

East Donyland Parish Council

Full Parish Council Meeting – 10th November 2016

St Lawrence's School, Rectory Road, Rowhedge starting 7.00pm.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phil George, Anna Appleyard, Peter Case, Doug Clay, Nina Crouchman, John Rowland; CBC Ward Cllrs Mike Lilley, Adam Fox & Lee Scordis; CBC Planning Officer Daniel Cameron; Clerk – Nicki Matthews and 8 members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil George, opened the meeting at 7pm.

121/16 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences: Apologies received from Cllrs Pullon & Helliwell, and Village Bus representative Elizabeth Trellis.

122/16 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda: NC & DC – pecuniary 129/16; PG & JR - pecuniary 127/16

123/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016: The minutes were proposed as correct by PG, 2nd NC – all agreed; minutes approved.

124/16 To receive a presentation from CBC Planning & Contributions Officer, Daniel Cameron, regarding developer contributions and viability issues: DC spoke about the framework and legislation relating to developer contributions, and how local councils can engage with and direct the process. The attached slides provide a summary of the presentation and key points raised. PG noted that the key outcome for the parish council has been putting in place an up to date, costed list of projects which will be reviewed regularly, and thanked DC for his presentation and support.

125/16 Have your say! The Chairman will allocate a max.15 minutes to ask members of the public to speak (max. 3 minutes each) on any matters relevant to parish business:

The following issues and questions were raised:

- Bus shelters - please can the council consider installing seats in the bus shelters
- Dock road – safety concern regarding speeding vehicles particularly near the footpath crossing. The Clerk has contacted Bloor regarding this issue; if it is not resolved it will be referred to CBC.
- Business Park - why have fences been erected in the field that is part of the site on Rectory Rd? Clerk to contact the landowner. *Action – the Clerk*
- Burial Ground – thanks for the work that has been done, it is much improved.
- Memorial plinths in Recreation Ground – need attention as the wood is deteriorating, refer to Maintenance Committee. *Action – Asst Clerk*
- Life belt on Pearsons Quay – pole has broken; currently being fixed.

126/16 To receive and note reports from

- i) County Councillor, Kevin Bentley – no report
- ii) CBC Councillors Mike Lilley, Adam Fox & Lee Scordis:
 - Local Plan – the Committee met on Mon 7th, and looked at the responses to the Local Plan consultation. There was support on the committee for the contributions received in relation to the Rowhedge development, and for maintaining Rowhedge as a distinct village. Although the committee was initially minded to accept all the proposed developments due to lack of alternative options, they noted that the Rowhedge Business Park has been proposed as an alternative and have agreed to consider this further. The planning application submitted by Gladman was not favourably received, as the land is not included in the current Local Plan as a site for development.
 - Dog fouling – CBC have introduced special measures for green spaces across the borough, giving increased powers to fine / prosecute owners who don't pick up after their dogs. EDPC can request additional enforcement patrols for Rowhedge if it would be helpful.

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- Begging – the recent Gazette reports on CBC action are false; CBC have been contending with an issue regarding 'professional beggars' and have been running a campaign to identify and provide support to those who are genuinely in need.
 - Stephen Cranfield Close – CB Homes recently carried out a 'Make a Difference' day of action in the close, with the ward cllrs; it was very well attended and much action carried out to improve the area.
 - 20mph campaign – LS has mapped the responses so far, and the ward cllrs will now be door knocking those who have not responded to gain further support.
 - Parking enforcement – the camera car is now operational and will be targeting schools in the borough, and resident only areas including Stephen Cranfield Close.
- iii) Clerk – noted.
- iv) Village Bus Representative – Elizabeth Trellis: apologies received.
- v) Rowhedge Residents' Association – Trisha Curran: nothing to report.

127/16 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Clay & Crouchman: Cllrs George & Rowland left the room. PC proposed the payments to be correct, 2nd NC all agreed. PG & JR re-joined the meeting. *Action – the Clerk.*

128/16 To note the draft minutes from the Maintenance Committee 19th October: PG & JR noted that the village sign is to be repainted, and that there is a plan to replant the raised beds on Lion Quay with low maintenance plants.

129/16 To receive an update from the Chairman regarding the Battleswick site: PG noted the earlier update from the ward cllrs regarding the Local Plan Committee (item 126/16), and that Gladman have now submitted a planning application for the site. A brief initial review of the application indicates that it contains numerous inaccuracies. A 13 week period has been given for the consideration of the application, but the consultation end date is currently stated as 30 Nov - ML to request an extension to this. There is no provision in the current Local Plan for this, and the inclusion of the site in the future Local Plan has not yet been agreed; if rejected would make it very difficult for this application to succeed. EDPC will meet with CBC planning officers later this month to discuss the application in more detail. PG noted his intention to propose two actions; Cllrs Clay & Crouchman left the room. PG proposed that, given the parish council's previous objection to the inclusion of this site in the Local Plan, the council re-engage GovResources to compile a further objection to this planning application at a maximum cost of £500. The consultant has already indicated their availability to carry out this work within this cost and the timescale. AA 2nd – all agreed. *Action – the Clerk.* PG further proposed that the parish council arrange a public meeting within the next two weeks, to help the community understand what is happening, the process involved, and what action they can take. The aim would be to have the support of ward and county cllrs and local MPs at the meeting if possible. JR 2nd – all agreed. *Action – PG/ML/Clerk* to liaise with key stakeholders to arrange and publicise the meeting as soon as possible. DC & NC re-joined the meeting.

130/16 To review the open space landscaping schemes already submitted by the Hills Group and approved by CBC and determine if any changes should be proposed: Cllrs expressed positive views on the schemes submitted. The parish council may wish to contribute ideas when the final detail is agreed, but it was suggested that the council allow Hills to progress these spaces, with no proposals made for the council to take ownership of the spaces or request any changes to the existing scheme.

131/16 To note that Bloor Homes have agreed to donate £500 towards pontoon maintenance works: PG requested that the Clerk formally thank Bloor for this contribution, and for their assistance with the Heath Rd garden and installation of the new memorial bench. *Action – the Clerk.*

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132/16 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda:

- Tennis store – to be updated, as DC has now passed information to the Asst Clerk to progress
- Fairy lights – NM meeting with electrician on site 11.11.16 to ensure this can be actioned in time for Christmas

133/16 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed:

i) Planning application 162508, Village Hall; proposed extension to include office, storage space, W/C and disabled/changing facility room: PG proposed that the council support this application; AA 2nd – all agreed. *Action – the Clerk.* DC noted that the school is likely to comment on the application regarding a potential issue with a proposed window.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: Date:

Chairman