

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

3rd December, 2015

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

Mrs L Ballard (Chairman), Mr P Cramp, Mrs H Kilroy, Mr D New, Mr D Phillips and County Councillor Mr D Whittington and three Walberton PC visitors

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr C Allington, and District Councillor Mr K Ballard

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

273. Representatives of Walberton PC asked whether their Neighbourhood Plan representatives could attend the next cluster meeting. They were advised that this would be acceptable as far as Eastergate PC were concerned. Members were advised of their concerns as to the Dandara planning approval. The possibility of a Judicial Review application was discussed as was the very short period of time allowed to parish councils to supply ideas for the use of section 106 monies arising from such development. It was suggested that the applicants own evidence revealed that the site was a "priority green space" It was agreed that a cluster meeting should be arranged as soon as possible.

MINUTES

274. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2015, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

275. County Councillor Mr Whittington advised members of his concerns relating to a lack of cycling and other access from the Dandara site to important facilities such as schools and doctors' surgeries. The plan appeared to be to expect the owners to cycle around Walberton pond and then down to Barnham and back along the Barnham Road. The reality was that youngsters were likely to attempt to use the A29 which was considered to be dangerous for cyclists. It was suggested that the council should request conditions preventing the 1st inhabitant taking up residence before sufficient access was available to transport other than cars. The proposed BEW new town development was referred to and in particular the travel route shown which would run through a new signal box.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

276. Members were advised of a number of applications where no objection was considered necessary but comment was to be made in relation to EG/62/15/PL. members were advised that an application in relation to 59 Elm Grove was to go to appeal. Members considered the need to obtain a response regarding tree works from ADC. The Design guide for the NP was to be dealt with at the next meeting. A cluster meeting would be arranged to deal with the Dandara application and approval. In the meanwhile it was necessary to obtain an advice on the prospects of a successful JR application and the possible cost. It was felt that the council's views should be made known to the Department of Co-operative Government with a request for their views. Members considered an ADC request for ideas for the best leisure use of Section 106 monies from the Dandara site. The time allowed was insufficient but the council considered the facilities at the sportsfield with improved facilities in the play area and provision of

allotments as reasonable initial observations. Members were advised that the committee suggested the response should be received in January.

277. **Resolved 1:** That Tree works be an agenda item for the next meeting
278. **Resolved 2:** That the Design Guide for the NP be an agenda item for the next meeting
279. **Resolved 3:** That the Clerk obtain details of likely cost and prospects of success from a barrister in relation to the ADC Dandara decision and undermining of the NP and the Localism Act
280. **Resolved 4:** That the Dept. for Co-operative Government be asked for their views on what the district council had done in relation to the Dandara application

CORRESPONDENCE

281. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. Members considered a request from VAG for a contribution to the cost of a report which the council had viewed and benefitted from. A proposal to pay £250 (two hundred and fifty pounds) was considered. A NALC initiative to provide for external audit of the councils' accounts was considered.
282. **Resolved 1:** That a grant of £250 be paid to VAG for allowing the council to view their report. .
283. **Resolved 2:** That the council not opt out of the proposed NALC audit arrangements.

PARISH HALL

284. Members were advised that the frontage to the hall was to be an agenda item for the next meeting. Members considered the terms of Mr Tupper's business in surveying the hall and producing a report and project managing such works as are necessary, as well as producing a forward plan for upkeep. The councils' approach to the retention of non-interlocking chairs was considered as well as to the repairs of spot lights for the stage. Members were advised that the previous installers of the electrical units that had to be replaced were thought to be Bradleys (2004) Ltd., which company had subsequently become bankrupt. New lights were to be installed at the front of the hall. Members were advised of a complaint relating to use of the hall by other users during the pre-school attendance and this was being investigated. The work to the frontage of the hall was authorised and an update would be provided at the next meeting.
285. **Resolved 1:** That the repairs to the spotlights be approved and payment of invoices authorised
286. **Resolved 2:** That the surveyor's terms be accepted and he be instructed to proceed.
287. **Resolved 3:** That the frontage work be an agenda item for the next meeting
288. **Resolved 4:** That the users complaint be referred to the Hall Committee should the complaint be confirmed
289. **Resolved 5:** That the potential claim against Bradleys Electrical (2004) Ltd not be pursued

SPORTSFIELD

290. Members were advised that repairs to the pavilion had been undertaken with the help of the cricket club. The roundabout was still disabled and members considered the quote from the councils' contractor. Funding was to be considered. The Clerk reported no response from the developers. Members had not reached a conclusion regarding movement of the present fencing.
291. **Resolved 1:** That two quotes be obtained for the replacement of the roundabout and the matter be an agenda item for the February meeting.
292. **Resolved 2:** That the works to the pavilion be approved and payment of accounts authorised.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

293. Members considered the attendance and outcome of the ceremony. All appeared to go very well and there was thanks to be given to many who provided assistance on the day. Members considered the renovation of the War Memorial and the funding of the same.
294. **Resolved 1:** That the clerk deliver thanks to all who helped.
295. **Resolved 2:** That the renovation of the War Memorial be an agenda item for the next meeting

PRECEPT CALCULATION CONSULTATION PAPER

296. The Clerk had circulated the consultation paper including the section relating to the hall. Members considered the likely cost of replacement of the roundabout at the play area and noted that the decision was required by ADC by mid-February.
297. **Resolved:** That the council will consider and decide the Precept at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

298. The Clerk had circulated the statements for November by email and at the meeting.
299. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

300. Members were advised that a meeting would take place on the 14th December. The resilience plan and operation watershed would be discussed. The need to re-vitalize the existing emergency team was mentioned.
301. **Resolved:** That this matter be an agenda item for the next meeting.

RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

302. Members were informed that the review had not yet been completed but the original review notes had been considered.
303. **Resolved:** That the Review be an agenda item for the next meeting

MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

304. Members noted the forthcoming JDAC meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

305. Members considered the need to advertise the vacancies on the council.

OPEN FORUM

306. None.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

307. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

308. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 4th February 2016.

Signed : Dated :