

# **EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL**

**2nd July, 2015**

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

### **PRESENT**

Mr C Allington (Chairman), Mrs L Ballard, Mr P Cramp, Mr D New and Mr D Phillips.

County Councillor Mr D Whittington, District Councillors Mr K Ballard and Mr C Hughes, PCSO Billingham and colleague were in attendance

Apologies were received from Councillors, Mrs H Kilroy and District Councillor Mr J Charles

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

133. None.

### **MINUTES**

134. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

### **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

135. County Councillor Mr Whittington advised members that the cycleway from Barnham to Walberton, whilst still under construction, was being used by pedestrians and cyclists. Consideration was being given to the possibility of reducing the ambient speed of traffic through the "Orchard estate". Reference was made to the recent JDAC meeting and a written report of the abuse levelled at a county council officer had been made. District Councillor Hughes reported on the full council meeting at Arun where, after considerable debate, members voted overwhelmingly for the increase in housing at the BEW site. The minutes reflect the notion that the villages had taken far less housing than Littlehampton and Bognor, which was incorrect when viewed against the Office of National Statistics data. PCSO Billingham reported on crime and that vehicle break ins had increased. There was a greater risk in the hot weather of break ins to the rear of properties where windows had been left open. He reported the apprehension of a serial burglar after 18 months effort. A change in use of personnel hubs was referred to and a change of focus was being implemented so that, in effect, the nearest officers would be called to an incident if a "local" officer was not available.

136. **Resolved:** That the Clerk write to the officers pointing out that the "last adopted plan" was the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan and that their recommendation to members was contrary to policies ES5, CLW7 and HDQ10 of that plan

### **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

137. Members considered a report circulated to members by the committee Chairman. Members considered applications EG/38/15/PL which was considered to be backland infill and over-development of the site, EG/37/15/PL which was considered to be overdevelopment of the site being approx.50% increase in floor space and concerns about drainage were raised, EG/40/15/HH where no objection was to be made and EG/39/15/TC which was considered appropriate for referral to the council arboroculturalist. . Decisions received were referred to and there was a discussion regarding CIL payments

and the effect of there being no Local Plan. A meeting of the cluster Chairmen was to be arranged for September/October and members considered the need to re-instruct Paul Collins at the earliest opportunity to represent the cluster at the EiP. Members required a minute to be taken of a vote of thanks to the Clerk for attending the EiP on two days when holiday entitlement had to be taken.

138. **Resolved 1:** That the council object to application EG/38/15/PL on the grounds that this was backland, over development and contrary to the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan
139. **Resolved 2:** That the council object to application EG/37/15/PL on the grounds that this was over development, additional drainage and rain water run-off and contrary to the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan
140. **Resolved 3:** That the council request that application EG/39/15/TC be referred to ADC Arboroculturalist
141. **Resolved 4:** That the Clerk respond to the correspondence from VAG
142. **Resolved 5:** That Mr Paul Collins be re-instructed at the earliest opportunity

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

143. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail.  
Members considered letters of apology received from four schoolchildren relating to vandalism at the Play Area. Members considered the minutes of the recent full ADC planning committee where comments were noted that were unacceptable in relation to the amount of housing already taken by the villages and as to the weight to be applied to the Neighbourhood Plan.
144. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk respond to the correspondence from Ormiston Academy
145. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk write to ADC regarding the council's concerns as to the information given to the committee

### **PARISH HALL**

146. Members were advised that the work necessary to update electrical safety was completed and a third quote was awaited in regard to re-furbishment of the toilets. A request from the Players for another "balcony" on the stage was considered. Work to maintain or replace the windows was mentioned and the recent Rackham report was discussed.
147. **Resolved 1:** That the Rackham report be passed to an Architect to ensure that all necessary works were progressed
148. **Resolved 2:** That the rear window grills be passed to Penfolds to shot blast and repaint
149. **Resolved 3:** That Mr Phillips and Mr Whittington consider appropriate replacement windows and report to the council.

### **SPORTSFIELD**

150. Members were advised the Clerk's attendance to speak with a resident regarding the boundary. Members viewed a copy of the plan attached to the resident's Deeds. Members were offered sight of old plans by Mr Whittington and these will be circulated.

Members will consider the boundary and the residents request for movement of the fencing. The Clerk reported no further response from the developers in relation to the clearance of the boundary. The new litter bin for the Play Area is to be considered further and a report will be given to the council. Use of a "Purple Bus" as a means of providing leisure activities for teenagers was mentioned and further details will be provided. The Rackham report relating to the Pavilion is to be given to the Architect who will advise in relation to the Hall and the Pavilion.

151. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk pursue a response from the developers
152. **Resolved 2:** That Mr New obtain further information relating to the "Purple Bus" and this be an agenda item for the meeting in September
153. **Resolved 3:** That the Play Area bin be an item for the next meeting

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

154. The Clerk had circulated the statements for June by email and at the meeting. Members discussed the likely balance of funds and the need to consider use of those funds.
155. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

#### **RESTORATION OF MEMORIAL**

156. Members were advised that an application for grant funding would be delivered shortly seeking 80% of the likely cost.

#### **MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

157. Members were advised of a JDAC meeting recently attended by the Chairman and the need for representation was considered, although most members had little additional time over and above their existing commitments.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

158. Members were advised that the draft results of a previous meeting had still not been recovered from a previous member of the council and it was likely that the work would have to be repeated. The Clerk provided a form of precedent to assist in the task. Mrs Ballard kindly offered to take this important matter forward.
159. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk provide a list of assets to Mrs Ballard
160. **Resolved 2:** That the matter be an agenda item for the next meeting

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

161. None.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

162. None.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

163. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 3rd September 2015.

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