

# **EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL**

**2nd March, 2017**

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

### **PRESENT**

(Chairman) Mr C Allington, Mr P Cramp, Mr R Marsden, Mr D New and Mr D Phillips

Apologies were received from Mrs L Ballard, Mrs H Kilroy and District Councillor Mr C Hughes

County Councillor Mr D Whittington, District Councillor Mr Ballard and 2 parishioners were in attendance

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

37. Members were asked whether they had an opinion regarding the building of 315 houses locally and how the council approached such development. Members confirmed that the council attended a meeting and put forward the council's views on behalf of the parish. The need to engage was considered to be of great importance to the council's position for the future.

### **MINUTES**

38. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 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**

39. County Councillor D Whittington referred to the BEWAG meeting and indicated that he had delivered plans to the Church Commissioners pushing for the proposed cycleway to be connected to the network under construction and existing, created by WSCC. Reference was made to the consultation for a reduction in speed in Fontwell Avenue and this would be considered shortly. There was only one "objection" which was, in fact, a complaint that the proposal did not go far enough. The question of disabled parking at Tesco's new store was discussed. Papers showing the proposal prior to opening would be delivered and it appeared that this was a compliance issue. District Councillor K Ballard advised members of the publication of the pre submission stage of the Local Plan, which was now open for consultation.
40. **Resolved :** That a complaint be lodged in regard to non-compliance, at Tesco's store, to ADC

### **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

41. Members were advised of a number of applications, none of which were considered to be objectionable. Members were advised of notification that a decision would be made in relation to the Dandara site by the 5<sup>th</sup> June. This decision should indicate whether the 5 year supply of housing had been met, as suggested by the council's advisors, or that it had not. Members were referred to the ADALC letter addressed to ADC which, it was noted, was a very late in the day response. Members considered an application for a pool enclosure under EG/7/17/HH.

42. **Resolved:** That there be no objections to applications received

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

43. The Clerk circulated files of correspondence and referred to the items therein. Members considered the quotation received from the council grass cutting contractor for the forthcoming year.

44. **Resolved :** The quotation for grass cutting be agreed

### **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2017**

45. Members were advised of the need to notify the public of the proposal to hold the meeting at the same time and place as Barnham PC. The Clerk clarified that this was a meeting of parishioners and not of the council. If there was no significant response against the proposal then the matter could proceed as a pilot to advise the council for future meetings. There appeared to be no legal restriction to prevent this.

46. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk publicise the meeting and, if no objection, notify the joint meeting to the public

### **WAR MEMORIAL**

47. Members were advised as to progress. An application to close the roads around the memorial had been made to WSCC as highway authority. Councillor Whittington recommended an urgent discussion with the officers at Drayton to expedite what could be a long process. The difficulties in obstructing the passage of vehicles at this point was considerable. Concern was expressed as to the run off of grime and water and that would have to be considered as an environmental danger. The contractor would require a 35% deposit prior to work commencing. The grant application was being "fast tracked" because of the logistical problems with the memorial being situate in the middle of an A road.

48. **Resolved:** That a deposit payment of 35% be agreed and paid at the appropriate time

### **PARISH HALL**

49. The frontage to the hall was considered and a damaged tree had been removed by the council's contractor as it was dangerous. Members considered the delay in dealing with the employment of a Hall Manager/ess to be a concern, particularly in light of the complaints received regarding the condition of the hall and its facilities. Members were greatly upset at the lack of progress with the works required by the hall report and the Clerk advised that he had spoken with the surveyor who indicated that the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, being drain inspection and report, was to take place in the following week. The need to avoid interference with the users was noted. Members considered it necessary to deal with the hall matters in Part 2 due to the nature of the discussion involving matters relating to a person.

### **SPORTSFIELD**

50. Members were informed of electrical repairs to lighting involving LED lights which would produce a saving in cost of use. Mr Richard's efforts in arranging for and attending with repairers was noted. Mr Cramp confirmed that he was investigating an alternative quotation for the repairs to the play equipment and members noted that the replacement of the roundabout, with new spindle, was to proceed. Mr Phillips stated that he was to meet a consultant to consider what improvements could be made at the sportsfield with a view to producing good evidence to supply with application for Sec. 106 monies from

developers. Mr Cramp is to assist him. The user groups will need to be involved and quotes for the work will be necessary. Repairs to the gateway at the play area was referred to again and the matter had been passed to the council's contractor.

51. **Resolved 1:** That the play area gateway repairs be expedited
52. **Resolved 2:** That the roundabout replacement continue
53. **Resolved 3:** That a report regarding sportsfield improvements be provided and the matter be dealt with in part 2 of the next meeting

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

54. The Clerk had circulated the statements for February by e-mail and at the meeting.
55. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

56. Members considered applications for grants and decided to make grants of £200 to the Parish News, CAB and Village Friends.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

57. Members were advised that the review would be considered shortly.
58. **Resolved:** That the item be placed upon the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

59. Members were advised that no response had been received from volunteers. Mr Marsden volunteered to assist. A grant towards this plan had been spent on generators and high visibility jackets together with torches and shovels. Members were advised that the salt bins had not yet been purchased, although Barnham PC had placed bins in the car park at the village hall and in The Square, at Barnham. It was suggested that EPC bins could be situate at or near Goodacres, The Wilkes Head and the Sportsfield car park.

#### **COMMUNICATION/WEBSITE**

60. A report from the council's administrator had been circulated. A committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Philips, the Administrator and the Clerk to BPC will meet to discuss and report back to the council.
61. **Resolved:** That this matter be deferred to Part 2 of the next meeting

#### **REPORT OF MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

62. Members were advised of the final meeting of the JDAC area before new areas take effect. Grants were dealt with and it was reported by PC Thomas that large areas of enforcement were not being undertaken due to lack of funds. The police were not enforcing action against "fly-tipping" and this was left to ADC. The suggestion was that neglected areas should be taken on by councils.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

63. None

**ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

64. Members were advised of subsidence in Barnham Road near to the Fish and Chip shop.

65. **Resolved:** That this matter be referred to WSCC

**OPEN FORUM**

66. None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

67. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting will be 6th April 2017 and the Annual Parish Assembly will take place at Barnham Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30 pm.

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