

# ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM of Elsworth Parish Council  
held at Elsworth School Hall Broad End on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 6.30pm

## PRESENT

Cllr. Paul Solon Chairman (PS)  
Councillors : Peter Deer (PD), Alan Farrow (AF), Annie Howell (AH),  
Ian Maddison (IM), Maria Myer-Kelly (MMK), David Pope (DP),  
Matthew Weddle (MW) James Witherow (JW)  
In attendance: Mrs E Sim (Parish Clerk)  
District Councillors: Mark Howell (MH)  
County Councillor Mandy Smith (MS)

### 1. Election of Chairman for 2012/13

Paul Solon was elected unopposed. Proposed JW sec DP

### 2. Election of Vice Chairman for 2012/13

Annie Howell was elected unopposed. Prop PS Sec IM

### 3. Apologies for absence

D.Cllr. Nick Wright.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2012.

AF proposed an amendment to the minutes, to delete, in Item 5 “ *No copies were available for distribution to councillors*”. The amendment was accepted although not seconded and the minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved as a true record <sup>(Prop PS, 2nd MKK)</sup> and signed by the Chairman. .

The Chairman reminded all councillors of the agreement that comments regarding the minutes should be received by the Clerk within a week of their distribution, thus allowing ample time for amendments and cutting down on time spent on this matter at meetings.

### 6. Parish Council appointments

a) To appoint the Parish Tree Warden for the coming year.

Paul Harding and Lizzie Eayrs were appointed for the coming year.

b) To review the effectiveness of the Parish Council’s policy adopted in May 2010 of a revolving PC representative at Neighbourhood Policing Panel Meetings and, if the meeting thinks fit, appoint members to attend these meetings as representatives of the council.

MW volunteered to attend the meetings.

### 7. Finance matters

a) Payment of monthly accounts.

The following payments were agreed (Prop PS Sec MW)

Latta Hire Ltd	Hire of portaloos for Jubilee	60.00
Mike Overall	Tree Guard for Jubilee Oak	144.00
The Connections Bus Project	Youth Bus	1,078.00
The Play Inspection Company	Annual Inspection of Play equipment	180.00

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Mr B Kenny	Reimbursement for Jubilee Oak	50.00
Mrs E Sim	Reimbursement for printer & Stationery	166.00
Pendrill Publications	April Edition of Elsworth Times	75.00
Ken Booth & Co Ltd	Health and safety equipment for Neil Kenny	50.85
Community Consultation Ltd	Parish Council Insurance premium 2012 -13	469.88
Neil Kenny	General Maintenance	192.50
Neil Kenny	Verge Cut No 1	365.00
Mrs E Sim	Reimbursement for Church Jubilee Beacon Bullfinch Gas Ltd	370.80
Mr M Davison	Peppercorn Rent Play equipment area Grass Close 2012 -13	0.05
BT	Phone and Broadband bill 8.04.12 - 7.07.12	187.04
Sonia Hegan	Delivery of Elsworth Times April edition	30.00
Valerie Seekings	Internal Audit 2011 - 2012	40.00
Neil Kenny	General Maintenance 25.04.12 - 16.05.12	95.00
Neil Kenny	Work for Fardell's Lane committee	27.00
Neil Kenny	Verge cut No 2	365.00
CPALC	Annual Subscription 2012-13	215.96

- b)** To resolve (pursuant to Financial Regulation 3.5) to allow unspent provisions in the 2010/11 budget to be carried forward to 2012/2013.  
Agreed Unanimously (Prop PS Sec PD)
- c)** To approve and sign the Council's accounts and Annual Return accounting statement and governance statement for the year ending March 31st 2012.  
Agreed Unanimously (Prop PS Sec JW). Signed by the Chairman and the Clerk
- d)** To resolve to appoint Mrs Val Seeking as internal auditor for the year ending 2013  
Agreed Unanimously (Prop PS Sec IM)
- e)** To receive a breakdown of the balance of funds raised at the Jubilee fund raising quiz night  
Peter Deer presented a breakdown of receipts and expenditure of the Jubilee Quiz Night. A profit of £378.35 had been made which was donated to the Parish Council toward the costs of the Jubilee Celebrations. The Chairman requested that thanks be recorded to Peter Deer and his wife for organising a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

### 8. Other Parish Council Matters.

- a)** Councillors' Registers of Interests. To receive written notification of any changes to Councillors' completed Registers of Interest.  
There were none.

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b) To nominate a representative for the Parish Council to attend the CCC's Street Light Briefing on June 20th 2012.  
PS volunteered to attend.

c) Clerk's update.

SCDC Planning Policy update for May highlighted the new Local Plan. The Chairman advised that Elsworth Parish Council should make sure it is up to speed with this and submit comments as and when required as it is a matter of utmost importance for the future of this village.

Registration for Superfast Broadband was now possible. The Chairman encouraged everyone to spread this message as widely as possible to increase the chance of the village being included.

## 9. Planning

**S/0842/12/FL Mr & Mrs Goldsborough 4 Brook Street**

Ground Floor rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings.

Recommendation : *Approve*

## 10. Applications to carry out tree works subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a conservation area

**C/11/40/026**

**Mrs S Hegan Granges Cottages 24 Brook Street.**

Removal of x3 Prunus

Recommendation : *No Comment*

**C/11/40/026**

**Mr Davison North Lodge Rogues Lane**

Location of trees - Smith Street/Brockley Road

6 no Lombardy Poplars. Reduce Height by circa 50%. Evidence of previous limb shredding and cavities within crown. Close proximity to road/ services and neighbouring properties. Works to reduce risk of substantial limb /stem failure.

Recommendation Comment:

*"We appreciate that roadside trees need to be "managed", but these trees are a village landmark and make a great contribution to our environment. So*

*(1) We question whether the 50% reduction proposed is not too drastic and would prefer a more modest reduction*

*(2) We note that the replies in section 8 about the condition of the trees is inconsistent. We think the advice of an expert should be sought.*

## Dates of future meetings.

### Amenities and Environment working party –

To be convened when a specific requirement arises.

### Parish Council

Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>\* (Note change of date)

Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:30

Signed

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman