

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on

Wednesday November 21st 2018 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

PRESENT

Chairman	Peter Deer
Councillors	Rob Askham (RA) Alison Brolls (AB) Victoria McNeil (VM) David Pope (DP) Margaret Stevenson (MSt) James Witherow (JW)
In attendance	Mrs E Sim (ES) Parish Clerk
District Councillor	Mark Howell (MH) (from 20:25 to 20:45)
Parish Tree Warden	Paul Harding (PH)
Parishioners	1

1. Apologies for absence

D.Cllr M Howell (Late)
D.Cllr N Wright
C Cllr M Smith

2. Declarations of Interest

David Pope declared an interest in Item 10 as a trustee of the Samuel Franklin Fund which has land adjoining the village framework building stop line.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held on September 19th2018.

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

4. Update on action points from September 19th2018 Parish Council meeting

- **Contractor for clearing the Brook.** Quotes had been received and Lattenbury Services contracted. Work was scheduled to commence on November 22nd.
- **Smith Str/Brockley Rd junction upgrade:**
 - Re-staining of bus shelter. To be undertaken next spring.
 - Raising kerb heights. CCC Highways Officer was seeking funding for this.
 - Contractor for tidying up round village sign. RA would do a general tidy-up of the bed under the village sign. Councillors agreed to seek someone who could undertake to keep this area weeded on a regular basis.
- **Bulb planting.** RA had purchased bulbs and would plant these around the bus shelter.
- **Sports Pavilion Cleaning.** Councillors considered the relevant Sports Club Committee minute (meeting on 2 October 2018) concerning the possibility of the PC offering a grant to help with cleaning the Pavilion with the aim of increasing wider community use. PD would put together a proposal for the funding to be circulated to all councillors with a view to a formal offer being put to the January 2019 meeting of the Sports Club Committee.
- **Chairman's meeting with Elsworth School's Headteacher on 5 November and with Nigel Di Castiglione on 15 November.** PD reported that both meetings were positive in building engagement with organisations within the village.
- **CBRR (CamBedRailRoad)** PD reported that a letter had been sent to Heidi Allen MP expressing the PC's concern about a possible route impacting on Elsworth, should a station be planned north of the A428. Ms Allen's preferred route for the connection was understood to be the northerly option but she had taken on board the PC's concerns and promised to look closely at the details and argue for the station to be

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south of the A428 once the plans were more firmly progressed. Concern about the housing development that would inevitably follow the link was also raised and Ms Allen gave assurance that she was aware of the heavy loading this area had taken and was working towards new housing developments being further towards Bedford. No decision on the route would be made until next year.

- **The LLF meeting on 14 November.** PD reported that the focus of the meeting had been the Cambourne to Cambridge busway and concerns about the lack of consultation with the group over the proposed route and the appraisal process being used.
- **20 m.p.h. speed limit.** The idea for this to cover the entire village was out to consultation with the police. Following their response, a decision would be made on whether to go ahead with this.
- **WW1 Roll of Honour.** Paul Harding asked for clarification from the PC as to whether there was a wish for him to proceed with this and whether funds would be available for necessary work. Councillors had agreed at the previous meeting that, in principle, they were prepared to consider funding and confirmed this remained the case. PH would consult Rev Di Castiglione and provide the PC with an idea of the potential costs.
- **Village Web site.** David Pope had circulated a paper with suggestions which councillors discussed. A working party was proposed to look into progressing the site. PH indicated he was content to act as a contributor to the site but not to building the facility. DP would liaise with Rich Milns, who hosts the site, and report back to the PC.

5. Reports from

- County Councillor Mandy Smith. Ms Smith did not attend the meeting.
- District Councillors Howell and Wright.
Cllr Howell reported on the difficulties being faced by the District Council over the route of the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway. He also advised the PC of the forthcoming additional annual charge, agreed by the District Council, of £35 per household for collection of a second green bin.
- The Clerk. There were no items to report.
- Fardell's Lane Reserve Committee Chairman. Cllrs noted a written report that had been received and circulated.

