

EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

7th March, 2019

At a Meeting held at Eastergate Parish Hall

PRESENT

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

Apologies were received from Mr D New, County Councillor, Mr D Whittington, District Councillor, Mr K Ballard.

The Community Facilities Manager and nine parishioners were in attendance

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

31. Members were asked whether they could assist the Claremont Lodge Nursing Home by installing a street light outside their premises. The premises were extremely difficult to locate after dark. Members considered that they could assist with their efforts to persuade the Highways Agency, or others, to install street lighting at the northern end of Fontwell Avenue. The Chairman remarked that Dandara, who were developing the land opposite the racecourse, were being pressed to assist with access ways and other areas where the community would benefit. Members were asked about the phasing of development and the provision of primary school places. Members were reminded that there were already developments of 268 properties by Wimpey and 500 by Barratts. The Chairman indicated likely development of 1,436 homes to be built in the 5 to 10-year phase of development. Provision for 2 primary schools in the southern arc were anticipated in years 10 to 15. Using the calculator of 3 houses requiring 1 primary school place, the reality was that one and a half times the Barnham primary school places would be required, but not allowed for. It was noted Eastergate primary school was already receiving applications for places from residents in Tangmere.
32. **Resolved:** That the request for street lighting be carried forward to Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council.

MINUTES

33. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2019, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

34. None.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

35. With the permission of the Chairman questions were taken from parishioners that were attending. Concern was expressed as to the exhibition, which had recently been held, which was considered to be very poor. There were complaints of differing numbers of housing and no co-ordination between the 3 groups holding the event. There was concern that the event took place when the working general public would not be able to attend. However, it was pointed out that two other exhibitions were held, within a 2-mile radius, at times which allowed the working public to attend. Concerns were expressed by residents near to the proposed northern arc as to the likely air, noise and light pollution. Discussion ensued as to how the figure of 4,100 houses was calculated by WSCC. It was

confirmed that WSCC was sizing the road on a 50-year forecast. There was concern as to the southern arc being built on a flood plain and the effect of the additional vehicles on the Barnham centre parking situation. The Chairman's response to the consultation was circulated at the meeting and concern was expressed as to the line of the road being so close to the built environment adjacent to Poling Motors. Members were advised of planning applications that had been approved and further applications including EG/13/19/T, EG/18/19/T, EG/11/19/HH, EG/14/19/HH, EG/15/19/HH and EG/16/19/HH. Members considered that no objections were necessary, but that the ADC Arboroculturist be asked to advise on the tree applications. Members considered the Chairman's press briefing relating to the local plan and A29 consultation prepared on behalf of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate Parish Councils. Members were advised of a report of a property in Gospond Road, Barnham being used as a car breakers as well dog breeding. Members were aware that Gospond Road was a regular route to school for many children. It was also reported that a bus-stop had appeared to be removed by Taylor Wimpey, although this was noted to be in Aldingbourne parish.

36. **Resolved 1:** That the Chairman update his response to the consultation to include the matters raised by parishioners.
37. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk write to the Clerk Designate of Barnham & Eastergate Council indicating that the consultation was felt to be poor and a proper forum was needed where all attendees could hear the answers being given by Consultants.
38. **Resolved 3:** That the macro response be approved.
39. **Resolved 4:** That ADC be asked to obtain advice on tree applications from the Arboroculturist.
40. **Resolved 5:** That the press briefing be approved.
41. **Resolved 6:** That ADC Planning and Enforcement be notified of the alleged car breaking in Gospond Road.
42. **Resolved 7:** That the Clerk notify the Aldingbourne Clerk of the complaint relating to the bus-stop.

CORRESPONDENCE

43. Members were advised of a meeting at the Chairman's house taking place on the 28th March at 7pm to thank the Clerk for his service to the Council. Members were advised of concern being expressed by a parishioner that horse-riding was not allowed on multimodal paths. Correspondence from a parishioner relating to business use of a nearby property starting in the early hours of the morning and generally exceeding the hours allowed by the existing use approval from ADC was discussed. The Clerk reported investigating the matter and noted that the permission and application appeared contradictory. Members considered that the parishioner should seek clarification from the ADC Planning Department or his own consultant. Members were advised that PlaySafe would be installing the replacement fence posts, around the play area, on or around the 8th April. The Clerk requested approval for payment of their invoice before the end of March as they were long standing contractors. The Clerk reported a telephone conversation with the ADC Licensing Enforcement Officer in relation to the alcohol licence at the Sports Pavilion. The Clerk satisfied the Officer as to the identity of the football club bar manager, and it was recommended that the users report the identity of their bar manager at the start of their use.
44. **Resolved 1:** That the Clerk advise the parishioner to seek clarification as to times of

approved use from ADC or his own consultant.

45. **Resolved 2:** That the Clerk be authorised to make payment of the PlaySafe invoice.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PROJECT MANAGERS' REPORTS

46. Members received reports which were noted. The CFM reported that the boiler had been repaired. Members considered a complaint regarding parking by Taylor Wimpey staff at the sports field. It was felt that this was unlikely, as the car park had been empty at various times of the day. It was also noted that the site had reached a point where parking was likely to take place thereon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

47. The Clerk had circulated the statements for February 2019. Members were advised that the monthly payment of £1,400 to the Hall would not need to be made. They were further advised that early payment for staff for April would be dealt with by the Clerk Designate of Barnham & Eastergate Council.
48. **Resolved 1 :** That the financial statements be approved and payments be authorised.
49. **Resolved 2:** That there be no payments to the hall account in March.

WAR MEMORIAL

50. Members were advised that Mr Marsden would be dealing with removal of wreaths in line with the Royal British Legion protocol.

MERGER OF COUNCILS

51. Members were advised that there would be no meeting of the shadow council and, due to elections, councillors would not be meeting in April.

REPORT OF MEETING OF OUTSIDE BODIES

52. None.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

53. Members discussed a meeting in relation to a community land trust. A councillor felt pressured to attend further meetings. It was felt that members as individuals should proceed with caution, and Councils were not allowed to be involved as they were prevented by land involvement regulations.

OPEN FORUM

54. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

55. None.

Signed: Dated: