

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on

Wednesday July 19th 2017 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

PRESENT

Chairman Paul Solon
Councillors Peter Deer (PD) Alan Farrow (AF) Annie Howell (AH) from 21:10
Margaret Stevenson (MSt)
In attendance Mrs E Sim (ES) Parish Clerk
Parish Tree Warden Paul Harding (PH)

1. Apologies for absence

D. Cllrs Mark Howell and Nick Wright, Annie Howell (late), C. Cllr Mandy Smith

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none

3. Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held on May 17th 2017.

The minutes were approved as a true record ^(Prop PD, 2nd PS) and signed by the Chairman.

4. Monthly accounts

The following payments were approved, all in favour ^(Prop PS, 2nd PD)

Wicksteed Leisure Swing seats and fixtures	385.66
Viking Stationery and Ink Cartridges	154.57
Mr Edward Davison Peppercorn (included in Expenses Claim) 5p rent play area on Grass Close 2017 - 2018	0.05
SLCC AGM	5.00
South Cambs District Council Trade waste collection	16.00
Mrs E Sim Reimbursement for Microsoft licence	43.20
Neil Kenny Verge Cut 3	385.00
Pendrill Publications June 2017 Elsworth Times contribution	75.00
BT Phone and internet	194.52
Mrs E Sim Clerk's Expenses March - July 12 th 2017 Postage, mileage, Refreshments for annual Parish meeting	154.82
Neil Kenny Verge Cut 4	385.00
Neil Kenny General Village Maintenance 15.05.17 – 19.07.17	313.50
Neil Kenny Fardell's Lane Maintenance 15.11.16 – 19.07.17	73.50

5. Reports from County and District Councillors.

There were none

6. LLF Update from Chairman

PS gave a comprehensive update on the progress of the consultations and actions on the Local Plan, The Local Liaison Forum and the Coalition of Parish Councils. He highlighted the fact that politics were playing a large part in the deliberations of the various bodies and that the New Mayor, James Palmer was keen to pursue the possibility of a light railway option as opposed to bus routes which were being opposed by many groups. This and the prospect of 37K new jobs being created in Cambridge in

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the next 7 years is prompting requests for the City Deal to pause and hold discussions with the new mayor. Heidi Allen MP is also consulting widely on future infrastructure proposals. Minutes of the LLF meeting held the previous day would be circulated to all councillors by the Clerk on receipt.

7. Village Maintenance

An updated list of maintenance requirements and action had been circulated. This would be updated on a regular basis. The Maintenance working party would walk the village and advise the Clerk of any additional problems. It was noted that several hedges on private property that were not maintained were becoming a hazard for pedestrians and visibility at junctions. It was proposed to write to the landowners to request that they maintain these.

(post meeting information : The County Highways Officer advised that this is not within the Parish Council's remit to cut overgrown private hedges. It is within the powers of the County and any problems must be reported to them. They will write to the residents requesting that they maintain their hedges and if this is ignored, will cut and bill if the hedges are causing a highway obstruction.)

8. Fardell's Lane Reserve

No report had been received

9. Clerk's Update

- The Community Payback teams had not attended for several weeks. More work had been contracted to the Village Maintenance man
- The County Highways officer was moving to a new area in the County and a new officer was starting in the position for the area covering Elsworth from the beginning of August
- Volunteer Flood Group. The County Council and the Environment Agency were updating flood records and community flood groups had been established to provide local knowledge and mark areas of flooding and problem drainage on large scale maps. Elsworth Flood Group had met twice, once with the County officers to establish the project Activity Brief and once to begin annotating the maps. The Clerk would add information on known drainage problems
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10. M11/A428 link. To form a Parish Council view on proposals designed to link access to the M11 southward lanes with A428 improved bus schemes, and if accepted present the favoured scheme [perhaps modified by p.c. discussion] to the Cambridgeshire Mayor, the Transport Deal's chief executive, and Heidi Allen A428.1. M11 link at Girton 2. Modified Option 4. (proposal submitted by AF)

Discussion was adjourned without a decision (Prop PS, 2nd PD) All in Favour

11. Delegation arrangements for Planning Applications. To consider, and if thought fit, resolve to delegate power to the Clerk to respond to planning applications.

Process:

- Planning applications received which required a response before a scheduled Parish Council meeting could be dealt with by electronic means and not at a separate planning meeting. Councillors would be notified of the application by email and requested to view the applications on the District Council's planning portal and respond to the Clerk within four working days. The Clerk would advise

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the Councillors of any matters relating to the application that should be drawn to their attention. All comments from councillors would be collated by the Clerk, authorised by the Chairman and returned to the Planning and New Communities Department of the SCDC.

- All planning applications received would be publicised on the Parish Council web site and noticeboard.
- Should any councillor request that any application be brought to a planning meeting, a separate meeting would be called. Major applications would automatically be scheduled for a separate meeting of the council.
- Councillors' recommendations and comments would be minuted at the next Parish Council meeting

Cllrs **resolved** to delegate powers to the Clerk on the basis described above^(Prop PS, 2nd PD)
All in Favour

PS left the meeting at 21:10. AH arrived at the meeting. PD took the Chair.

12. Planning

12.1. Planning application for consideration

S/2408/17/FL Davison and Co (Barford) Limited Business Park,

The Avenue Business Park, Brockley Road, Elsworth, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4EY Proposed new building to provide for three small business units with car and cycle parking and associated works

PC Comments 1. *The parish council seeks an assurance that this proposal will be the last for additional units to be constructed on the Avenue Business Park site.*

2. *That ridge heights for the proposed new buildings should be no higher than those existing buildings.*

3. *Traffic considerations should be prioritised to ensure no great increase in the already considerable amounts of traffic passing through the village and, in particular, all construction traffic should approach the site from the top of Brockley Road (from the A428) and not be permitted to travel through the village.*

12.2. Planning decisions received from SCDC

12.2.1 S/1513/17/LB

Mr & Mrs Millet Commissioned by Burgess Windows Group
38, Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23
Granted

12.2.2. S/1483/17/LD

Constellation Mobile Home Park The Drift Elsworth CB23 4JP
Proposed development within the curtilage of the property. *Unlawful. Refused*

12.2.3. S/3548/16/FL

Mr & Mrs Philip & Clara Sleightholme and Davies 21 Brook Street Extension and Garage
Granted

Dates of meetings in 2017 September 20th November 15th

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:20

Signed

(Chairman) Date