

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 17th January 2018 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

PRESENT

Chairman	Paul Solon (PS)
Councillors	Peter Deer (PD) Alan Farrow (AF) Annie Howell (AH) and Margaret Stevenson (MSt)
In attendance	District Councillor N Wright (NW) District Cllr M Howell (MH) (from 20:30)
Tree warden	Paul Harding (PH) Mrs E Sim Parish Clerk (ES)
Parishioners	14

Open Forum

The Chairman agreed to hold an open forum for parishioners to put their views on the proposed development at Meadow Drift to the Council. He advised that a meeting was scheduled with the developers and agents on Monday January 22nd 2018 and that a planning meeting would be held in the following week for the council to consider the application and formulate a response. He reminded those attending that they were not permitted to speak during the formal Parish Council meeting that would follow.

Parishioners had sent written formal objections to the Clerk. These had been circulated to councillors but due to the lateness of their submissions being received, councillors had not had time to fully digest or discuss these. The Clerk had advised those who had made submissions that they should be sent to South Cambs District Council planners.

Parishioner Matthew White summarised the written submissions. He highlighted the application's possible contravention of several planning policies, the environmental effect of the proposal, the government's current housing requirements, the concern over flooding in the area being exacerbated, the potential traffic issues, the question of access for construction vehicles and the loss of allotment quality. Other parishioners present supported these objections and commented on various aspects of the planning application. The Chairman clarified the progress of land issues relating to the National Planning Policy Framework regarding PVAAAs being superseded by LGA designations. The Parish Council had previously submitted requests for such designation for various areas of land in the parish, including those already covered by the PVAA status. The allotments had not been deemed to be special and had not been included in this designation, despite the Parish Council's request that they be so.

The Chairman advised that proposals for a flood relief channel behind the school, which had been on hold pending works at Fen Drayton, would be revived now that the works were complete. This would have a bearing on the proposed application.

Anthony Taylor raised a request on behalf of the Sports Club that PC funding be considered in the coming financial year to contribute to car park improvements.

Matthew White raised concern about the danger encountered by traffic exiting Broad End onto Smith Street at peak rat run times. The Clerk would raise this at a meeting with the County Highways on Monday Jan 22nd 2018.

The Chairman closed the open forum at 20:08

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The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 20:15

1. Apologies for absence

C.Cllr Mandy Smith
D.Cllr M Howell (Late).

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th November 2017.

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

4. Monthly accounts

The Chairman proposed to take Items 4 and 5 together.

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

Pendrill Publications ET December 2017 edition	75.00
Guava Design Renewal of PC domain names	50.00
Thomas Harris Delivery ET Dec edition	30.00
Viking -Ink cartridges	33.56
BT Internet and Phone bill	224.67

5. To resolve that the Clerk be delegated the power to settle recurring invoices from organisations and individuals, previously agreed by councillors

A list of current regular payees, with current amounts, which were not paid by Standing Order or Direct Debit was presented.

• Pendrill Publications	75.00 p/a
• Delivery of ET (Thomas Harris)	30.00 p/a
• Verge cutting (Neil Kenny)	385.00 p/a
• British Royal Legion (wreath for Remembrance Day)	25.00 p/a
• Internal Audit (Val Seeking)	60.00 p/a
• External Audit (PKF Littlejohn)	240.00 p/a
• SLCC annual membership	120.00 p/a
• Microsoft (renewal of PC licence)	40.00 p/a
• Guava design (hosting village web site)	100.00 p/a
• Viking (or other stationery supplier)	varies
• Safety Inspection play area	160.00 p/a

Councillors **resolved** (all in favour) to delegate powers to the Clerk to pay recurring invoices. ^(Prop PS, 2nd AH) Councillors would continue to receive updates of payments at all Parish Council meetings.

6. To receive a verbal report from District Councillors

Cllr Wright reported that

- The Local Plan was out to consultation, (finishing February 2018) on 300 more items highlighted by the Inspector. If no further public hearings were called by

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the Inspector, the Local Plan could be ratified by mid-April, although no guidelines on this date have been received from the Inspector.

- Plans needed to be drawn up for the proposed drainage scheme behind the school to alleviate flooding. Current landowners would need to be consulted again. This scheme has a bearing on the current application for housing development behind the school.
- A Blue Plaque scheme marking local venues associated with famous people, has been instigated by the District Council. The old Rectory has been put forward because of its connections with the Rev W. Awdry who wrote the Thomas the Tank Engine stories.
- The Mayor of Cambridge was considering a strategic plan for transport in the area including a Cambridge Autonomous Metro System a driverless, trams-on-wheels system designed to run where, currently, a guided bus has been proposed.
- The DC is getting closer to getting a land supply required for the next five years.

Cllr Wright left the meeting at 20:35. Cllr Howell arrived at 20:40

7. **Greater Cambridge Partnership and Local Liaison Forum Update**

MSt reported that she attended the last meeting and found that there was much disquiet amongst the members of the various organisations present and the audience. A letter has been written asking for the consultation to be re-run and it was noted that the Mayor was writing a new strategic policy for the whole county.

