

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

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Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the East Grinstead Town Council **Public Services** to be held in the Council Chamber, East Court on **Thursday 5th September 2019 7pm.**



J W Holden
Town Clerk

Members of the Public Services Committee:- Cllrs Amos, Mrs Belsey, Mrs Bennett (Vice Chairman), Mrs Farren, Mrs Mockford (Chairman), Ody, Scott, Whittaker, and Woodgate Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor.

A G E N D A

- 1 Public Participation. The public are welcome to ask a question of the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's remit. The question should not be a statement nor in several parts and it would be appreciated to be kept short, to maximise the time for other questions; there is no right of reply. The Chairman will call the question from those who are indicating that they wish to speak.

To commence not later than 7.15p.m. -.

- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 To receive Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2019.
- 4 Chairman's Update (information item only)
- 5 To receive Members Declarations of Interest.
- 6 Police Matters (Min 25 06.06.19)
Inspector Dommatt will be in attendance and will be available to advise on current work areas. He hopes to have Chief inspector Shane Baker with him, who is the replacement for Chief Inspector Rosie Ross as the District Commander for Mid Sussex and Crawley.
- 7 Health Update (Min 28 06.06.19)
Representatives from the CCG and QVH will be present to update on the current changes and plans for health services in the town.
- 8 Report from the Community Liaison Officer (Min 28 07.03.19)
Committee are asked to note the work of the Community liaison officer this quarter, as outlined in his report.
- 9 Consultations
Copies of any consultations submitted will be included here for noting. Committee are reminded that MSDC's consultation on their Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025, ends on 4th October and any responses need to be with the Clerk for submission by 23rd September.

10 Carers Day

To note the plans for the Carers Day in the Meridian Hall on 27th September arranged jointly with the EGTC and the Dementia Action Alliance (Chaired by EGTC).

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Thursday 28th November 2019**.

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To: Chairman and Members of the Public Services Committee (05.09.19)
(Other distribution for information only)

Agenda item 6: POLICING ISSUES IN EAST GRINSTEAD

Inspector Pete Dommett will be present, will provide an update on current activity and can respond to members of the committee's questions. Stats are no longer provided, Councillors are asked to access http://www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Sussex_Police and view their ward for updated crime statistics and comparisons. The following totals have been pulled from the site.

Police Ward	Total Crime for March 2019	Total Crime for July 2019
Ashplats	16	13
EG Town	63	73
Herontye and Ashurst Wood (including Worsted)	9	44
Imberhorne and Baldwins	38	50
Total crime East Grinstead	126	180

The increases were mainly ASB, Violent Crime and Criminal Damage & Arson.

Contacts:

Contact numbers are: emergency 999, non-emergency 101 but also the dedicated neighbourhood policing number for Mid Sussex 01273 404937 - a response is guaranteed within 72 hours so it is more for intelligence and reporting concerns rather than specific incidents that need response. The Confidential anti-terrorism line is 0800789321.

Current matters:

- Information regarding indentitarianism has been issued to Councillors regarding extremist views and actions by organised groups. This is a growing concern and with the possibility of a no deal Brexit civil unrest may be stirred by extremist groups. Indentitarianist Graffiti and other intel must be passed to the Police, there is little evidence of this in East Grinstead but there have been some incidents of low level hate crimes which needs monitoring and nipping in the bud.
- Travellers have been in the area over the summer, however thanks to the MSDC strengthening of their defences of the parks and recreation grounds, there have been no incursions in East Grinstead. A group of 25 were moved on from Crawley by the police.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner has a monthly poll on her website https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/have-your-say/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PRIDE%20in%20policing&utm_content=PRIDE%20in%20policing+CID_57c7c72e8ab03ff1aec02c548e7d4ae2&utm_source=Email%20Newsletter&utm_term=here the current one is to do with the role of Neighbourhood Watch, the July one concentrated on how the public kept up to date with police news and the top response was Facebook.

This report is for noting and for the committee to put questions to the Inspector and if present Chief Inspector following the verbal update at the meeting.

Agenda Item 7 Health Update (Min 28 06.06.19)

Representatives from the CCG and QVH will be present to update on the current changes and plans for health services in the town.

In addition Committee are advised:

NHS Commissioners in Kent, Medway and Sussex announced on 7th August 2019 that South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECamb) has been awarded a contract to provide the new NHS111 Clinical Assessment Service (CAS) for five years from April 2020.

SECamb will act as lead provider with Integrated Care 24 (IC24) working in partnership to deliver key elements of the new service.

The contract, worth £18.1million in 2020/21, includes being able to issue prescriptions, have access over the phone to a wider range of Health Care Professionals such as GPs, Paramedics, Nurses and Pharmacists, who will be able to directly book people into urgent care appointments, if they need one.

