

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

12th May, 2016

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

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

County Councillor Mr D Whittington and District Councillors Mr K Ballard and Mr C Hughes, together with 3 parishioners, were in attendance

Apologies were received from CPSO Billingham.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017

114. **Resolved:** That Mr C Allington be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2016/2017.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017

115. **Resolved:** That Mrs L Ballard be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the year 2016/2017.

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

116. Members were pleased to receive a request for co-option from Mr R. Marsden. Members asked questions of the applicant and the Chairman referred the matter to part 2 of the meeting for discussion.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

117. None.

MINUTES

118. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2016, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

119. Members were advised of withdrawn applications as well as recent approvals. Members discussed applications EG/12/16/HH, EG/32/16/HH, EG/26/16/HH, EG/37/16/HH and EG/25/16/T. Concern was expressed as to a complaint of the use of a mobile home at Lyndhurst on the junction of Eastergate Lane and Fontwell Avenue as well as the continuing work at the property in Elm Grove where ADC were taking enforcement action. Members were advised of the need to split the invoices from the planning consultants as work undertaken for Walberton PC outside of the work for the joint councils was being charged separately. Members were referred to correspondence from ADC relating to the very limited use that Dandara Sec. 106 monies could be used for. It was suggested that these restrictions came from the Developer. It was also suggested that there was pressure of time for the council to deliver proposals for use of the funds. Members considered that the Parish Council could and should have been involved in the negotiations at an early stage. Members discussed the possibility of using the funds to

improve the sports pavilion and the community hall. Members were advised that Planning Counsel had been contacted. The recommendation was to instruct Dr Bowles to act for the joint councils. His appointment was supported by Mr P Home of the Planning Consultants. Members were referred to the Horticulture LDO Consultation. Members considered that the Barnham Parish Council response was good and should be adopted.

120. **Resolved 1:** That application EG/32/16/HH be objected to on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site contrary to Policy ES6 of the Neighbourhood Plan and concern be expressed as to the ease with which the proposed development can be returned to the proposal refused under application EG74/15/HH.
121. **Resolved 2:** An interest was declared by all Councillors as they were known to the applicants. There would be no objection.
122. **Resolved 3:** That objection be raised to EG/37/16/HH where the proposal detracted from the character of the area contrary to policy ES6 and was not of good design contrary to policy ES5 of the Neighbourhood Plan.
123. **Resolved 4:** That the tree work proposed in application EG/25/16/T be referred to the ADC arboroculturalist.
124. **Resolved 5:** That the Clerk respond to the ADC letter indicating that the time pressure referred to was artificial as no decision could be made until November, questioning who dictated the restricted terms and indicating that the Council were preparing to submit plans for improvements to the pavilion and the hall.
125. **Resolved 6:** That Dr Bowles be appointed as Planning Counsel.
126. **Resolved 7:** That the response from Barnham Parish Council be adopted and delivered to ADC.
127. **Resolved 8:** That District Councillor Ballard's kind offer to investigate why the unauthorised garage in Elm Grove was still there and to initiate enforcement enquiries into the mobile home at Lyndhurst.

CORRESPONDENCE

128. Members were advised that the Chairman had heard from the War Memorial Trust and they had requested his application for a grant. He will pursue this. Members were advised of a consultation into the HELAA and the Chairman will seek assistance from the planning consultant before providing a cluster response. Mr New abstained on that vote as he felt conflicted as a landowner.
129. **Resolved:** That the Chairman and Mr Phillips deal with the response to HELAA.

PARISH HALL

130. Members were advised that a meeting had taken place at the hall with the building surveyor who was preparing a works programme together with a future works timeframe. The starting position was a requirement for a builder to investigate the plumbing and foul drainage and surface water. Members considered that the frontage of the hall had become untidy again and quotations had been obtained for tidying of the frontage and pruning of the cherry tree at £145.00 and £350.00 respectively.
131. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk instruct the surveyor to initiate the investigation into the

water drainage from the hall.

132. **Resolved 2:** That Mrs Kilroy instruct the contractor to undertake the frontage work and pruning.

SPORTSFIELD

133. Members were advised that the Clerk had investigated the issue of fence supports being placed on the sportsfield and a leaning wire fence. The leaning wire fence was thought not to be an issue. A reasonable period of time should be allowed for fence repairs after which the Clerk would prompt the Landowner to remove fence supports. The Clerk referred members to a sketch provided by the cricket club showing a gate barrier. It was intended to use the barrier to prevent travellers and others accessing the sportsfield but at the same time allowing a small number of parishioners to access the sportsfield for leisure pursuits. It was suggested that a "box lock" would be beneficial.
134. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk request the landowner to remove the fence supports.
135. **Resolved 2:** That the purchase and installation of the gate barrier be approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

COMMITTEES

138. Members discussed the committees. The committees would remain as at present. Mr Phillips would help with the sportsfield were necessary.

MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

139. None.

RISK ASSESSMENT

140. Members considered a Risk Assessment Schedule based upon Mrs Ballard's work which the Clerk had circulated.
141. **Resolved:** That the Risk Assessment Schedule be approved and adopted.

WAR MEMORIAL

142. This matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

143. None.

OPEN FORUM

144. Members were asked to consider appointing one councillor to organise a litter pick in Eastergate parish following a successful litter pick organised in Barnham Village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

145. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

146. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting will be 2nd June, 2016.

Signed : Dated :