

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on

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

PRESENT

Chairman	Paul Solon
Councillors	Peter Deer (PD) Alan Farrow (AF) Annie Howell (AH)
In attendance	Mrs E Sim (ES) Parish Clerk
County Councillor	Mandy Smith (until 21:10)
District Councillors	Cllr M Howell (MH) (Until 20:30) Cllr N Wright (NW) (20:00 – 20:30)
Parishioner	Anthony Taylor (AT)

1. Apologies for absence

Margaret Stevenson (unwell)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 18th 2017.

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

4. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Smith reported that a meeting had been arranged between herself, CCC highways and Atkins for the following week to ascertain possible traffic calming and reducing measures for Elsworth.

PS questioned the terms of the restriction order for A14 construction traffic coming through Elsworth and whether this included all site workers commuting to the site at Boxworth. MS agreed to clarify this with Bob Pettifer at CCC.

5. Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Howell reported that the new scheduled days for bin collections and new routes had been implemented. The service was combined with the City Council to provide more efficiency and cost effective savings (£700,000 + 20,000 fewer miles p.a). The DC was looking at other services that might be combined with the City's, for economies of scale.

6. Fardell's Lane Reserve.

A report from the Chairman of the committee had been received and circulated, a copy is attached to these minutes.

7. Village Maintenance

A report from the Maintenance Working Party had been circulated.

Boxworth Road vegetation encroaching on footpath

Discrepancies as to where the responsibility for the maintenance of the strip of land lay had still not been resolved. MH agreed to meet the Clerk at SCDC to seek solutions to this issue.

55 Boxworth Road

A small wall had been constructed at the side of the driveway. Additional information had been provided to the DC planners.

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Bus stop at the bottom of the Drift.

The issue of repositioning the bus stop would be taken back to the County Council

Drain blockage Smith Street

A blockage had been identified because of a broken pipe that is now in a private garden. County Highways has this on the list for maintenance for the coming financial year. MS to speak to County Highways officer.

Car parking for the shop and pavilion

AT was requesting quotes for surface matting to improve the condition of the car park surface. Visitors to the sports pavilion were parking vehicles on pavements and the verges, causing damage. AT to contact those attending events at the pavilion.

8. Clerk's update.

This had been circulated by email and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Play equipment

The safety inspection findings were noted. The swings had been roped off. The PC would consider the replacement of the equipment and pursue the finalisation of the new lease. Children at the school would be invited to participate in a consultation about the type of equipment they would like. New designs for the play area would be sought and funding investigated.

Dogs on the sports field

The inspector had highlighted the inadequate notices. Three new notices detailing the requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead and restricted to the public footpath would be ordered.

General village maintenance

Councillors *agreed* unanimously that if no satisfactory commitment could be agreed with the Community Payback Teams, the Parish Council would engage private contractors to undertake maintenance tasks which were not being undertaken by the District or County Councils.

9. Monthly payments

Approved ^(Prop PS, 2nd PD)

Payments

ICO Annual payment	35.00
CCC Lighting bill 1.10.15 - 30.09.16	164.77
Pendrill Publications Feb Elsworth Times	75.00
Guava Design Hosting village web site 2017	100.00
Viking	11.99
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust Defibrillator and security case	1938.00
CCC Contribution towards new footpath Broad End LHI scheme	509.32
Mrs E Sim Clerks Expenses 17.11.16 – 18.02.17	41.19
The Play Inspection Company Annual Safety Inspection	180.00

Receipts

Zurich Insurance - Payment for vandalised oak seat	872.00
Queen's 90th Mugs donation	5.00

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10. Coalition of Parish Councils

The motion: 'To consider and, if thought fit, approve:

- (a) the submission by the Coalition of Parish Councils to the Examiners of the Local Plan confirming the Coalition's opposition to the development of Bourn Airfield and highlighting the likely adverse impacts on traffic and ribbon development; and
- (b) the Parish Council's participation (via the Coalition) in the EIP hearings to be held on 4-6 April 2017 and any adjournment thereof.'

(Prop PS, 2nd PD) **Approved** unanimously.

11. Greater Cambridge City Deal.

PS reported that a meeting of the LLF was to be held on Friday 17 March to approve a paper – Option 6 - (copy previously & circulated by PS) and its submission to the GCCD Board. Heidi Allen MP was to attend the meeting and intended to speak against the GCCD's present proposal to support their Option 3/3A. Discussion of the draft Option 6 followed and the majority of the Council approved it, though no formal decision was taken.

12. Draft Community Governance review of Caxton, Elsworth and Cambourne Parishes

The District Council had sent draft documentation for the PC to comment on. The Council had no further comments to add.

13. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 section 53 Bridleway 4 Elsworth

Councillors considered the letter dated 8 March 2017 from the County Council regarding the proposed Definitive Map Modification Order to add a width of 4.877 metres to the Definitive Statement for Public Bridleway 4 in Elsworth. The Council had no comments.

14. Planning Applications for consideration

- a. **S/0486/17/FL** **Dr M Bray 41 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX**
Side extension and replacement of obsolete roof tiles

PC Recommendation: Support

- b. **S/0837/17/PA** **Mr Lee Tilbury 10, Paddock Row, CB23 4JG**
Prior Approval for Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension

PC Recommendation: Support

- c. **S/0818/17/PN** **Davison and Co (Barford) Ltd. Childs Farm Rogues Lane CB23 4JB**
Prior notification for erection of a steel Portal frame Building

PC Comment: Noted that the application was for Information only but note that the new building would destroy trees that were planted when previous buildings were erected on the site. A letter to be sent to the Planners requesting replacement trees be planted on the east side to provide a continuous screen of the building.

Dates of next meetings

April 19th 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

May 17th 2017 Parish Council AGM

July 19th

September 20th

November 15th

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:15

Signed

(Chairman) Date