Agenda Item 8 Report from the Community Liaison Officer

The following report has been provided by Jonathan Ansley. Where areas overlap with other Committees, they will be reported elsewhere. Also, the CLO's role supports the work of the Public Services Committee and reports here. However, as this committee has no budget allocation matters concerning other committee remits will be transferred to them. Therefore, on the whole the report below is for noting:

Street Traders Consents – Street Traders Consent was issued for the new Big Revel event in the High Street. The site was inspected prior to start by myself, and we understand that the event went well and without major issue. Access to the Market Square electric box was arranged, and various road closure signs and barriers were made available. On the day the CLO did need to raise the issue of access for pedestrians but this was resolved. The organisers are aware that they need to leave room or provide an alternate route for pedestrians when setting up market stalls.

Speed Watch – We remain in conversation with East Grinstead's Speed Watch (part of the LAT) regarding us assisting them in their operations, with a meeting arranged for the 3rd September 2019. The portable radar gun is awaited, following the appropriate officers Holiday at the Speedwatch Team. This will then be made available to the Speed Watch group for their use. We also took temporary delivery of the Cluster Groups Speed Indicating Device (SID), which was installed for the initial period on Woodbury Avenue. Data was collected and has been shared with the local councillor and will be shared further with the EG Speed Watch. Another SID, this time from WSCC, has been installed on Dunnings Road. Data from this will be circulated to relevant parties at the end of the period. The Council will have the SIDs at least 4 times a year for four weeks at a time and we are able to move them around as needed.

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues – We continue to liaise with Sussex Police with regards various beggars in the town centre, and in particular Queens Walk. It appears that they are an organised criminal gang operating within mid-Sussex. Following contact from traders to the CLO, the Police have been advised and where appropriate have moved beggars on. Some of the organised groups use foreign nationals and the Police are very aware of this, they are able to use notices of deportation if necessary, but the bigger concern is human trafficking therefore the Police take a major interest.

St Catherines HeART –The St Catherines Hospice HeART installations were installed on the 3rd of July 2019 for 10 weeks. These temporary art installations are located on East Court Estate, St Swithuns churchyard and on the McIndoe Statue lawn. On numerous occasions the CLO has spoken with individuals and groups who are visiting all the HeART locations, often with poignant stories to tell regarding the hospice. There was no cost to the Council for the siting of the heart on the McIndoe Lawn or East Court and they are amongst others that are in the town.

Skatefest – King Georges’ Field – This Mid Sussex event took place on the 28th August 2019 and was well attended. Free DJ lessons were available, as well as free bike maintenance and spray painting lessons.

Street Pastors – the CLO has been out with the Street Pastors twice for their weekday afternoon walkabouts. Positive conversations have been had with various groups including youths enjoying their school summer breaks. The pastors are very popular, and often give good sound advice to the people they interact with, as well as lollipops.

Safe Places – We now have nine safe place locations around town. These are Age UK East Grinstead & District at Glen Vue, Chequer Mead, Library, East Court, Jubilee Centre, Kings Centre, Mill View Care Home, the Police hub & The Mug Tree Tea Room. Efforts continue to be made to sign up potential users for this scheme. During the next month the Schools will be interacted with regarding the roll out of the scheme to the new year 7s.

Chicane Fencing Hackenden Lane / Spring Copse – The steel pole chicane has now been installed. As a 1.2 metre gap is required by WSCC, we now wait to see whether it is effective in stopping illegal motorbike use along this pathway.

Wayfinding – A full specification for signposting and information has now been prepared for the Station to Statue trail as per the Amenities and Tourism Committee. This in turn, has been sent out to ten wayfinding specialists. The closing date for tenders is the 2nd October 2019.

Cycling Working Group – The survey approved by the Cycling Group is now live online via Survey Monkey and is being promoted through various outlets, including all schools. The CLO has spent two mornings at the railway station handing out flyers to commuters, as well as distributing them through various town centre shops. So far, the take up on the survey has been excellent, the results will be reported back to this committee via the working group.

Farmers’ Market – The Farmers’ Market continues to do well, although an increase in footfall is still needed. The three regular stallholders have stable customer bases, which makes for a vibrant, albeit small, farmers’ market. The CLO continues to seek new stalls, however this remains a difficult nut to crack.

Sussex Day – I assisted the Town Mayor on a town wide tour of our shops with the newly formed bonfire society. Shops that flew the Sussex Flag were introduced to the Town Mayor, and a wreath was laid at the flag pole in the High Street. Numerous other bonfire

societies joined us from around Sussex. The Bonfire Society are looking at making this an annual event although the Town Council may not necessarily be directly involved going forward.

