

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

1st December, 2016

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

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

District Councillors Mr Ballard and Mr Hughes, ADC Officer Mr Crowther and no parishioners were in attendance

Apologies were received from Mr C Allington and County Councillor Mr D Whittington

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

315. None.

MINUTES

316. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2016, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

317. District Councillor Hughes referred to a BEW planning briefing meeting attended by Cala Homes and Barratts, being part of a "Southern Consortium" Cala presented details of their proposals. It was felt that this was a helpful meeting that would inform the parishes although Mr Hughes acknowledged the council's position in relation to the timing and need for such a meeting when the Local Plan had not been approved by the Inspector and no decision had been made as to the BEW proposal. Another meeting was planned for the 16th February 2017. HELAA sites were referred to and Mr Crowther gave helpful information as to the process and the meaning of an "earmarked site". Housing requirement numbers had increased enormously from those taken into account by the NP and there was a clear need for the NP to be updated, taking those increased numbers into account, if the NP was to remain a valuable document within the planning process. Presently there was a significant gap between the housing numbers that are capable of being delivered within 5 years and the number required by the Government. This puts the area at further risk of planning by developer. It was noted that Southern Water was being more helpful in discussions with ADC and this was beneficial when dealing with the problems of infrastructure which, the members indicated, should be in place before development is allowed. Mr Crowther was not prepared to accept that the stance presented by ADC in undermining the value of the NP, both at the Inquiry and in correspondence, would cause difficulty in asking the public volunteers to go through the process again.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

318. Members were aware of published decisions that had been made and one application relating to tree pruning was considered appropriate to be referred to the ADC Arboriculturalist. The outcome of the Dandara "Call in" was still awaited. Mr Crowther advised members of the legal basis for Section 106 monies and CIL contributions which had to be directly related to the build and of appropriate scale. It also needed to mitigate the developer impact. The use of leisure funds by ADC was dealt with within the Open

Space Strategy for New Development and the Leisure and Cultural Strategy documents. Once the Local Plan is in place then the council will be able to pursue CIL contributions of which 20% would be passed to the parish council for the affected area. The NP Design Guide was ongoing

319. **Resolved:** That application EG/92/16/T be referred to the ADC Arboroculturalist.

CORRESPONDENCE

320. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. The Clerk particularly referred to a complaint received regarding the lack of lighting at Barnham Square and the fact that the complaint was referred to the Managing Agents of that area. The land was privately owned. Further complaint had been received as no progress had been made. The council considered that an approach should be made seeking a resolution of the problem.

321. **Resolved:** That the Clerk seek assistance from the Managing Agent of the Square

PARISH HALL

322. Members were advised that the frontage was to be dressed with chippings next week. It was noted that the drainage had not been inspected by the surveyor. Wi-Fi was to be considered when a quotation for installation and maintenance was received from the council's contractor and this was still to be delivered. The clerk referred to quotes for CCTV coverage and it was reported that a third quotation was awaited. Reference was made to an opportunity to have up-dated photographs prepared for advertising the hall. An offer had been received from Mr Donabie locally. The clerk referred to missing tables and a request for the purchase of two replacement tables.

323. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk pursue the Wi-Fi quotation.

324. **Resolved 2:** That the CCTV quotations be an agenda item for the next meeting

325. **Resolved 3:** That the photographs be agreed and authorised.

326. **Resolved 4:** That two tables be purchased by the Hall Committee and cost be refunded.
by the council.

SPORTSFIELD

327. Members were advised that the gate had been installed at the sportsfield car park and no complaints had been received. The quotes for CCTV would be pursued despite the increased protection of the gate as access was still available for goods to be carried to the rear of the pavilion. The proposed scheme for improvement of the pavilion and the sportsfield generally be considered in light of the surveyor's report which should be re-delivered to the councillors involved. Outstanding repairs to the play area were noted and would be chased up by the clerk

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

328. Members were advised that a large crowd had attended and that a sum of £3,900 had been collected through the poppy appeal in the district. A spreadsheet of options and costings was provided by Mr Marsden. Members considered that greater detail was required before restoration of the memorial and approval of the plans would be required from the War Memorial trust. Additional names were available to be added to the memorial, hopefully by 2018. JDAC funding might be available to assist with the cost.

PRECEPT CALCULATION CONSULTATION PAPER

329. Members considered the precept calculation paper and, after discussion, approved the precept at the sum of £54,535 (fifty four thousand and thirty five pounds) to include the ADC contribution.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

330. The Clerk had circulated the statements for November by email and at the meeting. The statements were printed following the council's computer update being completed. The clerk notified members of an error in the likely pension cost of the backdated pay increase in his report and this was noted

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

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

332. Members were advised that volunteers were still being sought and that the £1500 grant had largely been spent on a generator. Sand bags were also purchased and the council has an sufficient amount of salt with its contractor. Members discussed the possibility of salt bins being placed around the parish.

333. **Resolved:** That two 90 litre and one 120 litre salt bins be purchased.

MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

334. None.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

335. None.

OPEN FORUM

336. Members were advised that the cost of parking for access to trains was a significant burden. Members discussed the possibility of a parking assessment consultant to consider the problem and advise.

337. **Resolved:** That this matter be on the agenda for the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

338. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 2nd February 2017.

Signed : Dated :