

# **EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL**

**1st November, 2018**

**At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall**

## **PRESENT**

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

The Communities Facilities Manager and one parishioner were in attendance

Apologies received from Mr P Cramp and County Councillor Mr D Whittington

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

226. None.

## **MINUTES**

227. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

## **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

228. None.

## **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

229. Members were advised of planning decisions and that applications in respect of the Micro Pub, Hairdressers using the old bank building and the Bexstone and Boweries applications had been withdrawn. Members considered the following applications being EG/66/18/HH, EG/65/18/HH, EG/70/18/HH, EG/72/18/HH, EG/71/18/T and AL/15/17/PL. Members considered that no objection was necessary in relation to the first four of these applications. Members discussed applications that was outside of the parish and considered that the application was speculative development inconsistent with the Neighbourhood Plan. Members discussed correspondence from the "Weald Group" who sought support to oppose changes to planning control which would allow fracking operations without planning permission being necessary.

230. **Resolved 1:** That there be objection to applications AL/15/17/AL

231. **Resolved 2:** That the applications EG/71/18/T be referred to the ADC Arboroculturalist

232. **Resolved 3:** That the Clerk be authorised to sign the Weald Group letter on behalf of the Council.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

233. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to items previously delivered by e-mail. Members considered correspondence from a parishioner relating to overhanging branches of trees at the sportsfield. The Clerk indicated that the ADC Tree Warden was to undertake inspection of all trees managed by the Council this month. Members also considered correspondence from a parishioner who had discussed the possibility of planting new trees on the open space area to be in place when other trees reached the end of their lives. Members considered that such planting would prevent the use of the land as an "open

space” and interfere with its use by children for playing. Members considered it would be appropriate to replace trees on the perimeter if, and when, necessary. A discussion took place regarding footpath 231 from the Public Rights of Way Officer at WSCC. Reference was made to a consultation regarding the Gatwick Airport Master Plan and members considered that there should be no involvement in that matter. The Clerk referred to the play area inspection report recently received, and the Council noted the arrangements made by the Clerk with the Councils contractors. The Chairman referred members to tax breaks averages per household in local parishes and that the combined Barnham & Eastergate parishes would be within the average band. The Community Facilities Manager advised members that she was dealing with correspondence received from a care home company. Members also considered a request for £1,000 funding for a community referrer. Members considered that this request should be included in the precept for the Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council. Reference was made to section 106 monies from Cala Homes. The Chairman had sought to divert some of these funds to the Croft Surgery. He was in discussion with Karl Roberts of ADC.

234. **Resolved**: That the Clerk request a careful inspection of footpath 231 by the PROW Officer and seek a report regarding condition.

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PROJECT MANAGERS' REPORTS**

235. Members were advised of a recent sub-committee meeting between councillors and the Project Manager and CFM. The PM was asked to undertake a risk audit for the pavilion and hall. Members discussed the need for a general risk review. Financial audit also had to be undertaken. The Chairman's newsletter undertaken jointly with BPC would be prepared by the CFM. £900 funding had been attained to include an insert for the Barnham Square Developers. Mr David Phillips had been asked to assist with preparation of the newsletter on a voluntary basis. The CFM advised members of events at the hall with several new groups joining. There were spaces available in the diary on Monday and Wednesday mornings only. The CFM reported that the contractor instructed to replace the double doors on eastern flank of the hall had failed to undertake the work and the second-choice contractor from the tendering process would be asked to undertake the work. It was reported that there was to be a community brunch at the start of the New Year and reference was made to a lack of response to the pavilion audit survey, by one of the users. Members were advised that the architect's plans for the replacement pavilion should be available in December. The CFM reported that the Croft Surgery was recommending the halls coffee mornings to patients and that she was in talks with WSCC with a view to having a static library in the hall to replace the mobile library. Members were asked to consider whether a charge for the use of the hall should be made to the ABE Steering Group. It was reported that Cala Homes section 106 proposal included a payment of £250,000 to WSCC for a tier seven library, but no project was earmarked. The Chairman referred to a meeting with Karl Roberts, at the Oyster Catcher public house, to deal with community infrastructure and an agenda for the discussion was to be received. Mention was made of the BEWAG meeting where the proposed northern arc of the new A29 was programmed to be completed by the winter of 2019 and the southern phase by March 2021. Traffic movements were likely to be 9,000 to 12,000 per day and there was likely to be 50 cars per minute at peak times. An invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the “coast to country green corridor” was due to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The Chairman indicated that he could not attend, and Mr New agreed to attend on the Councils behalf.
236. **Resolved 1:** That Mr New and the Clerk undertake the general risk audit and report to the Council.
237. **Resolved 2:** That the financial audit be undertaken by the Clerk with Mrs Kilroy and be reported to the Council.
238. **Resolved 3:** That the double doors be replaced by the second-choice contractor.

239. **Resolved 4:** That the architect's plans for the pavilion be an agenda item for the December meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

240. Members were advised of a meeting of the shadow council consisting of the Clerk and two councillors from both parishes.

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**

241. Members discussed the schedule for Remembrance Day. It was reported that the bugler, Rocco, was to attend. The service order sheets have been obtained by the parish office at a cost of £141.
242. **Resolved:** That the payment of £141 to the parish office be approved and authorised.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE**

243. No discussion took place.

#### **MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

244. Members discussed the plans for redevelopment of Barnham Square. It was understood that the development company were in talks with Govia in relation to car parking. There was to be a further meeting in November, to clarify the outline objectives, with a consultation in December, with a proposal, and January 2019, with a full consultation regarding the development of Barnham centre. Mention was made of the problems at Chantry Mead off Downview Road. The residents and management company had long-standing difficulties about the developer's failure to comply with conditions on the planning permission and ADC failure to enforce such conditions. It was suggested that the developers have walked away leaving the problem with an inexperienced management company. Members considered that the developers should make good their work to comply with the planning permission and that the management company should deal with the planning enforcement ombudsman. It was felt that the planning enforcement notice to Bargate Homes and the management company was a matter of legal procedure and necessary. The Chairman mentioned that he did not attend the JWAC meeting. Members were advised of ADC's call for GTTS sites in the parish. After discussion members felt that a site would be most useful on the BEW site when it was being built.
245. **Resolved:** That the Clerk reply to ADC's call for GTTS sites recommending the BEW development.

#### **PRECEPT CALCULATION CONSULTATION PAPER**

246. A copy of the paper prepared to estimate the precept for 2019/2020 had been circulated and was noted by members.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

247. The Clerk had circulated the statements for October together with a report on budget reconciliation.
248. **Resolved 1 :** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.
249. **Resolved 2:** That the budget reconciliation report be noted.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

250. None.

**OPEN FORUM**

251. The Clerk referred to a complaint received in relation to a dam in the Aldingbourne rife alongside Church Lane, Eastergate. The Clerk had inspected the location, in the garden of the Wilkes Head public house, and had arranged for the Environment Agency to deal with the problem. Members were advised of funding sources and the VAAC funding opportunity was mentioned. The CFM will utilise the free service for funding grants applications.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

252. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Signed : ..... Dated : .....