

# ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

### PRESENT

Chairman	Paul Solon (PS)
Councillors	Peter Deer (PD) Alan Farrow (AF) Annie Howell (AH) Margaret Stevenson (MSt)
In attendance	Mrs E Sim Parish Clerk (ES)
Parishioners	2

**1. Apologies for absence**

C. Cllr. Mandy Smith

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

The minutes were approved as a true record <sup>(Prop PS, 2nd MS)</sup> and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Cambourne to Cambridge Bus way.** Adrian Shepherd, a member of the Project Team for the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Bus Journey's scheme, was to have attended to answer any questions members might have on the project.

**Mr Shepherd did not attend**

**5. Monthly accounts**

The following payments were approved, unanimously <sup>(Prop AF, 2nd PD)</sup>

Office World Ink Cartridges	75.46
Pendrill Publications Elsworth Times February issue	75.00
Microsoft Exchange plan Refund to Clerk	43.20
ICO Data Protection fee	35.00
Viking Balance of order and credit folio 45	33.12
Thomas Harris Elsworth Times delivery Feb edition	30.00
Guava Design Hosting Pc Website annual charge	100.00
Mrs E Sim Clerk's expenses August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2017 - March 18th 2018	51.85
The Poacher - Electricity costs for defibrillator Jan - Dec 2018	50.00
Neil Kenny Fardell's Lane work 15.11.17 - 21.03.18	52.50
Neil Kenny General Maintenance 06.11.17 - 21.03.18	84.50
Algar Signs -No Dogs on Sports field x 4 @£25 + postage	125.00

Councillors agreed to the purchase of a new scanner printer for the Clerk

**6. To receive a verbal report from County and District Councillors**

Cllrs Howell and Wright did not attend

**7. Fardell's Lane Reserve.** To receive a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

The report was noted and a copy appended to these minutes. The Chairman requested a copy of the minutes of the Fardell's Lane Committee meeting held in January be circulated to all councillors.

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## 8. Clerk's Update.

- LHI bid Successful. Funds awarded for 20mph speed limit to be installed on Brockley Road at a cost of £7,312. Elsworth Parish Council's contribution to be £3,000. Councillors appreciated the allocation of funding but noted that the original concern for the width of the pathway could not be addressed under this scheme. The Clerk was requested to contact the County Highways seek a solution to this.
- Planning information received For Information Only  
S/0843/18/DC Mr & Mrs J Logan Elsworth Motorcross Circuit, Brockley Road, Elsworth, Cambridgeshire Discharge of conditions 4 (Ecology), 5 (Pollution control), 6 (Hard and soft landscaping), 9 (Ecology), 15 (Surface water drainage) and 16 (Details of hardstanding) of planning permission S/0790/16/FL
- CC Highways requested to clear debris from culverts on South side of Smith Street Bridge.
- Parking issues George and Dragon. Complaints ongoing from residents of Duncock Lane about cars parked obstructing the entrance of Duncock Lane and the footpath. Footpath is now starting to crumble. Landlord has been approached by County Highways and the Police but nothing has improved. D.Cllr Nick Wright liaising with Cllr Mandy Smith and Highways Officer. Cllr Smith reported that the request for double yellow lines could not be granted.
- Request from Holy Trinity Church for County Highways to repair the church path and for financial assistance with this. County Highways state all information appears to point to this being in the possession of the church itself. There is no public right of way recorded along this route and therefore Cambridgeshire Highways would not be involved in the repair of the path. The Rector has been advised of potential funding streams.
- Complaints from parishioners re gun scarers have been referred to RSPB previously. Problems and complaints received continue. Again, referred to manager at RSPB and also referred to SCDC Environmental Health Dept.
- Reports of pulsating foam appearing in the brook by Smith Street Bridge referred to SCDC Environmental Health
- Community Payback Teams visited Elsworth again on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>. Grips and footpath in Brook Street cleared. Teams will now be coming on a regular basis to assist with village maintenance.
- Chevrons yet again smashed on sharp bend on Brockley Road – County Highways requested to put alternative safety barrier at the site.
- Complaints re overgrown trees on the highway verge in Duncock Lane referred to County Highways. No response to date
- Speed and volume machine installed on Brockley Road for 2 weeks – one in stealth mode one active signing. Results indicate very high increase in traffic volume during rush hours compared to that experienced by other villages. Request put in to have the machine back to monitor the stretch on Boxworth Road to ascertain the total figures for vehicles travelling through the village.
- The bus stop at the bottom of The Drift has been decommissioned by the County Council Transport Dept. Highways have been requested to remove the former bus stop pole. Whippet buses will no longer alight passengers at this place. Cambridgeshire County Council Education Dept has been advised that this is no longer a bus stop but we are advised that stopping places for school transport are decided by the Social and Education Transport Team (SETT). County Transport Dept Officer has made them aware of the removal of the bus stop near The Drift and the arrangements that are now in place for local bus services. Hopefully SETT will take note of the fact that this place has been highlighted as dangerous for a drop off and will not continue to allow children to alight there. 19<sup>th</sup> March SETT reported Swavesey has different transport arrangements for children compared to every other school in the county. SETT is

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advising the bus company involved of the removal and that the CC and PC have deemed the drop off point dangerous and request that drop off is made at the Poacher.

