

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

5th March, 2015

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

(Chairman) Mr C Allington, Mrs L Ballard, Mr P Cramp, Mrs H Kilroy, Mr J Kilroy, Mr D Phillips and Mr R Sparrow

County Councillor Mr D Whittington, District Councillor Mr J Charles and 2 parishioners were in attendance

Apologies were received from Mr J Donabie, District Councillors Mrs J Goad and Mr D Maconachie and PCSO Billingham.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

40. None.

MINUTES

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

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

42. Councillor D Whittington advised members of the start of work on the cycleway between Barnham and Walberton after 8 years work. Members were advised that investigation of speeding on Fontwell Avenue, approaching the 30 mph zone, had found that the majority of drivers were slowing down. It was noted that Simon Meacham had left the employ of ADC. Councillor J Charles advised members that ADC had served an order upon Tesco's relating to the state of the Barnham Bridge Inn and that work had now started again. Adjoining property was being investigated as there were fears that children could access the area and that it was potentially dangerous. Rumours of an increase in the proposed number of dwellings to a figure of 3000, south of Eastergate, were not true. ADC were considering taking action to appeal the Inspectors decisions in two cases that have gone to appeal, where a major issue was the 5 year land supply.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

43. Members were advised of a number of applications, including one for pollarding of three trees, an entrance ramp to Tesco's store, change of use for a building which was previously a barber shop to residential, a rear extension at 111 Barnham Road, an application at 33 Elm Grove, Barnham and the councils' own application regarding two replacement noticeboards. Rumours relating to the office above the Co-operative store were considered and it was understood that the railway workers accommodation would be vacated and moved to a new building on railway land. Members considered the need to replace the previous Planning Consultant who had now withdrawn from the matter due to a conflict of interest. There were great difficulties in locating an alternative consultant who had the necessary expertise and who had not already been instructed by others in connection with the Local Plan. Concern was expressed as to the Church Commissioners position in regard to this matter. Members decided to consider the question of cost sharing with local parishes at the first meeting after the elections.

Members were advised that repairs to the memorial plinth had been arranged by Councillor Whittington. Members considered whether they wished to continue with the warden scheme in the face of a lack of evidence as to its effectiveness.

44. **Resolved 1:** That application EG/4/15/T be referred to the ADC Aboroculturalist
45. **Resolved 2:** That objection be raised in relation to application EG/16/15/PL on the grounds of increased drainage and design style contrary to NP policies
46. **Resolved 3:** That objection be raised in relation to application EG/14/15/HH on the grounds of drainage and design style contrary to NP policies
47. **Resolved 4:** That the council support its own application regarding noticeboards
48. **Resolved 5:** That the possibility of cost sharing with Aldingbourne PC be an agenda item for the meeting after the elections
49. **Resolved 6:** That the warden scheme not be continued but alternative arrangements be considered

CORRESPONDENCE

50. The Clerk circulated files of correspondence and referred to the items therein. Members considered an AirS meeting and the Chairman elected to attend. Correspondence relating to election briefings was referred to and the Clerk provided the necessary forms for members.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2015

51. Members were advised that the Assembly is to take place on the 28th May. The Chairman's Newsletter by Barnham and Eastergate councils will be delivered in advance of the assembly. The theme would involve volunteers in the community.

PARISH HALL

52. The damaged chairs had been inspected and the suppliers were prepared to replace 12 of the chairs whilst indicating that the chairs were likely to have been damaged as a result of excess weight being applied. The council discussed whether the remaining chairs or indeed the replacements would suffer the same fate through general usage. It was felt that the chairs supplied were not fit for purpose and should be returned with a requirement for a refund and the purchase of alternative chairs with an appropriate weight limit on them. The Clerk will await details of the information provided at point of sale before proceeding. The frontage works were still underway and phase two of the project would take place in late spring. Complimentary comments had already been received. The quotes for repair to the ramp and to the fire doors were still awaited. Roller shutters had been supplied and fitted and were considered a success. A third quotation was awaited in regard to the refurbishment of the toilets. The proposed bank card for the use of the Hall manageress was discussed. The Clerk reported that the manageress would have to be a signatory to the account before a card would be made available. As the election was due shortly and bank mandates would have to be updated, it was decided to delay the provision of a card until after the election.

SPORTSFIELD

53. Members were informed of a meeting that had been arranged with the ADC tree inspector and the work to the boundary had been discussed. A quote had been received and the council decided that further quotes were not necessary on the grounds that the contractor was a loyal supplier to the council over many years and would provide

competitively priced quality work. The work would be undertaken when the ground was dry enough to carry heavy plant. The replacement litter bin for the play area was discussed and it was decided that a bin should be purchased privately and it should be emptied by either the litter collector or Mr Timlick. The price quoted by ADC was too high. The failure of the new contractors to repair the damage at the play area was noted. The rubbish around the car park would be removed by Mr Timlick. The council considered the quotation received for contract mowing at the sportsfield.

- 54. **Resolved 1:** That a new bin be purchased from an independent supplier
- 55. **Resolved 2:** That the quotation for contract mowing accepted
- 56. **Resolved 3:** That the boundary work be undertaken as soon as possible and the cost be recovered from the developers, if possible

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 57. The Clerk had circulated the statements for February by e-mail and at the meeting.
- 58. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

WAR MEMORIAL

- 59. Members were advised as to the continuing difficulties in obtaining a third quotation for the purpose of seeking funding. The application for funding had been made to JDAC through K Roberts of ADC. The application would be for funding of £4,000 and matched funding from the council would be offered in the sum of £1,000. The anticipated cost of the work would likely be £5,000.

RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

- 60. Members were advised that the review, which was nearly concluded, had not be found. In the absence of Mr Donabie, the matter would be dealt with at the next meeting.
- 61. **Resolved:** That the item be placed upon the agenda for the next meeting.

REPORT OF MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

- 62. A forthcoming meeting of JDAC was referred to and Mr Phillips confirmed that he would attend. Members were advised of "Operation Watershed" and a bid for £1,600 funding for the flood relief team was to be made.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 63. None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 64. None.

OPEN FORUM

- 65. Members were advised to ensure that they attended with their nomination forms for the election at ADC offices, in person, to prevent any papers being lost or delayed or questions being unanswered which could affect the validity of the nomination.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

66. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting will be 2nd April 2015.

Signed : Dated :