

EAST GRINSTEAD WAR MEMORIAL LTD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 02/2017

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th March 2017 AT 7pm

AT CHEQUER MEAD, EAST GRINSTEAD

1 Present

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

2 Apologies for Absence

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

- The Draft Minutes of Meeting 01/2017 on 25th January 2017 were agreed and signed-off by the Chairman and would be placed on the website for Members CN

4 Matters arising from the previous Meeting not covered elsewhere

- None

5 Consideration of name change to "East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd"

- This suggestion had been made at the previous meeting, at which time it was agreed that it would be brought forward at this meeting as an agenda item so all had notice of it.
- After some discussion it was agreed that this name would have the benefit of removing the confusion about us (not) managing physical war memorials, whilst still describing reasonably well what it is we actually do.
- It had been established that the suggested new name and the web domain www.egmel.co.uk, were both available.
- It was agreed to bring this forward as a Special resolution at this years AGM. CN
- In the meantime we would register the domain name egmel and talk to Lorraine Young about the name change process as she had warned of unscrupulous people pre-registering proposed new company names, and then holding the company to ransom. CN

6 Memorandum & Articles of Association

- A "final draft" had been circulated to Council members on 13th February for consideration.
- After some discussion it was agreed that we had perhaps paired Object (a) down a little too far, and decided to add back in "recreation grounds, or other recreational or educational facilities" CN
- It was also agreed, for the sake of clarity, to add "for the benefit of the people of East Grinstead" on to the end of Object (b) CN
- With these changes, it was agreed that the final draft be submitted as a Special resolution at this years AGM. CN

7 Membership

- No changes or activity to report to membership
- The next Members newsletter would go out in early April. CN

8 East Court Steering Committee

- CN & PT had walked the McIndoe Track with David Terry from MSDC on Feb 14th to assess the potential of upgrading it to a cycle track.
- MSDC had subsequently developed a potential design and are considering the use of an embedded mesh that would obviate any disturbance of GCN's. We await their proposals, but the project seems to have some hope of becoming reality.
- The East Court Management Plan is now on the MSDC website
- Linear coppicing of the southern end of McIndoe Walk, part of Rutland Meadow, and the Ghyll steps, had commenced. There is still work to do to shred brash.
- The East Court Steering Committee held a walkabout on March 20th. It was expected that at this time of the year we would all experience the winters mud, but through lack of rainfall over the winter months the woodland was surprisingly dry.
- MSDC are looking to extend the made-up surface of the SANG with embedded mesh
- 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.
- We understand that Parkrun have agreed with MSDC to run weekly events at East Court www.parkrun.org.uk This is good news, providing no damage results.

9 Finances

- With ND's absence there was nothing to report. However, we understand that ND Philip Baker has finished his valuation and it will show a very significant increase.

10 Property

- Apparently the spaces that are available at Sackville College are only bedsits SB [REDACTED]. However, we believe the waiting list is reducing.
- The tree work has been satisfactorily completed.
- EGTC are claiming Title to the Estate roads. We have objected to this unless we continue to enjoy free and uninterrupted access in perpetuity.
- SB Lettings is to become part of Cluttons

11 Grants & Donations

- CR & LG had given much consideration to what grants we should be giving in 2017. The resulting suggestion below had more emphasis on learning and development of young people in EG, and less emphasis on Armed Forces.

| | Grant | |
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| Sackville school music dept, instruments etc | £1500 | |
| Imberhorne school music dept, instruments etc | £1500 | |
| SSAFA | £1000 | Reducing to nil in '18 |
| Mencap, music & painting (all ages) | £500 | |
| Tadpoles swimming for young and disabled | £500 | |
| Stoolball | £350 | Left over from 2016 |
| Ashplats Conservation Group | £600 | |

- It was suggested that from 2018 onwards, Ashplats Conservation Group should ND/TH be funded from outside the grant fund as it was virtually an extension of EGWML. Within reason, they should be given sufficient money so that they could reasonably carry on their very worthwhile activities. A mechanism for making this practicable should be discussed between ND and TH

12 Neighbours

- PT showed the draft invitation to the Meet and Greet on 6th June. Various PT details of this event were discussed and agreed. It is expected that this will be a good step forward in improving relationships with our neighbours.

13 Projects

- Nothing to report at this time

14 Insurances

- GS to consider direct approach from Zurich GS

15 Website and Publicity

- Features about Barbed wire removal (with WSCC) and Coppicing/Management plan have been added to the website.

16 Archives

- These had now been passed to CN for the next phase of sorting then scanning CN
- Philip Baker is currently sorting his records and would send them to CN

17 Any Other Business

- All are urged to support the ACG Litter Pick at 10am on Sunday 9th April at the East Court Sports pavilion

18 Dates of Subsequent meetings

- Thursday 25th May 2017, AGM at Chequer Mead ALL
- Tuesday 6th June 2017, Neighbours Meet and Greet at East Court Manor ALL
House
- Wednesday 19th July 2017, Council of Management, 7pm, Chequer Mead ALL

Signed:

Name: C.Nunn

Position: Chairman

Date: 19th July 2017

