

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

3rd September, 2015

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

Mr C Allington (Chairman), Mrs L Ballard, Mr P Cramp, Mrs H Kilroy, Mr R New and Mr D Phillips
District Councillor Mr C Hughes and 3 parishioners were in attendance

Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr D Whittington, and PCSO N Billingham

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

169. Members were asked to confirm that steps would be taken to remedy the noisy loose drain covers alongside the hall which were causing a nuisance to neighbours. Concern was expressed as to clearance of the grass cuttings and the risks of debris going into the drainage system at the southern end of the car park. The Clerk advised that a builder had been asked to undertake repairs on the day following the original complaint. Indeed, the Clerk had renewed that request only the day before. Members considered that a rubber protector could be placed over the drain cover to reduce the problem and Mr Phillips agreed to arrange for that to occur. Members agreed to the hiring of such an item. Members agreed that the drains should be inspected and any debris "sucked out" to ensure efficient operation. A member of the Eastergate Players asked members why they had not arranged to complain formally to the electricity regulators about the defective certificate given by Bradley Electrical, following the report from JG Electrical. It was suggested that Bradleys could be forced to replace the defects or to pay for remedial work. Members advised that the complaint would have taken a lengthy time, in all likelihood, and there was a need to obtain a certificate or remove the offending parts of the installation to allow the hall to be used. It was suggested that the work be approved immediately, although an opportunity existed for an alternative quotation. This would be pursued before the matter was dealt with at the next hall meeting. The council had already considered and approved the funding of the necessary repairs.

MINUTES

170. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd July, having been circulated,
be taken as read and approved as a correct record, save that minute 149 be amended to state that Rackhams project manager arrange for the work to be undertaken to the windows, and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

171. District Councillor Mr Hughes advised members of a General Council Meeting and answered questions in relation to the delay in the Local Plan. Mention was made of the Mutiny Festival and it was stated that the council had insufficient evidence to deny a licence. It was also reported that the notice given by the promoters had been legally sufficient. Members noted that the present licence held by Fontwell Park racecourse was more generous allowing music etc. Until 2.00am.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

172. Members considered a number of planning applications and decisions that had been notified. Applications at Hunters Chase and Elm Tree Stores were considered in detail.

Objections would be made in respect of those two applications based on the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that an appeal against refusal at Woosters had been made and that the application for development of The Rectory had been refused. Members had received congratulations in respect of the new noticeboards. Members were advised of a meeting with Portsmouth Water Company regarding the need for dirty water to be fed from Fontwell Ave in trenches involving Level Mare Lane and Nyton Road before being pumped into Lydsey Rife. Members were concerned at the loss of the last bank in the village and its likely effect on the commercial centre. Members were advised of the appointment of the original Planning Consultant to support the parishes' views in relation to the Local Plan Examination.

173. **Resolved 1:** That the council object to overdevelopment of site and increased water run-off and waste water impact in EG/15/15/OUT.
174. **Resolved 2:** That the council object to the Elm Tree Stores application on the grounds that the proposals were out of character on a listed building in a conservation area.

CORRESPONDENCE

175. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. Members discussed the possibility of a local school called Amicus using the sportsfield and the likely fees. The loss of Natwest bank was considered and the offer from professional memorial cleaners was also discussed.
176. **Resolved 1:** That Amicus be advised of a cost of £20 per use, subject to user group approval of use.
177. **Resolved 2:** That the Chairman pursue professional advice re cleaning of memorial.

SPORTSFIELD

178. Members were still to consider the boundary straightening request on site. The Clerk reported no response from the developers in regard to expenditure on the boundary. Members discussed the various options for a litter bin in the play area. Mr New referred members to the Purple Bus youth initiative and ADC have not previously contributed to that organisation.
179. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk arrange the purchase of a "Froggo" bin for the play area.
180. **Resolved 2:** That Mr New arrange a trial run and seek further information regarding the Purple Bus.
181. **Resolved 3:** That the boundary issue be an agenda item for the next meeting.

PARISH HALL

182. Members discussed the electrical work needed to achieve a certificate of safety and the need for project management of the works referred to in the Rackham report. The need for a quote for the future work on the frontage was considered.

183. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk instruct Martin Rackham to project manage maintenance of the hall.
184. **Resolved 2:** That the cost of the necessary electrical repairs be paid by the council.
185. **Resolved 3:** That the Hall Chairman obtain a quotation for future maintenance of the frontage.

RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

186. This item was still under consideration. Members considered the correspondence from Aldingbourne PC regarding de-fibrillators and a Community Resilience Plan.
187. **Resolved 1:** That this item be an agenda item for the next meeting
188. **Resolved 2:** That the Community Resilience Plan be an agenda item for the next Cluster Meeting

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

189. The Clerk had circulated the statements for July by email and at the meeting.
190. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

191. Members were advised that the Parish Office had made the arrangements for a bugler and for service sheets. It was reported that it was uncertain which of the local clergy would take the service. Concern had been expressed by parishioners as to the barriers around the plinth of the memorial, as well as to the condition of the same. No works appeared to be in progress. The ceremony would be on the 8th November.
192. **Resolved:** That the barriers and lack of repair be reported to WSCC to ensure all complete before the ceremony.

MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

193. None.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

194. None.

OPEN FORUM

195. Members were advised of a £1,600 grant received under "operation watershed" and a decision had to be made as to how to spend this.
196. **Resolved:** That this be an item for the next meeting agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

197. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 1st October 2015.

Signed : Dated :