

# EAST GRINSTEAD WAR MEMORIAL LTD

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 06/2016

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2016 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.Sweatman	M.Funnell		

### 2 Apologies for Absence

L.Graysmark	C.Russell	D.Yeoman
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### 3 Minutes of previous CoM Meeting

- The Draft Minutes of Meeting 05/2016 on 21st September 2016 were agreed and 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

- It was noted that the East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan had been approved in the recent Referendum.

### 5 Memorandum & Articles of Association

- The decisions made at the last CoM Meeting had now been passed to Lorraine Young who would be incorporating them into a draft for our consideration. It was planned to have an agreed draft ready for the 2017 AGM. CN

### 6 Membership

- No changes to report
- PT reported that many of the neighbours he had spoken to were interested in becoming Members PT
- With the onset of the darker nights CN expected to find time to implement the Membership Mojo software CN

### 7 East Court Steering Committee

- Frustratingly, MSDC had postponed further Steering Meetings, apparently because of extensive staff changes within their organisation. The next meeting was now scheduled for 5th December. This would be the first for 14 months.
- CN reported that after many months, a draft Management Plan had been received from MSDC that now included the SANGS Plan. He presented the Council with a single page "Salient Points" summary that extracted the key commitments from MSDC that were included in the draft. In particular there was a commitment to *"protect and enhance the biodiversity and landscape value of the East Court Estate"*. In addition the draft included a clear work plan for the next 10 years, and a matrix defining what the developer SANGS contributions could (and could not) be used for.  
CN explained to the Council that there were still a number of minor errors and discrepancies within the draft, but after such a long time taken to get this far he recommended to the Council that we agree it as it is and move on to the important aspect of actually working with MSDC on implementing the Plan, rather than arguing about its content.
- CN undertook to email the draft to Council Members and encouraged them to look at the "top level" commitments, rather than the detail. Providing no significant issues were raised, the Council gave the go-ahead for CN to agree the draft with MSDC at the December Steering Meeting. CN

## 8 Finances

- ND presented, and talked the Council through, a summary of our current financial position. We are projecting a small surplus this year, helped by a strong performance from our investments.

## 9 Property

- We had heard nothing further about the trial parking arrangements by QVH at the MP Shooting and/or Football Clubs. MP to enquire.
- There is considerable parking on the grass outside the Ambulance Station, presumably from their staff. This is damaging the grass. Talk to MSDC about telling them this is unacceptable
- The gutters and downpipe at the Lodge had all been finished.
- An estimate for the new front door for £1020 was approved SB
- [REDACTED] SB
- [REDACTED] but not implement significant refurbishment until the property was vacant
- Permission form MSDC had been obtained to remove the willow tree and reduce the rear hedge at the Lodge. Agreed to get 3 quotes for the work and ok to proceed if they are "reasonable" TH/CN

## 10 Grants & Donations

- GS is co-ordinating tickets for the SSAFA concert. Agreed to take the EGWML banner GS

## 11 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. For the time being therefore we would not promote any other projects with them.

## 12 Insurances

- All sorted. Hiscocks invoice awaited GS

## 13 Website and Publicity

- No significant change

## 14 Archives

- AF had now finished sorting and collating the archives after many hours labour. AF and CN to meet to discuss next steps AF/CN

## 15 Neighbours

- It is hoped that MSDC can give us a policy on neighbouring trees for us to discuss with our neighbours PT
- CN had met MSDC Investigation Officer at Bluebell Gate to draw attention to newly planted trees that had died.

## 16 Any Other Business

- Apparently if EG Tennis Club could find a new home it could raise the possibility of their site in the middle of EG being used for a new Health Centre. The Council though did not see it in our remit to play a part in this possible scenario. It was noted however that there is at least one derelict tennis court within the Football Club's demise.
- It was agreed that CN would lay a wreath in the High Street, and DS one at East Court on Poppy Day. CN/DS

## 15 Dates of Subsequent meetings

- It was agreed to CANCEL the meeting planned for 14th December. ALL
- Wednesday 25th January, 7pm

Signed:

Name: C.Nunn

Position: Chairman

Date: 25th January 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several connected, wavy strokes that form a cursive representation of the name 'C. Nunn'. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed text.