- Timing of the bin collection in Fardell's Lane. Black bin lorry found heading towards the school down Fardell's Lane at 8.50am on March 15th. Complaints put in to DC about damage to verge and traffic congestion caused and request to ensure collections are done out of times when children walking to school
- Complaints about the school bus going down Fardell's Lane as unable to turn because of a coach and excessive traffic by the school. County Transport contacted and asked to investigate. Request for County Safety Officer to review situation in Broad End and make recommendations
- Elsworth Times - waste copies. Approx 160 per edition. Previously 450 printed but now the printers have started to print 600. Twice requested that the print run is reduced to prevent dreadful waste of resources. Request now to be made that only 450 copies are delivered from the printers for circulation.
- Annual Safety inspection for play area carried out. Neil Kenny attended with inspector. No major problems. Report awaited.
- Replacement of the bollards outside The Poacher scheduled for Jan 19<sup>th</sup> now completed
- Flooding on Smith Street. Repair was sanctioned by the County Highways in February and the order passed to the contractor. It is anticipated it could take up to 12 weeks to action. The pipe taking water from the drains there has collapsed about 4m from the chamber in the verge. County Highways have placed an order to have the pipe dug up and the damaged section replaced to once again get water flowing along the system.

**9. Village Maintenance.** To receive a report from the Working Party and agree action points recommended.

The report had been circulated and a copy is appended to these minutes. Councillors agreed to the Clerk purchasing iron sulphate for removal of moss on Spigot Lane.

**10. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions proposed by Cllr Farrow**

1. That Standing Orders 4.5 and 4.8 be deleted
2. That Standing Order 4.7 be amended by adding the words "*and be placed on the agenda in the order in which they have been notified*"
3. That the numbering of Standing Order 4 be renumbered accordingly

AF proposed the following amendment to Resolution 1 – that:

"Standing Order 4.5 be amended and 4.8 deleted, the former now to read 'Any notice which, in the chairman's reasonable opinion, fails to comply with the requirements of this Standing Order shall [a] be discussed by the chairman with the proposing councillor regarding possible amendments: [b] if accordance is not achieved, the question of adequacy be put as a motion by the chairman at the appropriate council meeting for decision by councillors'."

The proposed amendment received no seconder and therefore the motion fell.

After very prolonged discussion, another amendment to Resolution 1 was proposed (Prop PS, 2<sup>nd</sup> PD), namely to add the words "*and all other councillors*" to Standing order 4.5. The amendment was carried (Voting In favour: PS, PD, AH, MS. Abstention AF).

*Both parishioners left the meeting at 21:10*

AF stated that he wished to withdraw parts 2 and 3 of his original motion.

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Resolution 1, as amended, was then put to the meeting <sup>(Prop PS, 2nd MS)</sup> as follows:

“That Standing Order 4.5 be amended by adding the words ‘*and all other Councillors*’, so as to read as follows:

*‘Any notice which, in the Chairman’s reasonable opinion, fails to comply with the requirements of this Standing Order shall be rejected and the Clerk shall so inform the person giving notice and all other Councillors’.*  
*and that Standing Order 4.8 be deleted”*

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

## 11. Planning

11.1 To note the following

11.1.1. S/0489/18/LB. Mr & Mrs K Rhodes 17, Brook Street, Elsworth, , CB23 4HX  
Replacement render to front gable and entrance elevation walls.  
*PC recommendation: Support*

11.1.2. S/0585/18/FL Mr & Mrs Plesko Ashwell House, Fardells Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4JE  
Single storey rear extension  
*PC recommendation: support*

11.1.3. S/3946/17/LB- & S/3945/17/FL- 2 Brockley Road, Elsworth Eayrs  
Erection of Oak Framed Garden Room. *Granted*

11.1.4. S/3931/17/FL 14 Church Lane Elsworth CB23 4 Woolf  
Demolition of existing garage and construction of a single dwelling adjacent to No. 14 and creation of new access and parking for No. 14 *Granted*

11.2. S/4550/17/FL Enterprise Property Group Ltd & Davison Group. Land at Meadow Drift Elsworth 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.  
Revised plans including additional drainage information, changes in layout and additional landscaping information.  
*Councillors instructed the Clerk to seek additional information regarding the amendments to the application, in particular to the drainage, from the planning officer dealing with the application at SCDC*

### Dates of meetings in 2018

April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Council Meeting
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	September 19 <sup>th</sup> November 21 <sup>st</sup>