8. **Fardell's Lane Reserve.**

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

9. **Clerk's Update**

- . Tree works on the bank of the brook down Paddock Row and the hedge near No 7 Boxworth Road are still scheduled for January 26th 2018
- PC slot for the LHI bid is scheduled for 2pm February 5th at CCC Whittlesford Depot. MS and PD attending
- Road Watch scheme initiation. PD and MS liaising with RW co-ordinator David Candless
- PCSO Thomas Baugh now back on our sector
- Speed and traffic volume measuring machine is going to be installed next Thursday outside No 37 Boxworth Road. This is not the position that was requested as it will not monitor the worst of the traffic.
- Community Payback Teams are scheduled to visit Elsworth again on Sunday 21st January. There have been difficulties finding supervisors. A new supervisor needed to familiarise herself with the village. Community pay back team scheduled to clear grips
- Replacement of the bollards outside the poacher is scheduled for Jan 19th but Highways officer is investigating possibly other alternatives (raising kerbs) to add to safety.
- Chevrons smashed on bend on Brockley Road – again. An alternative system of warning is being considered by County Highways as this is always occurring.
- Flooding on Smith Street. Highways to Jet drains again
- Complaints from parishioners about hunt hounds out of control and through residents' gardens on Broad End.

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- Complaints from Parishioners about parking by customers for the George and Dragon obstructing Boxworth Road and access to Duncock Lane.
- Damage to high verge on Fardell's Lane

10. To set the Budget and agree the Parish Council precept for 2018-2019

Councillors reviewed the expenditure and income for the last financial year and agreed the budget for the coming financial year. A proposal from AF to request a precept of £15,000 for 2018-2019 was not seconded. A proposal ^(Prop PD, 2nd AH) to request a precept of £18,500.00 was agreed (votes 5 in favour).

Planning

The Chairman proposed to bring forward Item 13. **Agreed** unanimously.

S/0043/18/FL & S/0044/18/LB Mr & Mrs Allen

Brockley Farmhouse, 15, Cotterells Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JR

Replace two windows; to install two new gates (one for pedestrian access and one for vehicular access) and remove a barn situated to the rear of the main farmhouse.

PC recommendation: Support

11. **S Cambs Local Plan** To consider the main modifications and to decide whether/how to respond to the consultation. *MSt agreed to look at the main modifications and report to councillors. To be discussed at planning meeting on January 23rd.*

12. S/4550/17/FL Jackson Enterprise Property Group Ltd and Davison group

Land at Meadow Drift, Meadow Drift, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4HS

Erection of 16 dwellings including affordable dwellings, a school car park and drop off area, ecological mitigation area and new allotments, with associated alterations to highway and pedestrian access.

The Chairman advised that the PC members would be meeting representatives from the developers and the agents on Monday 22nd January and that a planning meeting was to be held on Tuesday January 23rd. He proposed to adjourn discussion of this application until the planning meeting. Agreed (voting unanimous)

13. S/0043/18/FL & S/0044/18/LB Mr & Mrs Allen

Brockley Farmhouse, 15, Cotterells Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JR

Dealt with..

14. S/4156/17/PA Mr Plesko

Ashwell House, Fardells Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4JE

Prior approval for a proposed single storey rear extension

For Information only

15. S/3931/17/FL Mr & Mrs Woolf

14, Church Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4HU

Demolition of existing garage and construction of a single dwelling adj to No. 14 and creation of new access and parking for No. 14.

Pc recommendation: No recommendation

Comment Although this is of the same height it might look imposing compared to the existing house and garage and give a "squeezed in" impression next to No 18. Also Parking in front of the property may distract from the street scene. Excess drainage down the hill is a query. A house lower down the hill has been granted planning permission for a basement.

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16. S/4040/17/PA Victoria Mc Neill

Barn to the rear of 14 Brook Street Elsworth Cambridge CB23 4HX

Prior notification for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling

PC : No recommendation. Comment. Clarification sought re:

- The title status of the proposed dwelling
- vehicular access via shared driveway
- current status of a badger set previously noted to be situated close to the barn

Notification of withdrawal of application received January 5th 2018

17. S/4278/17/TP 5/75 - C/11/17/025/03 Miss Georgina Bray RSPB Hope Farm Knapwell CB23 4NR

Tree works on Land adj to Constellation Mobile Home Park, The Drift, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JP

PC recommendation. No comment

18. S/4289/17/TC Mr Hartley 21 Smith Street Elsworth CB23 4HY

T1- Cherry: remove to ground level due to poor form and significant lean. T2- Whitebeam: remove to ground level due to overcrowding of finer specimen trees. T3- Whitebeam: remove branches overshadowing Prunus Nigra below to a height of approximately 4 meters to increase the chances of keeping both trees. T4- Walnut: remove branches overshadowing Prunus Nigra below to a height of approximately 4 meters to increase the chances of keeping both trees. T5- Walnut: reduce lower crown over the lawn by approximately 2 meters to improve shape and light to shrubs below. T6- Hornbeam: remove to ground level due to severe involvement with phone lines entwined in its crown

PC recommendation: No objection

19. S/1483/17/LD B Moore

Constellation Mobile Home Park, The Drift, Elsworth, Cambridge CB23 4JP

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

Lawful development certificate for a proposed use of land within the existing caravan site boundaries for the siting of static caravans without restriction on the layout of the land or the number of caravans up to a maximum of 8 caravan units on the site at any one time

For information only

20. Planning Decision received from the District Council

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

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. Granted.

Dates of meetings in 2018

March 21st

April 18th Annual Parish Meeting

May 16th Annual parish council meeting

July 18th

September 19th

November 21st