

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

6th July, 2017

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

Mr C Allington (Chairman), Mrs L Ballard, Mrs H Kilroy, Mr R Marsden and Mr D New.

One member of the public was in attendance

Apologies were received from Mr P Cramp and District Councillor Mr C Hughes

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

177. Members were asked to consider circulating details of the Arun and Rother Rife Community Trust which was pressing for improvements to the Barnham Rife. The Rife was being "squeezed" by landowners on both sides and the result will be a possible flood in the event of heavy rainfall, as has occurred in the past. A survey of parishioners to see what they wished to happen was suggested. A vote might be undertaken, with the assistance of the Co-op store in Barnham Square.

MINUTES

178. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2017, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

179. None.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

180 Members were advised of recent decisions. Members considered applications EG/41/17/PL and EG/42/17/HH where objection was to be made. It was considered that the repeat application for two houses rather than three, which had been refused on appeal, remained inappropriate development. It was considered that the rooms in the roof would prejudice the neighbour's amenity. The previous objections were to be maintained. In the second application it was felt that there was no objection to the extension, in principle, but that the proposal was too close to the boundary and was over-intensive and unneighbourly. There was no progress to report regarding the Arun Local Plan. Members discussed a letter relating to the Dandara application and a meeting in relation to a proposal for 140 houses on Wandleys Lane. Members considered the success of the approach to Tesco for installation of bollards although concern was expressed as to the failure of ADC to respond to complaints regarding taxi dangers.

181 **Resolved 1:** That the council object to application EG/41/16/PL on the grounds referred to above.

182 **Resolved 2:** That the council object to application EG/42/17/HH on the grounds referred To above.

CORRESPONDENCE

183. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail.
The council considered the possibility of installation of a defibrillator in the parish. Correspondence relating to a CPRE event was mentioned. It appeared that the organisation had belatedly become aware of housing being located on green field sites. It was an angry meeting and the Chairman advised that meeting that a fighting fund of £75,000 would be necessary to put forward a worthwhile defence of such land. It was reported that ADC had spent 1.8 million pounds on the Local plan so far with 1.5 million being paid to consultants. Reference was also made to a BEWAG meeting and an invitation to the Sammy Community Transport AGM. Members also considered correspondence relating to provision of a website and mention was made of a Southern Water consultation although it was too late to respond.
184. **Resolved 1:** That the Chairman attend the Sammy Community Transport AGM
185. **Resolved 2:** That the Chairman and Mr Marsden investigate to scope for outside contractors to quote for provision of a website and for Wi Fi at the hall

PARISH HALL

186. Members considered the lack of progress by the Surveyor. A scope document would be needed to inform a new Project Management Company. The Clerk referred to the fact that nothing had been heard from Southern Water with regard to repair of the drain.
187. **Resolved 1:** That the contract with Mr Tupper be terminated.
188. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk put pressure on Southern Water to repair the drain

SPORTSFIELD

189. Members were advised that broken fence posts at the play area had been mended. The ADC inspection report had been circulated and concern was expressed as to delays in putting repairs in hand. Members referred to the continuing defect in the neighbours fence at the play area
190. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk pursue a response from Playsafe and arrange urgent Repairs even if new equipment was not available.
191. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk arrange for the neighbour's fence to be supported to prevent accident in the play area.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

192. The Clerk had circulated the statements for June by email and at the meeting.
193. **Resolved:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.

RESTORATION OF MEMORIAL

194. Members were advised that WSCC had now required another form to be completed but progress was being made and notices relating to the project would be placed upon noticeboards as soon as possible.

MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

195. It was reported that a meeting of the Western Area JDAC had taken place. An ADC councillor had indicated that it was a tortuous meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

196. None.

OPEN FORUM

197. Mention was made as to an approach from a Village Hall Wedding Company and also as to a Broadband enquiry. Both of these would be investigated by the Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Signed : Dated :