

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 15th November 2017 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

PRESENT

Chairman Paul Solon
Councillors Peter Deer (PD) Alan Farrow (AF) Annie Howell (AH) and Margaret Stevenson (MSt)
In attendance District Cllr M Howell (from 20:30)
Mrs E Sim Parish Clerk (ES)

1. Apologies for absence

There were none .

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2017.

The minutes were approved (with minor amendments) as a true record (Prop PS, 2nd AH) and signed by the Chairman.

4. Monthly accounts

The following payments (**VAT incl**) were approved, all in favour (Prop PS, 2nd AH)

PKF Littlejohn Audit 2016-2017 PC accounts	240.00
Pendrill Publications October Elsworth Times	75.00
BT Phone and internet Bill	186.54
LGS Services Cover for Clerk Jan 2016 and Sept 2017 PC meetings	354.00
SLCC Annual Membership	108.00
SLCC ALCC Annual Membership	10.00
Thomas Harris Delivery October Elsworth Times	30.00
Royal British Legion wreath Remembrance Sunday	20.00
Neil Kenny Fardell's Lane Maintenance 20.09 - 15.11.17	43.50
Neil Kenny General Village Maintenance 20.09 - 15.11.17	319.75
Neil Kenny Verge Cut 7	385.00

Receipts

SCDC Precept 2nd instalment	11,000.00
HMRC Vat Refund Yr end 2017	1,441.58

5. To receive a Report from District Councillors

A written report had been received and circulated.

6. Fardell's Lane Reserve.

A report from the Chairman of the committee had been received and circulated.

7. To note the installation of the defibrillator

PD and ES would discuss the repositioning of the defibrillator with the landlord of the Poacher. Councillors agreed unanimously that the PC would fund the works necessary for this.

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8. Clerk's Update

- Fardell's Lane reserve. A recent Star gazing event in the reserve organised by the Elsworth Preschool was very successful and had attracted over 100 participants.
- Knapwell Parish Meeting was seeking a Clerk
- Temporary speed signs installation in the village was being held up by Balfour Beatty. The County Councillor's help was to be requested in ascertaining why.
- The District Council had requested advice of the precept requirements by 2nd February 2018. The Clerk would circulate a budget statement before Christmas and a decision as to whether to hold a separate finance meeting to deal with the budget for 2018-9 would be made.
- A submission for traffic calming and widening of the footpath in Brockley Road at points where it is very narrow had been submitted under the County Highways LHI scheme.

9. Cambridgeshire County Council's Community Highways Volunteering Scheme

Councillors considered how the scheme could be implemented in Elsworth. The Clerk was instructed to clarify issues over the use of machinery and insurance cover stipulations.

10. Village Maintenance

Outstanding maintenance issues were reviewed. It was noted that trees on Paddock Row and hedges on Boxworth Road were scheduled for cutting on January 29th 2018 by SCDC contractors. The County Council had agreed to side out Brockley Road and had written to residents whose hedges were encroaching on the pavement requesting that they be cut back.

11. Planning applications

S/3945/17/FL & S/3946/17/LB Mr & Mrs Eayrs 2 , Brockley Road, ELSWORTH, CB23 4JS
Erection of an oak framed garden room

PC recommendation: Support

S/3296/17/TC Wood. 1, The Drift Elsworth Cambridgeshire CB23 4JN T 1 –

Walnut - Reduce the crown back to the previous pruning points **No response required**

S/3288/17/FL Lawrence Seifert 29 , Rogers Close, ELSWORTH, CB23 4JJ

Single Storey Rear Extension plus internal remodelling and partial Garage Conversion

PC Recommendation: Support

S/3768/17/FL Mr J Secker 12, Rogers Close, Elsworth, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4JJ

Proposed relocation of front door / internal alterations

PC recommendation: Support

12. Planning Decisions received from the District Council

Ref. S/3016/17/FL S/3017/17/LB Kate Middleton 61 Boxworth Road: Granted

Dates of meetings 2018

January 17th March 21st April 18th Annual Parish Meeting May 16th AGM July 18th
September 19th November 21st

Signed

(Chairman) Date