

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 20 September 2017 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

PRESENT

Chairman Paul Solon
Councillors Alan Farrow (AF) Annie Howell (AH) and Margaret Stevenson (MSt)
In attendance 3 members of the public, County Cllr Mandy Smith, District Cllr N Wright and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)
Parish Tree Warden Paul Harding (PH)

1. Apologies for absence

Peter Deer (out of parish).

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 July 2017.

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

Cllr Farrow, Paul Harding and District Cllr Nick Wright arrived at 7.35 pm.

4. Monthly accounts

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

Tomas Durrani (Delivery Elsworth Times Dec 2016-June 2017 4 x £30.00)	£120.00
Davy Print (Elsworth Show schedule and application leaflets)	£307.53
Neil Kenny (Verge Cut 5)	£385.00
Pendrill Publications (Elsworth Times Aug - Sept edition)	£75.00
Thomas Harris (Delivery of Elsworth Times Aug – Sept edition)	£30.00
Neil Kenny (General village maintenance 19.07 – 20.09.17)	£395.00
Neil Kenny (Fardells Lane Reserve 19.07 – 20.09.17)	£94.50
Neil Kenny (Verge cut 6)	£385.00

Receipt of the CCC Highways Grant for verges cutting (£408.53) was noted.

5. CCC Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative

Cllr Mandy Smith raised the possibility of applying to the A14 legacy fund as well. MSt reported on a presentation demonstrating an electronic flashing speed sign which counts vehicles, and collects speed data which can be downloaded to provide accurate evidence in support of a bid.

RESOLVED to ask whether the Parish Council can borrow one or two of the devices from the A14 group for a trial period free of charge, after which the data will be circulated and used to support an application to be submitted by the October deadline. Given the increase in traffic and speeds in both directions, the proposed locations were near Broad End and in Brockley Road, and possibly Boxworth Road.

6. Village Maintenance

AF reported. The list of items circulated by the Clerk was considered. A number of issues had been rectified. The following points were noted:

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Boxworth Road footpath – the District Council will cut back the vegetation following which the County Council will side out the footpath.

Boxworth Road driveway – has been rectified.

Boxworth Road re-siting of bus stop – The CCC officer is contacting the Clerk.

Broad End parking on the pavement – this has been raised. Parking should be in Smith Street.

Shop/Pavilion car park resurfacing – A quotation has been requested and is awaited.

Cllr Howell briefly left the meeting during this item at 7.52 pm to speak to a member of School staff and returned a few minutes later.

The problem of litter in the roadside verges was raised. It was suggested that a proposal for employing a litter picker should be researched and brought to the next meeting. A volunteer litter picking day was also suggested.

RESOLVED, noting that much of the litter was fast food waste, that the Clerk should investigate the litter picking policies of the fast food outlets at Caxton Gibbet and Cambridge Services, and liaise with Knapwell and Boxworth Parish Councils with a view to putting joint pressure on the outlets to extend the area of the litter picking they carry out. (Prop PS, 2nd AH, unanimous)

District Cllr Wright undertook to enquire about the frequency of litter picking with SCDC.

It was noted that problems with overgrown hedges should be reported to CCC Highways to follow up. The Working Party is to update the list of overgrown hedges and ask CCC highways to write to residents asking them to cut back their hedge, and inform CCC of this.

7. Local Liaison Forum

The Chairman reported on the meeting attended on 11 September. This covered:

- The proposed Western Orbital Route linking North West Cambridge, West Cambridge and the Biomedical Campus. A suggestion that the M11 hard shoulder be used as an extra lane at peak times was being challenged by the LLF on road safety grounds.
- The Cambourne to Cambridge busway. Possible Park and Ride sites were being evaluated. The Park and Ride site options had now been reduced to two. Three possible route options are being evaluated. A decision by the Board is due at the end of September and a public consultation on the preferred route will follow.
- Work on the A428 will commence after the A14 work is completed.
- The Public Examination on the Local Plan has closed and the report should be published in the autumn.
- District Cllr Wright reported that the Government had just published a new way of assessing the Housing Need Assessment, resulting in changes to the housing numbers required in the City and South Cambridgeshire. There also is a bid to move the Milton sewage works and build 5500 houses on the site.

8. Transport Hubs

AF reported. Identification of locations most suitable as bus hubs in rural areas was necessary. RESOLVED that PS should draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council to be circulated to members for approval.

9. Park and Ride Workshop

Cllr Deer's previously circulated written report was noted.