6. Report of Monthly accounts

Neil Kenny Verge Cut 6	385.00
Pendrill Publications October Elsworth Times	75.00
BT Phone and internet Bill	210.52
Thomas Harris Delivery October Elsworth Times	30.00
Royal British Legion Donation for wreath Remembrance Sunday	20.00
Mrs E Sim Clerk's Expenses postage and mileage 11.04 2018 – 19.11 2018	68.70
Neil Kenny General Village Maintenance 19.08.18 - 21.11.18	145.75
Neil Kenny Fardell's Lane Maintenance 14.07.18 - 21.11.18	43.50
Neil Kenny Verge Cut 7	385.00
Pendrill Publications village questionnaire leaflets	95.00

The Clerk reported that monies donated by a parishioner in 2016 for the purpose of reinstating fuller post office facilities in the village were still held by the PC. This matter would be given consideration.

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7. **Village Questionnaire:** MSt reported that 300 questionnaires had been issued and 29 responses had been received; there being a further 10 days to return them. The top three priorities emerging so far had been pedestrian road safety, the appearance of the village, and the village shop. There was a general concern expressed about the possibility of losing village facilities. Conflicting views expressed in the questionnaires and also in recent meetings had highlighted the need to encourage more participation in village affairs and the possibility of the Parish Council considering undertaking a neighbourhood plan. Once the questionnaires were all received, the PC would consider how best to communicate the findings to parishioners.
8. **Planning applications received by the Parish Council September to November 2018**
- 8.1. S/3990/18/TC Mr Gladders 8, Smith Street, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4HY
5 Day Notice to Remove Dead or Dangerous Tree in a Conservation Area.
Tree warden: no comment
- 8.2. S/4131/18/TC Mr Taylor Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JQ
Ash tree -Fell, owing to proximity to property (both sides), electricity cables and telephone wires
Tree Warden: No comment
- 8.3. S/4109/18/TP TPO No 5/75 - C/11/17/025/03 Turner
Glebe House, 22, Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JQ
Horse Chestnut - trim back lowest branches only above flower bed Row of Cypress - cut back hard on garden side, retaining green screen. Willow - crown reduce to clear adjacent phone cable by 1-1.5m. Horse Chestnut - Crown reduce spread only above garden by 2-3m, shape into remainder of canopy - over extended limbs above garden at increased risk of structural failure.
Tree Warden: No comment
- 8.4. S/3985/18/DC Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd & Bovis Homes Ltd
Land to the west of Cambourne (excluding Swansley Wood Farm)
Discharge of Conditions 33 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) & 39 (Waste Management & Minimisation Plan) of Planning Permission S/2903/14/OL.
For information only
- 8.5 S/3537/18/LD Rayment. Elm Lodge, Meadow Drift Elsworth CB23 4HS
Certificate of lawful development for existing use of a dwelling without restrictions as to agriculture or forestry worker.
PC Recommendation: Support
9. **Planning Application - Decision notice received**
- S/2715/18 FL Granted
10. **Planning application for consideration.**
Appeal against refusal of planning application
S/4550/17/FL Jackson, Enterprise Property Group Ltd and Daviso
APP/W0530/W/18/3209758 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.

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PC recommendation and comments.

Councillors recognised that the proposed development could bring benefits to the village in terms of providing affordable housing and financial funding, with over £50,000 of section 106 monies for community facilities. Nevertheless, the PC was unanimously of a mind to maintain their objection to the application given that it was sited outside the village framework.

The issue of the construction of a flood relief channel adjacent to the proposed development on land partly owned by the applicants had arisen again during the consultation. Councillors noted that, despite the significance of this issue, it appeared that, following reservations on the part of Pitt Dene Farm, little had been done to try to take forward the proposal - The PC agreed that the matter should be investigated afresh.

It was recognised that there had been considerable difference of opinion amongst residents over the application with some wanting to see minimal change and others expressing concern about the sustainability of amenities in the village unless there was some development. It was noted that PD was thinking of producing something to go in the Elsworth Times which might encourage wider discussion within the village.

11. Dates of future meetings in 2019

January 16th 2019

March 20th 2019

April 17th 2019 Annual Parish Meeting

May 15th 2019 Annual Parish Council Meeting

July 17th 2019

September 18th 2019

November 20th 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:30

Signed(Chairman) **Date.....**