

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

30th August, 2018

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

Mr C Allington (Chairman), Mrs H Kilroy, Mr P Cramp, and Mr R New

County Councillor Mr D Whittington, the Communities Facilities Manager and 1 parishioner were in attendance

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

189. None.

MINUTES

190. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

190. County Councillor Mr Whittington advised members of concern relating to an application at The Bowries and reference was made to a 2 ft. footway. Reference was made to the proposed upgrade to the Yapton level crossing information meeting. It was felt that this was an information meeting rather than a consultation. Mr Cramp will be attending on behalf of the council. The proposed changes to the Order of Service for Remembrance Day were discussed.

191. **Resolved:** That the changes to the Order of Service be approved.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PROJECT MANAGERS' REPORTS

192. Members considered the report from the Project Manager. The facilities Manager reported that a grant application had been made for a sum of £60,000 on behalf of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate PC's to combat loneliness. Reference was made to a meeting of the Sportsfield User group with the cricket club encouraging youth participation but the football club not being interested in under 18 engagement. The Stoolball club did not attend neither did Barnham Trojans FC. Members were advised that the Trojans would be using the field and that the fees had been agreed by the Facilities Manager. Early sketches had been received from for the proposed new pavilion building. Members were advised of a busy July period with the remaining funds from the de-fibrillator funds being used to improve the hall. A wedding party at the Hall had been successful and a Wedding Fayre was to be an event on Saturday the 8th September. Members considered a request for the balcony to be used by the C.F. Manager as an office. The installation of the multi-media sound system was mentioned. The small boiler had finally given up the ghost and there would be a refund of £90 of the cost of previous repair to be taken from the replacement cost. There was a proposal for a police cycle meeting to take place at the hall.

193. **Resolved:** That the fees charged to the Trojans be approved.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

194. Members were advised of planning decisions and the following applications being EG/43/18/PL, EG/70/17/PL, EG/47/18/TC, EG/51/18/HH, EG/50/18/HH, EG/46/18/HH and EG/53/18/L. Members considered that no objection was necessary in relation to these applications. Members discussed applications at the Bowries, where there was a proposal for 28 houses and Bexstone, with 10 houses. Members considered the response from the Southern land owners' group and the conflict with the adopted Local plan and the BE Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman referred to the allocation of housing and the likely 1750 houses to be shared out among the parishes. This would likely mean 75-100 houses in Eastergate, most of which have already been built or are planned. A DPD meeting was due on the 3rd October. The Chairman indicated his intention to prepare statistics regarding the planning permissions, starts and completions to see if the parish has already met our probable requirements. Members were advised of the letter sent by the council on behalf of both BPC and EPC regarding the allocation of housing. A member questioned whether there was any mileage in supporting the WSCC objection to BEW as it clashes with the Minerals Plan. Members discussed the need for salt supplies. The Clerk stated that he would speak with the council contractor and possibly request 2 bags.
195. **Resolved:** That there be an objection to applications at The Boweries and Bexstone.

CORRESPONDENCE

196. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. Members considered a complaint that utility works in Farnhurst Road were likely to cause danger to the public going to school at the end of the holidays. Councillor Whittington would report the matter to the Highway Department. The Chairman reported correspondence from residents at Chantry Mead. They had complained of being served with notices by ADC relating to the failure of the developers, Bargate Homes, to build the SUDS system required by the planning approval. The Clerk had advised that the regulations required ADC to serve notices on all persons with an interest in the land. It was suggested that the matter would be referred to the ombudsman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

197. The Clerk had circulated the statements for July and August by email and at the meeting. Members were advised of the continuing requirements for the bank card for the Facilities Manager and closing the 2 accounts at the NSI.
198. **Resolved 1:** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.
199. **Resolved 2:** That the documentation for Barclays, seeking a debit card from the hall cheque account, be approved, signed and delivered.
200. **Resolved 3:** That Christopher Allington, the Chairman, and Garry Sleet, the Clerk, be appointed as signatories on the NS&I accounts numbered 138072628 and 138072629 and those accounts be closed, and balances transferred to Barclays Bank.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

201. Members were advised that the application for road closure has been made and contact with the traffic management company has been instigated. Members considered the renovation of the Memorial and minuted their thanks to Renford Marsden.

MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

202. Members were advised of a meeting by the Chairman and developers proposing major development of The Square in Barnham. The loss of car parking was considered as was the need for a shopfront where the octangles were to be developed rather than office fronts.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

203. None.

OPEN FORUM

204. Members discussed the approval of the proposed merger with Barnham PC, by the electoral Boundaries Authority.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

205. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 4th October 2018.

Signed : Dated :