MINUTES OF THE ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2022 AT THE LANDALE WILSON HALL, ENHAM ALAMEIN

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Emma-Louise Deverell, Cllr. Leslie Francis (Chair), Cllr. Rowan Jameson, Cllr. Alan Matthews, Cllr. Adrian Miller

In attendance
Bjorn Howard – Group CEO – Aster Group
Dawn Fowler-Stevens – Chief Strategy Officer

1. APOLOGIES
Cllr. Amanda Cox
Cllr. Paula Lankshear

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None recorded.

3. TO CO-OPT A SERVING PARISH COUNCILLOR TO THE ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL
Members considered two applications received for the position of Parish Councillor. It was RESOLVED to elect Emma-Louise Deverell as a Parish Councillor to Enham Alamein Parish Council. Cllr. Emma-Louise Deverell signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Proper Officer.

4. WELCOME TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ASTER GROUP REGARDING THE MERGER WITH THE ENHAM TRUST
The Chair welcomed Bjorn Howard and Dawn Fowler-Stevens to the meeting. Bjorn Howard confirmed that the Enham Trust is now formally part of the Aster Group and the merger was approved by trustees and shareholders. The Enham Trust has therefore become a subsidiary of Aster Group, adding its 316 homes to the Group's 35,000-strong portfolio and retaining its name, heritage and charity status. Bjorn Howard explained that the decision taken is about doing the right thing in challenging times. By working together, Enham Trust can draw on the larger resources and expertise of the Aster Group, protecting its 100 year legacy and ensuring it can provide high quality housing and care services across the community in the future. He stated that local strategies will evolve and strong links with key stakeholders will be forged and maintained.

He assured members that the Aster Group is committed to the long-term delivery of the Enham Trust purpose, supporting disabled people to live, work and enjoy life. The Aster Group understands the heritage of Enham Alamein and this will be safeguarded. Bjorn Howard is keen to engage with local communities and this is a priority.

A discussion ensued regarding future aspirations for the community and it was explained that the parish council held a public consultation on suitable projects for the community and this is in the process of being developed into a Village Plan. This will serve to update and augment the existing Village Design Statement. Bjorn Howard expressed his interest in this and requested a copy of the Village Plan

containing the aspirations of the community as this would help the Aster Group in taking matters forward.

The Chair explained the historical relationship between the Enham Trust and the Parish Council and the envisaged projects. Bjorn Howard commented that the Aster Group is keen to exploit opportunities and explore a successful way of moving forward and that community and engagement are key principles.

Members questioned the envisaged timelines. It was explained that timelines are evolving but Bjorn Howard provided an anticipated future timescale. Phase 1 is Enham Trust merging with the Aster Group. Phase 2 in approximately twelve months time, Aster will have resolved a number of health and safety issues identified. It is hoped that an improvement can be made to the CQC report and that the Enham Trust can be financially stabilised and develop a long-term financial plan. The plan is to deliver a good quality service, whilst protecting Enham Trust's legacy and enabling it to make use of Aster's expertise, greater scale and financial stability. This will not only enable the Trust to continue, but also to improve its services across its communities into the future.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA
None recorded.

6. TO READ AND APPROVE THE FULL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022
The Chair reviewed the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13 July 2022. Members unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Full Council meeting as a true and correct record. The Chair signed them accordingly.

There were no significant matters arising from the Minutes requiring further discussion.

7. CORRESPONDENCE
The Parish Clerk advised members of all correspondence received to date, which was noted. The Chair specifically commented on a parishioner concern in respect of no speed indicator devices functioning in the village and this requires urgent remedial action. She advised members that she has recently seen an effective speed device in Kings Somborne that could potentially meet the need for Enham Alamein. The Parish Clerk has been asked to contact Kings Somborne Parish Council and make enquiries as to the supplier and details of their device. Members agreed that updated quotes need to be obtained for potential future budgetary consideration.

8. TO RESOLVE THE FINANCE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022
The Parish Clerk advised members of the expenses of the Parish Council to date, which amounted to £2,242.91 as scheduled below, together with the latest financial position of the Parish Council.

£135.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for Enham Trust Cinder Track strimming – Invoice 0056909 dated 27 July 2022

£11.99 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for Fasthosts Website Builder – Invoice 66359722 dated 2 August 2022

£500.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for JK Computer & Website Services creation of Parish Council Government Website – Invoice 1167 dated 6 August 2022

£11.99 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for Fasthosts Website Builder – Invoice 66647476 dated 2 September 2022

£150.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for JK Computer & Website Services Condolence plug-in for Website – Invoice 1173 dated 15 September 2022

£35.94 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for GoFile VAT Registration Agent – Invoice GLYC6A3BFF8-001 dated 24 September 2022

£11.99 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for Fasthosts Website Builder – Invoice 68918538 dated 2 October 2022

£231.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – HM Revenue & Customs PAYE for Quarter April/May/June

£308.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – July Salary

£308.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – August Salary

£308.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – September Salary

£231.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – HM Revenue & Customs PAYE for Quarter July/August/September

Members unanimously RESOLVED the expenditure of the parish council as prescribed.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ENHAM TRUST
None received.

10. TO UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS AND DISCUSS EVENTS
The Chair advised members that the envisaged Summer Fete did not take place due to the passing of the Queen. The Chair stated she has been liaising with Nigel Sully and it is felt that it would be beneficial for the community to combine a Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Lights Switch-on and make it a large extravaganza for all. It would be a positive collaboration to pool the efforts of the Enham Trust/Aster and the parish council. Members agreed with this approach and that it would be a good

partnership opportunity to work together with the Enham Trust/Aster for the benefit of the community.

11. TO UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE PLAN AND WORKING PARTY
Members agreed that the Village Plan documents must be sent to Dawn Fowler-Stevens for her information and that Cllr. Rowan Jameson would submit the documents accordingly.

12. TO RECEIVE A POLICE REPORT
None received.

13. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The Parish Clerk advised members that he has received a planning application on the day of this parish council meeting.

22/02617/FULLN – Replacement of garage doors with door and window fittings, doors to facilitate donation drop-off and second entrance to store (retrospective) – 13 Newbury Road, Enham Alamein – Enham Trust

Given a lack of opportunity to consider the planning application, Members RESOLVED to DEFER a decision to allow for consideration.

14. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
No significant matters were reported.

15. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS
No report received. The Chair reported that Kirsty and Phil North have a new born baby boy and Members extended their warm congratulations to them.

16. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS
None recorded.

In the absence of any further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35 hours.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Landale Wilson Hall on 9 November 2022 commencing at 19.00 hours.