

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

7th February, 2019

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

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

County Councillor, Mr D Whittington, District Councillor, Mr C Hughes and three parishioners were in attendance

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Members were asked to comment upon the use of land near to Westfield House in Fontwell Avenue and the District Council's "illegal" provision of planning permissions in relation to that land. Members were advised that the applications on the site leading to the permissions were, in fact, Aldingbourne applications and not within Eastergate parish. The enquirers were referred to Aldingbourne Parish Council. A member of the public asked whether the council were aware of any difficulties given the publicity surrounding Zurich insurance. In addition, a question was asked as to the status of land opposite the hall and being the Old Fruit farm and in the "Arc" northern new A29 route. The Chairman advised in regard to the BENP and the possibility of an additional 40 homes being built in that area. Linden Homes were building 60 plus homes. The enquirer was advised in regard SP5 of the Local Plan. The District Councils view was that a large business case existed for the northern arc of the A29 which had come out for consultation. There was likely to be Coast to Capital funding. There was a likelihood to be 500 houses built in that area. The Clerk advised members that he had received no indication of the Councils insurance being prejudiced.

MINUTES

2. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

3. County Councillor Mr Whittington reported from the JWAC meeting that a grant of up to £4,684 had been approved to improve the kitchen at Eastergate Hall, subject to the "call in" procedure. Mr Whittington referred to minute 257 of the previous meeting and pointed out that the cycle route from Barnham to Flansham was a permissive route only. Reference was made to land north of the Wilkes Head public house, as well as a tarmac path which was a right of way. The Council were informed that WSCC had design drawings ready in place. District Councillor Mr Hughes was advised of concerns passed to the Council relating to 23 Elm Grove. He agreed to assist the applicants in understanding the District Council's position. It was felt that the District Council had delayed provision of the planning permission and, when pressed, resorted to blaming the Parish Council who had not filed comments on the application.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

4. Mr New and Mr Allington both indicated an interest in planning matters on their land and took no further part in matters relating thereto. Members considered planning decisions and reference was made to applications numbered EG/81/18/HH, EG/80/18/A, EG/2/19/HH, EG/4/19/PL and EG/7/19/PL. The Council considered that no objections

were necessary to these applications. Members considered application WA/1/19/PL, being a Dandara development, where permission had been granted but where the properties could not be occupied until works funded by the developer were undertaken to the Fontwell roundabout. Whilst no objection was raised to application EG/5/19/T, members felt that the matter should be referred to the ADC Arboriculturalist. Members also considered application AL/3/19/PL at Nyton Nursery. The application was for 45-70 new dwellings. Members considered the application considering the significant number of planning permissions already granted within the parishes, the increased pressure on the community infrastructure and at Fontwell roundabout. Members also took into account the fact that the BENP would deliver the local view in fairly early course. Members were advised that application EG/4/19/PL, being provision of play area and equipment, would be a duplication of a similar scheme at the nearby Linden Homes development, as well as duplicating the Parish Council's aspiration to provide some of these facilities at Eastergate sports field. Concern was expressed as to the long-term management of such provision. It was felt that a letter to the Planning office would clarify whether duplication of resources was being considered. Members also discussed the DPD where 73 homes would be required in the merged Barnham and Eastergate parish. District Councillor Ballard's enquiries of the District Council and the District Council's response, relating to infrastructure needs were commented on. In particular, the District Council's view that a 15 year plan was to be considered, was felt to be inappropriate as the need for infrastructure was clearly in a 2 to 5 year period.

5. **Resolved 1:** That objection be made to application WA/1/19/PL.
6. **Resolved 2:** That application EG/5/19/T be referred to the ADC Arboriculturalist.
7. **Resolved 3:** That objection be raised to application AL/3/19/PL on the grounds mentioned above.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. The Clerk circulated correspondence and referred to letters received including complaints from Yapton Football Club. Mrs Kilroy advised members of a meeting with the Chairman and Secretary of Yapton FC by herself and the Clerk. The meeting had reached positive conclusions and the Club were now compliant with the Councils requirements. It was considered necessary for a booking plan to be set up and maintained by the CF Manager. Correspondence received by the Project Manager had been clarified by the Chairman and the necessary works would be completed on the existing contractual basis. Correspondence complaining of non-delivery of the Chairman's newsletter were discussed and the need to ascertain the complainant's addresses was mentioned. Correspondence from Roderick Haig of Oving Parish Council relating to bus routes was mentioned.
9. **Resolved:** That the matter of the complaints be dealt with in part 2 of the meeting.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PROJECT MANAGERS' REPORTS

10. Members received reports from the PM and CFM and the contents were noted. Members considered the request for replacement of the Hall boiler as repairs of in excess £1,000 were needed. Members considered the Bid Tender provided by the CFM. One quote had not been received and it was considered that further quotes should be provided. Members considered a quotation from the original installers of the play area's fencing to replace 11 fence posts. The need for early resolution was taken into account.
11. **Resolved 1:** That the matter of boiler replacement be deferred to the CF sub-committee.

12. **Resolved 2:** That the quotation for fencing repair be accepted and the work be authorised.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2019

13. Members discussed the arrangements the Barnham and Eastergate Assembly and noted that it would take place at Barnham Hall on the 4th June at 6.00 pm. The shadow council's notes of the meeting on the 28th January were approved by the Council, although not all members had received a copy.
14. **Resolved 1:** That the Council approve the BEPC shadow council's minutes.
15. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk send a copy of the minutes to all members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

16. The Clerk had circulated the statements for December and January 2019 together with a report on budget reconciliation.
17. **Resolved 1 :** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.
18. **Resolved 2:** That the budget reconciliation report be noted.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

19. Members considered it appropriate for the applications to be dealt with by the merged council.
20. **Resolved:** That the application be deferred to the merged council and the applicants be notified of the same.

REPORT OF MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

21. A report of the DPD meeting had been dealt with under item 4 above.

COMMUNICATIONS & WEBSITE

22. Members received a report that work had already been started by the website contractor for Barnham Parish Council to merge the two councils' websites.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

23. None.

OPEN FORUM

24. A member reported a discussion with a parishioner whose house stood at the back of the old Vicarage. Concerns had been expressed in regard to water and sewerage being diverted to Elm Grove South sewers. It was considered that this may become an issue.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25. **Resolved:** The date of the next meeting of the council will be the 7th March 2019.

Signed : Dated :

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