

# **EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL**

**2nd November, 2017**

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

## **PRESENT**

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

County Councillor Mr D Whittington, District Councillor Mr Hughes, Community Facilities Manager and 1 parishioner were in attendance

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

274. The council was asked whether it had considered application EG/74/17 relating to a barn being used for storage. The council replied that it had lodged an objection and the Clerk had spoken to the officer at ADC who was aware that a condition required it to be used for agricultural purposes only.

## **MINUTES**

275. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2017, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

## **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

276. County Councillor Whittington advised that the application referred to in PQT was being considered by the Highways Department and was still under investigation. District Councillor Hughes referred to an objective of building 30houses per year by way of increasing social housing numbers

## **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

277. Members were advised of decisions that had been made including one at 4 Wentworth Close which had been refused. Members considered several applications including EG/84/17/HH, EG/82/17/A and EG/89/17/OUT. Discussion was had as to a proposal to build a wooden Chapel at St Philip Howard School There was no objection to these applications. Members also considered EG/86/17/T relating to tree works where there was a TPO in place. Members were advised of an approach from the owner of Folly Foot Farm where apparently ADC officers had notified the owner that the new A29 road would require them to leave their property. Members felt that this was unusual and oppressive conduct which was likely to blight the value of the land. It was understood that no decision had been made relating to the road in an approved Local Plan. Members were advised of the date of the next BEWAG meeting in December and were advised that no progress had been made with regard to the NP. The Clerk reminded Members that a salt bin could not be placed at Barnham Square as there was one there already. A new location was discussed as was replacing the small bin behind the hall with the larger bin that was available.
278. **Resolved 1:** That there be no objection to the applications but EG/86/17/T be referred to the ADC Aboroculturalist.
279. **Resolved 2:** That a letter be sent to Mr Karl Roberts at ADC expressing concern as to the apparent approach to the owner of Folly Foot Farm

280. **Resolved 3:** That the salt bin at the hall be replaced with a larger bin.
281. **Resolved 4:** That the spare salt bin be placed near to the school/Wilkes Head

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

282. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. The Chairman mentioned that he had written a response to Sandra Lowton relating to her photographs and the website

### **PROJECT MANAGER AND CFM REPORTS**

283. Members received various reports from Wordsmith and Paper and the Community Facilities Manager. Members thanked both for their hard work over the past few weeks and for the quality of reporting. Members considered the actions referred to and the need to authorise the payments. It was reported that all wreaths had been received for the Remembrance ceremony and poppy trays were being delivered on the Friday. There was to be a re-dedication prayer following the refurbishment of the memorial and the Daily Mirror newspaper was reported to have mentioned the memorial recently. A photographer from the Bognor Observer was expected to attend and progress was being made in regard to the repair of the damaged name on the memorial. Members were advised that District Councillor Charles would be laying the wreath for the District council.
284. **Resolved:** That the reported actions and payments be approved and authorised.

### **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

285. Members considered a draft letter produced by the Chairmen of BPC and EPC in regard to the possible amalgamation of the two parishes into one. Members expressed some support and noted that many councillors had expressly stated their intention to pursue this matter in their election material. It was suggested, however, that this might not be the appropriate time to pursue this matter now that there were two persons driving forward the changes required by both the council and the hall committee. The difficulties of identification, being that 90% of the parishioners in Barnham village did not know that they lived in Eastergate parish, was cited as a reason for the change. It was stated that the proposal would not threaten the position of the workers driving change. ADC appeared to be supportive and the matter would be placed before their members to consider. Whilst the housing figures have not been finalised, it was felt that there would be more parishioners willing to serve their community and that community was bigger than EPC and BPC.
286. **Resolved:** That the proposal be approved and the letter delivered

### **PARISH HALL**

287. Members were advised that the hall users were very happy with progress and that the hall was cleaner and warmer. A parish dinner was reported to have been 30 strong and possible new ventures might be a Christmas film with fish and chip supper and monthly quiz nights. The advertisement in the parish news had been updated. It was suggested that a container or garage be utilized to store chairs and tables as the present storage was both unsafe and intrusive. This might be placed where the present play area was situate but that would have to be removed. The tin containing the last of the archive material, which was presently housed at Mrs Kilroy's house, would be stored in a spare cupboard in the hall. The drainage difficulty was to be remedied by Southern Water in the near future.

288. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk contact Mrs Cann to see whether she would be taking the remaining outside play area equipment.

### **SPORTSFIELD**

289. Members were advised that the pavilion had been left in a disgusting state after the recent football match. Concern was expressed as to the seating in the changing rooms which were atop of breeze blocks. The Clerk reminded the council that he had raised this matter previously and the council had decided that no action was necessary. The ADC litter bin was said to be overflowing again. Members were advised that the owner adjacent to the play area was not prepared to have concrete fence supports in his garden and so the supports will be placed within the play area. All reasonable steps will be taken to avoid potential injury to users.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**

290. Members were advised that all necessary steps had been taken and that it was hoped that the local newspaper would report the event. Mrs McMaster's daughter will attend to take photographs.

### **WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS**

291. Members noted efforts to keep the website up to date and that photographs of the hall would be uploaded soon. Wordsmith and Paper were continuing their efforts to provide Wi-Fi and creation of a new website. Mrs McMaster kindly agreed to prepare a report on the meeting for the Parish News.

### **MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

292. Members received a report from a member who attended the JWAAC meeting. It was said to be a seemingly pointless meeting. Police Inspector Danny West gave details of the police community team and the police neighbourhood team, which appeared very limited for the whole of the Arun and Chichester area. In addition, reference was made to a Highways and transport group which was to be revived in December. Mention was made as to the need for parish councils to pay towards the cost of the meetings otherwise when the 3000 houses are built "they will not have a voice". Concern was also expressed as to the lack of enforcement and policing of TPO's in the district.

### **PRECEPT CALCULATION CONSULTATION PAPER**

293. Members were referred to the precept calculation paper which had been circulated. The Precept would be decided at the December meeting. Members requested details of the funds available to the council so that capital reserves could be drawn upon for expenditure.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

294. The Clerk had circulated the statements for October by email and at the meeting.
295. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

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

296. Members discussed the traffic lights which appeared on barnham Road and caused significant delays. These had not been authorised by WSCC and they had not been informed.

**OPEN FORUM**

297. Members were advised of a complaint that the lines on the road at Windmill Court were so worn as to be dangerous with cars speeding out of the car park. Members also considered a lack of tweets from the EPC website.

298. **Resolved:** That the Clerk contact Highways regarding the worn lines.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

299. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 7th December 2017.

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