

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on

Wednesday January 16th 2019 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	Nick Wright (NW)
County Councillor	Mandy Smith (MS)
Parishioners	1

1. Apologies for absence

D.Cllr M Howell

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held on November 21st, 2018.

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

4. Update on action points from November 21st, 2018 Parish Council meeting

- Clearance of the brook has been completed. JW reported that the costs had been more than anticipated but the extent of the clearance required had been increased. Large amounts of rubbish had had to be removed from the section of the brook from Smith Street to Fardell's Lane Bridge. A broken drain had been found in this section. Thanks were expressed to JW for liaising with the contractors.
- Enhancement of the area around the bus shelter and village sign. This project was ongoing. VM would draw up a final version of the specifications for applicants interested in undertaking gardening works in the area and circulate this to all members and the Clerk. The specification would be advertised locally as extensively as possible. Applications would be reviewed at the PC meeting in March.
- WW1 Roll of Honour. There was no update on this.
- Village Web site. DP reported that he was to have a meeting with Rich Milns who hosts the site, the following Friday.

5. To receive oral/written reports from

- County Councillor Mandy Smith. Cllr Smith reported that speed survey signs were to be erected on Brockley Road and Boxworth Road to gather data to enable a decision to be made regarding a 20mph blanket speed limit for the village. Feedback on the proposal was still awaited from the police. AB stated her personal objection as she felt that this had not been looked at in sufficient detail.
The Clerk is liaising with the County Highways officer over other highways issues.
- District Councillor Wright.
Cllr Wright reported that
 - The Local Plan had been ratified as robust.
 - The DC now had a 5.8-year land supply.

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- There would be no permitted building outside village frameworks; a recent appeal on an application had upheld this.
- Knapwell had undertaken a village clean-up. About 30 residents had dedicated an hour of their time and cleared every verge of litter. The DC had always undertaken a yearly spring clean in the villages but would no longer be doing this. The Clerk was instructed to seek costings for additional equipment for use in the village and investigate insurance for volunteers if litter picking outside the 30 mph village speed limit.
- Cllr Wright undertook to look at the issues raised in a letter from Swavesey PC regarding the delegation of powers to planning officers for applications that the PC had requested should go to the planning committee. He stated that the Planning Department was very stretched and opportunistic applications were now decreasing although these were being replaced by increasing numbers of applications from householders putting in applications for extensions.
- Fardell's Lane Reserve Committee Chairman. No report was received.
- The Clerk. The Clerk reported that
 - The Paper and plastic bag recycling banks at Browns Farm on Boxworth Road would soon be removed by the DC. Notification would be placed at the site in advance to warn residents.
 - The clothing bank had been vandalised and fly tipping was building up around the area. This bank is not owned by the DC. The company responsible had been asked to clear the site but had not done so to date. Cllrs **agreed** to request that the bank be removed when the other recycling banks were.
 - A new dog poo bin had been requested for siting on the Avenue Business Park driveway near the gate to the fields. The DC had agreed to the request and asked if the PC could make a contribution to the costs. Cllrs agreed to consider this once the costs were ascertained and noted that the site was on private land.
 - The memorial tree for Michael Davison, a red horse chestnut, had been planted on the Avenue Business Park drive. The Clerk was liaising with the Davison family regarding the memorial plaque. A memorial tree of the same species would be ordered for Ms Eayrs.
 - A dangerous Ash tree on land belonging to Davisons near Meadow Drift had been reported before Christmas. Permission for urgent felling had been granted by the DC and a quote obtained from Richardsons tree surgeons. Mr E Davison had notified the Clerk that he intended to cancel the booking for work to be carried out on January 17th and request his own contractors to quote.
 - Planings from resurfacing works on Knapwell Road and Brockley Road would be available to the PC for filling in the potholes on the car park of the Grass Close. The CC could dump them on site but not spread. The landowner had raised no objections. Cllrs declined to accept the planings as concern was raised that they would not be suitable for filling the holes and would only provide a temporary fix. Councillors agreed that more extensive works on upgrading the car park were required. JW offered to take planings for farm tracks.
 - The date for felling the tree blocking the drains on Smith Street was as yet unknown.
 - Kompan, a play equipment supplier, was offering 25% match funding towards new play equipment until the end of February.
 - The presentation given at a recent grant funding initiative meeting for the installation of electric car charging points in villages had been circulated. Cllrs

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did not feel there was demand at the present time nor a suitable location for such a facility.

