

EAST GRINSTEAD WAR MEMORIAL LTD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 01/2017
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th January 2017 AT 7PM
AT CHEQUER MEAD, EAST GRINSTEAD

1 Present

C.Nunn	P.Thurlow	T.Hayman	M.Phillips
S.Baker	G.Stagg	A.Fisher	N.Davis
D.Yeoman	L.Graysmark	C. Russell	

2 Apologies for Absence

M.Funnell	D.Sweatman
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3 Minutes of previous CoM Meeting

- The Draft Minutes of Meeting 06/2016 on 2nd November 2016 were agreed after two amendments re Sackville College, and Poppy Day. They were then signed-off by the Chairman and, after redaction, would be placed on the website for Members CN

4 Matters arising from the previous Meeting not covered elsewhere

- None

5 Memorandum & Articles of Association

- Lorraine Young had apparently finished the editing and was now formatting the draft, which was expected to be with us at the end of the month. CN
- Some months ago we had a non-conclusive discussion about a potential change of name for the Company that better reflected what we do. GS made a suggestion at this meeting that we consider "*East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd*". Members present unanimously supported this suggestion which was felt would remove the confusion about our purpose. This had not been an agenda item though so would be raised at the next meeting to give absent members the opportunity to comment. If still supported, and not an expensive process, it would be suggested to the full membership at the next AGM if necessary.

6 Membership

- An email newsletter had been sent out on Dec 9th using MemberMojo for the first time. This had incurred a £60 upgrade cost to cater for the full membership numbers. This system allowed us to get members to check their details, and as result 9 members details had been updated.
- 2 members (Gardner and Joyce) had resigned since the last meeting bringing the current total to 312 (of which incidentally, 21 are not on email)
- The next Members newsletter would go out in early April. CN

7 East Court Steering Committee

- CN, TH & PT attended a Steering Meeting on 5th December at MSDC which was well Chaired by Gary Marsh.
- Subject to any outstanding editorial points, it was agreed to adopt and implement the draft Management Plan. MSDC undertook to post a copy on their website, but this had not yet been done.
- MSDC said they would be proceeding with linear coppicing this winter and leaving timber in situ to avoid vehicular damage. Since then many pink spots had appeared on trees on McIndoe and Ghyll and it is expected that work will soon start. CN

- MSDC told us that to date commitments to the SANG totalled £400k+ with £270k signed up and £160k in the bank, gaining interest at 4-5%. Projecting this would mean the SANG would be used up by 2020 with a total fund of £1.2m, i.e. £10k p.a. This is less than original projections and would need careful husbandry. No spending yet had been reported.
- MSDC are looking to extend the made-up surface of the SANG before the end of March this year.
- We had suggested to MSDC that McIndoe Walk, which runs from Lancaster Drive to the playing fields, could be upgraded to a cycle track. EGWML could make a contribution and lever-in funds from others. This concept was warmly received and it was agreed that initially we would walk the route with MSDC on Feb 14th to see what issues would arise (space, wildlife, etc). LG made the point that such an upgrade must not be to the detriment of walkers. CN/PT/TH
- A walkabout with MSDC was scheduled for 20th March, and a Steering meeting for 4th December
- MSDC are pursuing Barratts to resurface the northern end of the Holtye Track as per their obligation.
- MSDC are pursuing the Ambulance Station about parking on our verges.

8 Finances

- ND presented, and talked the Council through, a summary of our current financial position. A result for 2016 wasn't yet available, but it should be fairly positive through good husbandry and returns on investments. ND
- ND is awaiting a quote from Philip Baker for an updated Land Valuation which should boost our Balance Sheet ND/SB

9 Property

- Apparently spaces are available at Sackville College but our tenant at the Lodge says not. SB
- The new front door at the Lodge is installed
- One quote for the tree work at £780 had been received with 2 more awaited. Good communication with neighbours is important. TH
- The parking trial at the Football club had ended apparently, but was continuing with the Target Shooting Club. MP

10 Grants & Donations

- It was not entirely clear what grants had been given in 2016 because of timing and signatory issues, with '15 grants spilling into '16, and '16 grants spilling into '17. CR/LG tasked with reporting back with suggestions for 2017 grants, capped to a total of £5k, including a reduced grant of £1k to SSAFA. CR/LG

11 Neighbours

- 60 letters distributed so far. PT
- Agreed (reluctantly) to pay £50 + VAT for corkage for our "Meet and Greet" with neighbours on 6th June at East Court Mansion PT
- MSDC had surprisingly volunteered to remove garden waste from the "Scouts Land" PT
- Barratts have planted 12 new trees at Bluebell Gate to replace ones that had died.

12 Projects

- It had been agreed at previous meetings that our first priority must be to get MSDC to implement the Management Plan, rather than to distract them with other ideas and projects.

13 Insurances

- GS preparing an article for "Knight Times"

GS

14 Website and Publicity

- Feature about Remembrance Sunday added
- Does anyone have any photos of the SSAFA concert?

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15 Archives

- These had now been passed to CN for the next phase of sorting then scanning

CN

16 Any Other Business

- It was noted that the MSDC ranger had been spotted in the wood.

15 Dates of Subsequent meetings

- Wednesday 29th March 2017, Council of Management at Chequer Mead
- Thursday 25th May 2017, AGM at Chequer Mead
- Tuesday 6th June 2017, Neighbours Meet and Greet at East Court Manor House

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Signed:

Name: C.Nunn

Position: Chairman

Date: 29th March 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Nunn', written over a horizontal line.