

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

3rd November, 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 Councillor Mr Ballard, and 10 parishioners were in attendance

Apologies were received from Mr C Allington, County Councillor Mr D Whittington, and District Councillor Mr R Hughes

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

282. The council was asked whether it wished to receive a presentation from Cala Homes relating to a development on the western edge of the BEW proposed site, in Aldingbourne parish. Members considered a most helpful and detailed explanation of the proposal and were able to ask questions and raise concerns as to drainage and access onto the road system, particularly in regard to its close proximity to the Woodgate railway crossing. Improvements to existing footpaths were proposed and the development was referred to as a pocket development rather than an estate. Concerns were expressed as to the need to upgrade the memorial roundabout and, importantly, the Fontwell roundabout. Water retention on site was described as difficult with a high water table requiring a shallow catchment where large quantities of concrete would be needed to prevent the lining "floating".

MINUTES

283. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

284. District Councillor Ballard referred to a Local Plan meeting where conflicting views on flooding were provided by consultants. Discussion was had as to increasing requirements for housing.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

285. Members were advised of decisions that had been made including one at the Barnham Bridge Inn by Tesco. Members considered several applications including EG/87/16/HH, EG/89/16/HH and EG/85/16/PL. Discussion was had as to the period of time that a mobile home had been in place at Lyndhurst gardens and the need for clear conditions. Members considered the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan team meeting. It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan team who attended the meeting were split as to the possibility of reaching a compromise with the Dandara team. Councillors on the team voted to accept a proposal to provide money and facilities for the parish, whilst the team members, who had worked long and hard on the plan, voted against. It was considered that a vote in favour would be required to settle the matter and so the recommendation was not to settle. Members were asked to consider the matter and resolve their decision. The Design Guide had not progressed significantly.

286. **Resolved 1:** That there be no objection to application EG/87/16/HH.
287. **Resolved 2:** That there be objection to application EG/89/16/HH on the grounds of there being little or no change from the previously refused application and on grounds of increased surface water and foul water use
288. **Resolved 3:** That there be objection to application EG/85/16/PL on the grounds of the period of time that the home had already been in situ and for conditions
to be applied requiring removal as soon as possible
289. **Resolved 4:** That the council not agree to settle the Dandara “call-in”

CORRESPONDENCE

290. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. The Clerk particularly referred to an invitation to participate in a group dealing with the proposed development at BEW. Members considered the formation of the group, and any expenditure, to be premature given the outstanding and long delayed Local Plan Inquiry. It was considered that alternative proposals were required by the Inquiry but that the formation of this group gave the perception that ADC had already reached their decision without further consultation and excluding the views of the Inspector. The council was always willing to engage in discussions and work to benefit the parish. It was noted that the Ward Councillors had not been advised of this process.
291. **Resolved:** That the council agree to engage with the group at an appropriate time

PARISH HALL

292. Members were advised that the frontage was to be cleared and dressed with chippings. 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. The clerk referred to quotes for CCTV coverage and it was felt that a third quotation should be obtained along with clear comparisons between the quotes.
293. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk pursue the drainage and surface water run off investigations
through the surveyor.
294. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk pursue further CCTV quotations
295. **Resolved 3:** That the WI-FI item be placed upon the next agenda

SPORTSFIELD

296. Members were advised that the gate padlock had been installed at the sportsfield car park. 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

297. Members were advised that contact had been made with the Police and they would not be in attendance probably into the future. The Clerk reported the result of his risk assessment at the car park and a pothole was to be filled in as it was dangerous. Marshalls would be attending and the traffic management equipment was arranged.

WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS

298. Members noted the need to consider their involvement and what they can provide to keep the website refreshed.

MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

299. None.

PRECEPT CALCULATION CONSULTATION PAPER

300. Members were advised by the Clerk that the accounts package had not been downloaded to the new computer but that the precept calculation paper would be circulated as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

301. The Clerk had circulated the statements for October by email and at the meeting. The statements were handwritten due to the council's computer update not being completed.

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

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

303. Members were advised that the member dealing would be in a position to report for the next meeting.

304. **Resolved:** That the matter be an agenda item for the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

305. None.

OPEN FORUM

306. Members were advised that the renovation of the War Memorial was the subject of discussions between the Chairman and Mr Marsden.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

307. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 1st December 2016.

Signed : Dated :