The District and County Councillors left the meeting at 19:45

6. **Village questionnaire.** MSt had circulated the breakdown of the results of the questionnaires. There was a 10% response. Cllrs felt that the results of the survey broadly meshed with the PC's proposed projects and that these need to be fed back to parishioners. MS would draft an article for the *Elsworth Times* and circulate to all councillors for comment.
7. **Report on the LHI bid meeting on January 16th**
PD reported that he and MSt had attended a meeting with the LHI panel at Whittlesford that day to present the PC's application. The general feeling was positive towards the initiatives proposed and the 40% contribution offered by the PC to the costings. Two panels would now send recommendations to the Highways Committee in March and a decision was expected in April.
8. **Report of Monthly accounts**
The following Payments December 2018 – January 15th, 2019 were agreed ^(Prop PD, 2nd MSt)
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| SLCC Annual Membership | 115.00 |
| ALCC Annual Membership | 30.00 |
| Christmas Tree Purchased from Waresley Park Garden Centre - | 74.99 |
| Mail order trees - memorial chestnut for M Davison - | 57.94 |
| Corporate Christmas Tree Co. Tree lights & extension cable - | 219.97 |
| Ridgeons Concrete post mix for Christmas Tree | 4.32 |
| Andrew Lose Engineering Tree Guard for memorial tree Michael Davison | 282.00 |
| Bard Electrics Ltd Electrical work on Community shop | 249.60 |
| G. Stevenson - reimbursement for refreshments. Tree lights evening December 2018 | 53.42 |
| Lattenbury Services Dredging Brook | 5,928.00 |
| Thomas Harris Delivery Elsworth Times Dec edition | 30.00 |
| Pendrill Publications Dec edition Elsworth Times | 75.00 |
9. **Budget and the Parish Council precept for 2019-2020**
The Chairman outlined the broad project areas that had been proposed and the expenditure that would be required in addition to the normal running costs the PC incurs. PD proposed ^(2nd VM) that the PC request a precept of £22,000.00 for the financial year 2019 - 2020. This was the same level of precept levied in 2017-18 and approximates the level of spend in 2018-2019. It was noted that the PC would continue to undertake more initiatives than had been the case in the past and it was recognised that PC reserves would need to be called on and that the level of reserves would thereby be reduced. The proposal was **agreed** 5 in favour (PD, VM, AB, RA, JW), 1 Against (DP) 1 Abstention (MSt).
10. **Assets of Community Value. Expiry of ACV listings for The Poacher and the George and Dragon Public Houses on 20th May 2019.**
Cllrs agreed unanimously that the properties should be re-nominated for continued listing.

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11. Planning applications received by the Parish Council

11.1. S/0003/19/TC Davison & Co (Barford) Ltd

Land belonging to Davison Farmers opp 8 Broad End and adjacent to 15, Broad End, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4JD

5 Day Notice to Remove Dead or Dangerous Tree in a Conservation Area. Remove one Large dead and dangerous ASH Tree in Conservation Area.

For information only as consent has already been granted by SCDC

11.2. S/0047/19/TP TPO No 5/75 - C/11/17/025/03 Georgina Bray Grange Farm House, Grange Farm High Street Knapwell Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB23 4NR

Land belonging to Hope Farm behind 24, Constellation Mobile Home Park, The Drift, Elsworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4JP

Ash (Area 70) tagged 202 - has become unstable due to dieback and outward growth of one heavy branch, which is protruding approx. 3m onto a shed and car park. reduce height by 50% and cut back branch.

PC Comment: No comment

Additional planning item raised by AB - Constellation Mobile Home park

AB reported that she had met Emily Hutchinson, the County Flooding Officer, with regard to drainage facilities on the site. It was understood that the site owner had purchased additional land from Browns Farm, but it was unclear whether this related to the drainage, or, indeed, whether any system approved by the County Council would, in fact, be implemented.

12. Dates of future meetings in 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 declared the meeting closed at 21:20

Signed(Chairman). Date.....