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10. Coalition of Parish Councils

A meeting is to be called shortly.

11. Presentation on interactive speed signs

Taken earlier.

12. Planning applications received from the District Council

It was agreed to vary the order of business (^{Prop Ps agreed all}) to take item 12.2 and 12.3 first.

12.2 S/3016/17/FL and S/3017/17/LB Kate Middleton. Amendment received 18.9.17

61 Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4LJ

Demolition of existing outbuildings and extension to Windmill. Construction of new extension to Windmill and Granary with glazed links. Alteration and extension of existing workshop.

RESOLVED, given that there were no details of the change of description, that the Clerk should write to S Kelly at SCDC to ask what is the change in the application.

Post meeting note (ES). There are no amendments to the plans, the DC planning officers slightly changed the description as they felt it wasn't quite accurate. As a result they had to re-consult but no changes to the plans. PC members had originally supported the application.

12.3 S/1607/17/FL Adrian Parfitt 29 Brook Street, Elsworth, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4HX

Studio/hobby room

RESOLVED to note the response submitted to SCDC between meetings. The Parish Council supported the application. (Unanimous)

12.1 S/3006/17/LD Mr B Moore 8a Constellation Mobile Home Park, The Drift, Elsworth, CB23 4JP

Lawful development certificate for the retention of the existing structures on the plot as a building used as a single dwelling house.

Paul Harding was invited to outline the comments he intended to submit to SCDC.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to SCDC in strong terms, expressing the Parish Council's and local residents' concerns that the applicant appears to be manipulating the system and concerns about the noise disturbance and lorry movements. The Parish Council calls on the Planning Department and the Enforcement Officer to take the matter in hand and to treat the site strictly and rigorously to ensure compliance. The site has no planning permission for a house and the existing structure does not conform to the definition of a mobile home. If the existing structure is lawful, the site will have one less mobile home and one additional house. There is concern that additional mobile homes will then be added, thereby exceeding the number limit. There are also four large gas cylinders up against the boundary.

RESOLVED that the support of Cllrs Nick Wright and Mark Howell should be sought.

12.4 S/3067/17/FL Solopark Ltd, Martins Farm, 53 Boxworth Road, Elsworth, CB23 4JQ

Extension, alteration and conversion to existing outbuildings to form two dwelling houses, formation of new vehicular access and associated works and infrastructure

Paul Harding was invited to outline his comments.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds of:

- Overdevelopment of the site in an inappropriate manner

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- The bungalow appears is being used as a house of multiple occupancy
- There is a significant drainage issue which does not seem to have been addressed in the application and at the very least SCDC should require the applicant to explain plans to deal with the ditch taking water from several houses in Boxworth Road and a large area of agricultural land.

13. Applications for tree works in a conservation area

13.1 S/3007/17/TC 5/75 – TPO No C/11/17/025/03

Location of proposed works: Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4HU – Minimum necessary for public safety and in the interest of the trees being retained. No response required. Noted.

13.2 S/3021/17/TP TPO No C/11/17/025/03

Hawes, 12 Cotterells Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JR

Location of proposed works: Trees in front of 10 and 12, Cotterells Lane,
Proposal: (T1) Cedar – fell (T2) Lime – lift to 2m and remove major dead wood.
Comments by DC Trees Assistant: Lime is a TPO tree and the Cedar is a CA tree.
For information only. Noted.

13.3 S/3191/17/TP

Lynne Roberts, South Cambridgeshire District Council. Land on Corner of Smith Street and Brook, Elsworth, CB23 4HY

G1 - Mixed Species (approx. 30) - Fell self set trees to ground level
T1 - Ash - Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T2 - Ash - Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T3 - Ash - Lift crown to 5m above ground level over ditch and road only. Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T4 - Ash - Lift crown to 5m above ground level over ditch and road only. Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T5 - Ash - Lift crown to 5m above ground level over ditch and road only. Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T6 - Ash - Lift crown to 5m above ground level over ditch and road only. Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T7 - Ash - Lift crown to 5m above ground level over ditch and road only. Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T8 - Elm - Sever climbing plant at base of tree
T9 - Elder - Coppice at ground level
T10 - Elm - Sever climbing plant at base of tree- No response required. Noted.

Report items

14. Fardell's Lane Reserve

Paul Harding reported that the Working Party would clear along the side of the ditch to prevent overhanging vegetation from clogging the ditch. The group has a new volunteer.

15. Dates of meetings 2018 – To note the dates

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

Date of next Parish Council meeting November 15th 2017

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:42.

Signed

(Chairman) Date