a disadvantage to the parishes.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

151. Members were advised of a number of applications and decisions. In particular, It was reported that the application to remove the tree at Bentworth had been approved but with a condition that another tree be planted to replace the tree. No objections were raised in regard to applications EG/25/17/HH, EG/57/16/PL or EG/33/17/PL. Members considered a request for Elm trees at Elmdale to be protected with a preservation order. Members were advised of the NP update and the response to the Sec. of State's request for comment upon a recent court decision. Members were advised of the ADC approach to housing land supply and the Local Plan Housing Implementation Strategy which revealed a 5 year supply. This compared to a response in the Dandara inquiry of just a 2 year supply. The Clerk referred to the difficulties in effecting an on-line response to the Modifications consultation, but a response was entered and did request representation at the LP Inquiry. Reference was made to a litter pick.

152. **Resolved 1:** That there be no objection to the reported applications

153. **Resolved 2:** That the council write to ADC in support of the application for a TPO at Elmdale

154. **Resolved 3:** That there be no Litter Pick organised by the council

CORRESPONDENCE

155. The Clerk circulated files of correspondence and referred to the items therein. Members considered a letter from Mr Browne of Elm Grove South requesting help with parking in that road and notifying the council of their request for a meeting with the Headmaster of St. Philip Howard School. Members discussed the possibility of local Car Parking Zones and the need for a warden to enforce dog fouling, litter and parking restrictions. This was supported by complaints relating to fouling in a number of locations. Members considered that the idea of a warden be introduced at the next Precept for 2018/2019 and form part of the Annual Parish Assembly. The Chairman reported receipt of an interesting thank you letter from Village Friends in respect for the grant given by the council
156. **Resolved 1:** That the Chairman write to the School Headmaster encouraging the organisation of a meeting with local residents
- 157 **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk respond to the complainant regarding dog bin provision

PARISH HALL

158. Members were advised that the frontage had been trimmed to keep it tidy but also to accommodate the daffodil bulbs. The recent Hall Committee meeting was referred to and support for the search for a new Manager was received. Members had requested details of the closing date for the appointment but none has been decided yet. A leak in the gents toilet was reported and the council thanked Mr Kilroy for his assistance in that regard. The installation of Wi-Fi was considered a matter best left to the incoming Manager. This was also felt to be the best that could be achieved given the surveyors lack of progress. The toilets, however were a matter of urgency. The hall curtains were to be collected by the Clerk, from the cleaners.
159. **Resolved 1:** That the Advertisement be approved and placed upon the noticeboards
- 160 **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk attempt to expedite refurbishment of the toilets.

SPORTSFIELD

161. Members were informed that the play area neighbours were still to be asked to repair the fence. The repairs to several of the pieces of equipment were still to be undertaken and were awaiting delivery of the equipment. The Clerk reported that the gate had been replaced but could not be fixed to another post as the post would likely damage the drains/footings under the ground.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

162. Members discussed the matter of a grant to purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Ceremony. It was reported that Mr Marsden would deal with provision of the wreath, and another for BPC, if required.

WAR MEMORIAL

163. Members were advised that the orders for work had been delivered and the cleaning should proceed as hoped for. Members discussed the possibility of provision of a similar stone placed on the roundabout which could be inscribed. It might also hold sand for the placement of crosses. The roundabout was noted subject to listing and would not require permissions nor impact on the council's agreement with the War Memorial Trust.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

164. The Clerk had circulated the statements for May by e-mail and at the meeting. Members appeared not to have received the mail.

165. **Resolved 1:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT

166. Members considered the accounting statements for 2016/17 and approved the same and authorised the Chairman to sign the same

167. **Resolved 1:** That the Accounting Statements 2016/17 be approved.

REPORT OF MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

168. Members were advised of a BEWAG meeting. The Church Commissioners representative was reported to be less than helpful and was asked to approve the cycleway. Reference was made to packet treatment plants and their inappropriateness for local development. Southern Water's approach to small development was said to be markedly different to large development and the increase in private companies providing sewerage for developments was noted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

169. None.

OPEN FORUM

170. Members were advised that a near miss involving a mother and child near Tesco store had been reported. The risk to pedestrians and other traffic was significant due to the allowance of parking at the front of the site. The Chairman indicated that he would press the CEO of the store owners to take steps to prevent the inevitable before it occurs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

171. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting will be 6th July 2017.

Signed : Dated :