Pub Watch – Following an invitation from the town’s Pub Watch group, the CLO is pleased to advise that the Town Council is now represented on this group. Various subjects are discussed, including the banning of individuals from town centre pubs and bars following antisocial and criminal behaviour. The Council as a licensee but also the community liaison role hope to have good input in to this group going forward.

Stone Quarry Café – the CLO continues, along with Councillor Liz Bennett, to liaise with various groups who attend the café at Stone Quarry. This includes various issues, including abandoned cars, antisocial behaviour and reporting road and pathway defects.

Agenda Item 9 Consultations

Sex Establishment licencing and Licencing Policy consultations were noted but not responded to by the Town Council as there was little to note on the updated policies from Mid Sussex DC. No comments were submitted to the Clerk and the Chair and Vice Chair agreed no response was necessary.

The following Consultation response was submitted on the EG Conservation Area Assessment from Mid Sussex DC:

The East Grinstead Town Council wishes to make the below comments as to the current consultation document. We have submitted a supportive response via the portal but wished to expand on a few points herein. We trust this will be useful.

- 1. The Town Council recognises the level of detailed work that has gone in to producing this excellent document and we are grateful that the High St Conservation area has been considered thoroughly.*
- 2. The Town Council wishes to thank the officers for engaging with the Town Council and East Grinstead Society during the walk arounds and discussion as to the Conservation Area.*
- 3. The Council wish to see reference at the start of the document to the fact that East Grinstead has two Conservation areas and that this appraisal is in relation to only the High St/ medieval Town area. We are not aware as to whether an appraisal is expected for the other area (East Court), however it would be appropriate as part of the scene setting that the full context of the town is portrayed.*
- 4. The Town Council welcomes the proposal to extend the conservation area to include the four listed areas as set out in 7.6, 7.8 and 7.10 on pages 53/54. These are sensible inclusions to protect the substantive area of the existing conservation area.*
- 5. The Town Council welcomes the proposals regarding design and alteration to buildings*
- 6. The Town Council would hope to see specific planning policies brought forward to ensure that new development does not contribute to the problem of unsightly waste and recycling bins, both domestic and commercial.*
- 7. The Town Council welcomes the ideas concerning a BID (Business Improvement District) and would be willing to discuss ideas with the District Council and Businesses who will financially support the BID.*
- 8. The Town Council welcomes further conversations as to the impact of the traffic on the High St and management of this.*
- 9. The Town Council suggests that reference to the Old Water Fountain on the High St being brought back in to use would be appropriate. There is some appetite for this as part of the reduction of single use plastics and provision of drinking water, however full exploration as to the feasibility of this proposal is needed before it could move further.*
- 10. The following errors in the document should be amended:*

- a. 3.21 The former Chequer Mead Community Arts Centre is now correctly called the Chequer Mead Arts and Community Centre.
- b. 3.22 Martin Jennings father was not a member of the guinea pig club. He was treated at the hospital. Members of the Guinea Pig Club were operated on by Sir Archibald McIndoe on several occasions. Mr Jennings father's records do not show that Sir Archibald personally operated on him. He was not a formal member and this should be corrected.
- c. Page 33 in the table there is a typo Saackville should read Sackville.

We trust that the above is helpful and we commend the work of the officers on this document which we hope will help to preserve and keep the High St Conservation Area going forward.

This is for noting

Committee are reminded that WSCC's consultation on electric vehicle supply will end on 2nd October and can be accessed here:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/evconsultation

Also

MSDC's consultation on their Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025, ends on 4th October and can be accessed here:

<https://forms.midsussex.gov.uk/form-26959/Homelessness-Strategy-Survey>

Any responses for either consultation need to be with the Clerk for submission by 23rd September.

Agenda Item 10 Carers Day

A Carers Day will take place in the Meridian Hall on 27th September arranged jointly with the EGTC and the Dementia Action Alliance (Chaired by EGTC). There are to be speakers on relaxation and taking care of yourself along with practical sessions on finance and power of attorney for the cared for. There will be a light lunch available and a masseuse and nail technician will be available for head and shoulder massage or manicures by appointment. All of this is free of charge to carers in the town to have a little "me" time.

Stalls explaining different services and opportunities for persons needing care or the carer will also be present. The day will run from 11 -3 and has been kindly sponsored by the Residents of Imberhorne Association and the Town Councils agreed support for the DAA has allowed use of the Meridian Hall free of charge. This is a one off event delivered by the Town Council in partnership with the EG DAA.

This is for noting by the Committee

Town Clerks report ends