

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

5th July, 2018

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

(Chairman) Mr C Allington, Mrs H Kilroy and Mr D New

County Councillor Mr Whittington, the Community Facilities Manager and the Project Manager were in attendance

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

158. Mr Marsden asked members whether they were aware of the application for change of use at 33 Barnham Road. Members were aware and noted that the work had been underway for several months despite the application indicating that work was not started.

MINUTES

159. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

160. County Councillor, Mr Whittington, mentioned the closing of Lidsey landfill Site where, in due course, sheep would be able to graze. The Right of Way footpath over the site would be re-instated and opened when gas valves were secured. New cycle routes linked to Site 6 were referred to and also news was advised of St. Philip Howard School providing a new fence north of their car park. Some dead trees would be removed

PROJECT MANAGER AND CFM REPORTS

161. Members had received written reports, with supporting documents, from the above. The FCM reported to members that the hall bookings for June were very positive. Cricket Club members were making good use of the facilities, but the table tennis club were not able to move to the pavilion as it was not suitable. The Badminton Club were struggling to attract new players and their return on the 5th September was doubtful. Sufficient money to purchase two de-fibrillators had been collected, with large amounts received through the coffee mornings. Complaints had been received regarding litter bins and numerous requests had been made to ADC to remedy this. Members were advised that a meeting of the sportsfield user groups, with the CFM and councillors, had been arranged for the 23rd July @ 7. Members considered the CFM's budget and thanked Nina for the production of the same. The Chairman's budget for the council was also discussed as was the monthly transfer of £1400 from the council. The council also considered the merit of transferring the hall 2nd account balance of £344 to the no.1 account and £2994 from the no1 account to the no 2 account. This would enable the separation of deposits and donations from the main account. The Project Manager's report was noted. Members thanked Mr Marsden for his efforts in his charitable work. The charge, which were low this month, were expected to increase as the PM was to index and attribute documents and photographs kindly provided by Sandra Lowton. Members considered the bid table for the restoration of the lettering on the memorial. Members were advised of possible changes to be made to the Remembrance Service by Fr. Martin and it was considered

that any changes should be discussed with the council. The purchase of the “Silent Soldier” was discussed and the possibility of such purchase being at a significant discount was considered. It was felt that the silhouette should be sited at the hall frontage.

- 162. **Resolved 1:** That the purchase of the silhouette be undertaken once investigation as to cost was complete.
- 163. **Resolved 2:** That payment of the CFM accounts be authorised
- 164. **Resolved 3:** That payment of the Project Manager accounts be authorised
- 165. **Resolved 4:** That the Chairman’s and the C. F. Manager’s budgets be accepted, approved and adopted.
- 166. **Resolved 5:** That the council pay the monthly sum of £1400 to the hall, by way of grant
- 167. **Resolved 6:** That there be transfer of the above-mentioned sums between the hall accounts

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

- 168. Members were advised of a number of applications and decisions. In particular, it was reported that a tree application had been made in relation to 11 Collins Close under EG/40/18/T. Members were concerned to note that further cameras, attached to lampposts owned by the council, had appeared around the Elm Tree Stores junction. Consideration was given to a suggestion that the “Red Ensign” be flown from the hall flagpole for merchant navy day. The Local Plan was referred to and it was expected to be passed by the Inspector. The Chairman reported a failure of ADC to notify the parishes of the number of units allocated to them for building. The Chairman was pursuing the matter. Mention was made of the Southern Water “Charette” meeting, which the Chairman was unable to attend. It was reported that Cllr Michael Walden had attended and would provide a report in due course.
- 169. **Resolved 1:** That ADC be asked to refer EG/40/18T to the Aboroculturalist
- 170. **Resolved 2:** That investigations be undertaken to identify the owners of the cameras

CORRESPONDENCE

- 171. The Clerk circulated correspondence during the previous month. Letters had been received relating to the unpleasant smells apparently emanating from the pond behind Upton Brooks. It was suggested that this was caused by foul water from the new development. A poor response to parishioners concerns from ADC was reported. The Clerk reported correspondence from a parishioner concerned as to apparent lack of grass cutting at the open spaces and elsewhere. The Clerk had dealt with those concerns which were the council’s responsibility. The problem was due to an excessive growth period whilst the normal cutting routine was undertaken
- 172. **Resolved:** That ADC Environmental Department be asked to fully investigate the problem.

PARISH HALL

173. Members were advised that the alarm system had required re-setting and an invoice had been received. Concern was expressed as to the need to call out engineers to undertake a simple re-set. The contract was said not to have made this possibility clear. All other matters had been dealt with in the CFM report earlier. Members considered that the requirement for the Hall and Sportsfield to be separate agenda items was unnecessary.
174. **Resolved 1:** That the contractual position be considered and reported to the council at the next meeting
175. **Resolved 2:** That the Hall and Sportsfield items be removed from the agenda unless specifically requested.

SPORTSFIELD

176. Members were informed that the play area bins were overflowing once again. The problem had been reported to ADC and further efforts would be made to encourage regular emptying. Members were advised that a concept drawing was to be provided in relation to possible development of the pavilion, free of charge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

RESTORATION OF MEMORIAL

179. Members had discussed this item under Project Manager's Reports. The CFM would prepare a service order

REPORT OF MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

180. Members were advised that all meetings had been dealt with earlier in the agenda.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

181. Members discussed the present position regarding the proposed merger of the councils. There was a second round of consultation and an objection had been received. It was considered that there may be a warding issue at the heart of the objection. The necessary papers would be advertised with a decision due by the 1st December, in time for the production of the electoral roll. Subject to approval from the authorities, it was anticipated that the amalgamation of the councils would take place on the 1st April 2019.

OPEN FORUM

182. Concern was expressed as to the lack of EPC reporting in the Parish News. The CFM provided some material, but largely relating to the hall and sportsfield. Mr Marsden kindly offered to provide EPC Parish News input.
183. **Resolved:** That Mr Marsden's offer be gratefully accepted and he be authorised to prepare the Parish News reports

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

184. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting will be 30th August 2018.

Signed : Dated :