

EAST GRINSTEAD MEMORIAL ESTATE LTD

Registered Charity No. 305211 Company No. 468425

MINUTES

DIRECTORS MEETING 03/2019

7pm, Wednesday 18th Sept 2019
Chequer Mead Community Arts Centre,
De La Warr Rd, East Grinstead, RH19 3B4

1. Present
 - 1.1. Nunn, Thurlow, Fisher, Graysmark, Stagg, Funnell, Russell, Phillips
2. Apologies for Absence
 - 2.1. Davis, Baker, Sweatman, Yeoman
3. Minutes of previous Directors Meeting 02/2019, 15th May 2019
 - 3.1. The draft Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record subject to one small change regarding the insurance premium. The Chairman would sign them (and redact as necessary), and post on the web site for members to view, and also upload to the document archive. [CN]
4. Minutes of AGM, 26th June 2019
 - 4.1. After a few small changes, the Minutes were approved as being a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Copies would be posted in the members section of our web page and also added to the document archive.
5. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman.
 - 5.1. Following on from the AGM, Chris Nunn and Lynn Graysmark expressed their willingness to continue in the roles of Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively, and the meeting unanimously voted in favour.
6. Membership.
 - 6.1. Membership had increased from 68 to 71 as 3 recently-lapsed members had belatedly renewed.
 - 6.2. Membermojo, our membership software providers, had issued a big new release with many enhancements, including a simpler procedure for members who shared the same email address. In addition, members could now use credit cards directly, but we would need to open a Stripe account [ND]
 - 6.3. A membership application from [REDACTED] Fulmar Drive, was previously approved but she has not paid yet. PT to follow up.
 - 6.4. A Newsletter had gone out on 3rd August with no feedback either way. The next newsletter would go out on/around 1st December [CN]
 - 6.5. PT to consider what we could do to attract more neighbours to become members. Possibly make the first year free?
7. East Court Steering Meeting
 - 7.1. Lots going on:
 - 7.1.1. 16/5 Tent removed from wood

7.1.2. Holtye Track - now mown and mowing added to annual contract. Feedback given to MSDC after AGM on drainage and use of limestone and addition of fines. Repairs to Sterling Way gates sorted (LG to check?) and new keys received.

7.1.2.1. Legal discussions now started to allow MSDC contractors to have access. MP is investigating the land ownership in respect of the land sold to Rydons, as the wording of the right of way reserved only refers to the Company and not the land. Needs further discussion when more facts are available.

7.1.3. 2/6 & 23/6 Rude graffiti on pavilion. Quickly removed by EGTC. Logged with Police.

7.1.4. Confirmation that Greg has left MSDC. Credit given to Steve Witchell for doing a good job.

7.1.5. "Poison" sign appeared at end of Holtye Track. MSDC removed.

7.1.6. 15/6 Camp near Badgers walk cleared.

7.1.7. 30/6 High ammonia levels measured by Southern Water in a stream. Location unknown. Possibly Bluebell Gate?

7.1.8. 4/7 Resident reports "dead trees" near Lodge. Shows need for information signs.

7.1.9. 11/7 ACG preparing Oct task at The Lake - remove rubbish, cut back laurels & remove chain link fence. Getting approval from NE.

7.1.10. 13/7 Bike ramps reported on fb. Teen broke back in similar situation in HH so MSDC to remove. "Damned if they do, and damned if they don't"

7.1.11. 16/7 MSDC inform us of Toddlers Forest School near The Lake.

7.1.12. 17/7 Green flag award successful. Flagpole to be erected at Estcots entrance.

7.1.13. 30/7 Enquiry about using the pavilion as a cafe but MSDC have already allowed a pre-school nursery to start in Sept.

7.1.14. ACG erecting "no motorbike" signs on behalf of MSDC.

7.1.15. Pattern cut and collect of grass to be carried out in Sept. MF has suggested an earlier cut in future to MSDC. Also maybe leave the bank opposite the ambulance station unmown next year?

7.2. NEXT EAST COURT STEERING MEETINGS

7.2.1. Tues Dec 3rd, meeting at MSDC. LG/PT to attend as CN unavailable.

8. Finances

8.1. All those that attended the AGM thought Rathbones presentation was very useful. We need to update our risk policy [ND to organise]

8.2. £350k from the sale of The Lodge has been transferred to Rathbones for them to invest as opportunities arise.

9. Property

9.1. The Lodge

9.1.1. Completion of the sale of The Lodge was on 9th July. Loose ends (Council Tax, Insurance, Energy) being tied up by ND

9.2. Football Club

- 9.2.1. Floated idea of improving footpath from the road to the pavilion to the FC clubhouse for ParkRun. We said ok and they to discuss with MSDC to ensure it is safe.

9.3. Shooting Club

- 9.3.1. No further news on their proposed development.

9.4. Grants and Donations

- 9.4.1. £3k grant now paid to Foodbank.
- 9.4.2. After a general discussion, and now that the Lodge sale is completed, it was agreed that it would be good to have a review of our grant strategy going forward at the January Meeting.
 - 9.4.2.1. CN to ask ND to have a global budget ready for discussion at that meeting.

10. Neighbours

- 10.1. A resident in Fulmar Drive decided to rip out his laurel hedge after hearing the discussion about laurels at the AGM
- 10.2. PT has made contact with 4 new neighbours who have recently moved in.

11. Insurances

- 11.1. A £624 rebate had been received following sale of The Lodge.

12. Website and Publicity

- 12.1. 5 new items added to website (and facebook where indicated)
 - 12.1.1.15/5 Height restriction (+fb)
 - 12.1.2. 23/5 Pattern cutting (+fb)
 - 12.1.3. 23/6 Graffiti (+fb)
 - 12.1.4. 4/7 Towns floral tribute to Alfred Wagg (+fb)
 - 12.1.5. 8/8 Green flag award
- 12.2. LG to attend Meridian Radion interview

13. Archives

- 13.1. 9,700 photo records of papers held at MWB uploaded to our Cloud account
- 13.2. SB brought in a lever arch file for AF to review before archiving

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1. LG has ordered 2 wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. LG to attend Town and CN to do East Court (Nov 10th)
- 14.2. ■■■ has unfortunately suffered a break-in with access from the woods likely. He feels lack of clearance isn't helping and will be contacting MSDC on a personal basis.

15. Dates of Subsequent Meetings

- 15.1. Directors Meeting. Tuesday January 21st 2020, 7pm at Chequer Mead NOTE: CHANGE OF DAY TO A TUESDAY.

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