

EAST GRINSTEAD WAR MEMORIAL LTD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2016 AT 7PM
AT CHEQUER MEAD, EAST GRINSTEAD

1 Present

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| C.Nunn | P.Thurlow | T.Hayman | M.Phillips |
| S.Baker | D.Yeoman | A.Fisher | L.Graysmark |
| C.Russell | | | |

2 Apologies for Absence

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| D.Sweatman | N.Davis | M.Funnell | G.Stagg |
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3 Minutes of previous CoM Meeting

- The Draft Minutes of Meeting 03/2016 on 23rd March 2016 were agreed and were signed off by the Chairman. A redacted version would be uploaded to the Members section of the website. CN

4 Matters arising from previous CoM Meeting

- Progress with the revised M&A's was slow and we'd need more time for consideration. A CoM Meeting would be exclusively dedicated to this later this year. CN
- We had investigated the need for Data Registration, and it doesn't apply to us
- MSDC are considering our suggested locations for new dog bins CN

5 Membership

- Static at 315
- A mailshot had gone out to members at the end of March and the three reactions had been positive. In the week following the mailshot, hits on our web site had increased 13-fold.
- MemberMojo will be progressed now that the Chairman was back from his trip CN

6 East Court Steering Meeting

- TH & PT had attended a walkabout Steering Meeting on 4th April. Maintenance and Drainage issues were mainly discussed but MSDC did not want to engage re the state of the Holtye Track.
- An ad hoc meeting with Terry/Sweeney had been held at HH on 9th May to follow up on the disappointing outcome from the previous ad hoc meeting on 14th March. On this occasion progress at MSDC seemed to be much accelerated and we were left hopeful that they are now seriously addressing the Plan.
- We have submitted more comments on improving the draft plan, particularly relating to budget allocation and management objectives. It was hope that we would bottom these out at a meeting on 24th May CN/PT
- The next Steering Meeting is scheduled for July - but we don't know the date yet CN
- CN is in dialogue with MSDC Planning to get Barratts to fulfil their promise to permanently reinstate the north end of the Holtye Track. CN
- It seems that the only way we'd get the southern end of the Holtye Track done would be if we financed it with grant assistance. MSDC currently getting estimates for this.

7 Finances

- Frustratingly, the process to replace Alan Tyler with GS as the third (on line) signatory had yet again gone pear-shaped! Try again! ND
- The 2015 accounts are being prepared but no surprises are anticipated. ND

- The current financial position is hardly changed from that previously reported.

8 Property

- EGTSC (Shooting): MP was progressing in setting up a formal agreement for them to MP sub-let
- The EGTFC (Football) MP was progressing in setting up a formal agreement for them to MP sub-let.
- East Court Lodge: Gutters and downpipes are to be done early July. Quotes for CN/SB bathroom and kitchen are pending.
- TH to organise Planning Application (Conservation Area) to cut down entire rear trees/ TH shrubs to 2m by the Lodge in Sept (ready for Nov)
- Coles had given us a view on the rental and capital value of the Lodge. Babbs are going CN to give us an opinion on whether the garden can be developed in any way.
- PT had done preliminary investigations into boundary issues which were discussed. It PT was agreed that all infringements (even if minor) should be pursued, but all Title Plans must be checked before any accusations. A softly, softly, personal approach was preferred.
- TH said that the Conservation Group would not be able to assist clearing any garden rubbish from our land.

9 Grants and Donations

- The SSAFA (£2,000) and AFD (£300) donations had been paid.
- After debate, a request from the Jubilee Centre for £2,760 for a new cooker was CR/LG declined.
- An informal approach had been received from EG Museum for a contribution towards CR/LG £3k to replace their computers. It was agreed that when the formal application was received, that we would grant £750 towards this project.
- Ashplats Conservation Group had applied for £1,000 to help fund their activities CR/LG (interest declared by CN, TH & AF - MP took the Chair at this point). This application was approved as ACG objectives perfectly aligned with EGWML's.
- It was agreed that TH should pro-actively approach EG Stoolball to see if they needed a TH/CR/ LG Younger grant this year. Admin with them is likely to be disrupted after the death of Keith LG Younger
- LG tabled a concept of an annual bursary, perhaps operated through schools, to LG encourage individuals to pursue activities in line with our Objects. It was agreed that this was worth further consideration.

10 Projects

- Several project concepts had been submitted by CoM members:
 - upgrade of Lancaster Drive access way (LG)
 - pathway from lower pavilion down side of football pitches (LG)
 - creation of cycle path from Lancaster Drive to Estcots Drive (CN&ND)
 - upgrade of Holtye Track (TH)
 - outside adult gym equipment (TH)
 - improvements to Lake area (MF)
 - upgrade to pedestrian access points to SANGS route (AF)
- DY to circulate summaries to all members and these ideas to be further considered. DY/
ALL

11 Insurances

- GS had a meeting with Knighthood which had resulted in renewing our policies for another year at more or less the same cost

12 Website/Publicity

- "Ancient Tree Monitoring" had been added as a news item to the website

13 Archives

- AF is ploughing through many boxes!

AF

14 Any other business

- TH thanked some of the CoM members for supporting the ACG Big Tidy Up in April. CN The event had been a great success.
- TH reported that the TPO at Fairlight House (the only link that East Court had with the wider countryside) was being challenged by the owner. CN to consider sending in support letter

15 Dates of Subsequent meetings

- AGM - Wednesday June 22nd 7pm
- Wednesday August 3rd, 6:45pm (NOTE TIME). Summer walkabout - Meet Sports pavilion car park
- Wednesday 21st September, 7pm. Meeting to exclusively discuss M&A's
- Wednesday 2nd November, 7pm. Normal Meeting

Signed:



Name: C.Nunn

Position: Chairman

Date: 21st September 2016