

# ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Elsworth School at 7:30pm

### PRESENT

Chair Peter Deer  
Councillors Rob Askham (RA) Alison Brolls (AB) Victoria McNeil (VM)  
David Pope (DP) Margaret Stevenson (MSt) James Witherow (JW)  
In attendance Paul Harding Village Tree warden  
Berry Kenny, Chairman Fardell's Lane Reserve Committee  
County Cllr Mandy Smith  
Ian Hardy, Convenor Elsworth Flood Group

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Peter Deer was elected unopposed. (Prop MS,P sec VM)

#### 2. To receive councillors' updates of their Registers of Parish Members' Financial and other interests

All Councillors registered updates as required.

#### 3. Apologies for absence

There were none

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

RA declared a pecuniary interest in item 19 relating to the car park.

#### 5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The minutes were approved as a true record (Prop JW, 2nd DP, unanimous) and signed by the Chair.  
Update on action points:-

- No further progress had been made re the roll of honour for Holy Trinity Church.
- Web site. DP had made contact with Rich Milns, however, his workload prohibited further work on the site until after the summer period.
- Village questionnaire. There had been no feedback from anyone following the publication of the results of the questionnaire in the Elsworth Times
- Flowerbed under the village sign. Neil Kenny would be asked to do an initial cut back and tidy of the bed. Some new plants would be purchased to supplement the existing planting. MS and AB volunteered to undertake the planting and to maintain the bed in the future

#### 6. Appointment of Tree Warden for 2019-2020

Mr Paul Harding agreed to continue as Village Tree Warden and was duly appointed. Councillors agreed unanimously that the cost of all relevant insurance cover for his position should be paid by the Parish Council.

#### 7. Appointment of Fardell's Lane Committee for 2019-2020

Councillors agreed to the appointment of Berry Kenny (Chairman), Paul Harding (Secretary), Alan Farrow, Ian Hardy, Ian Maddison, James Witherow and Paul Wyer as Fardell's Lane Reserve Committee members. The Parish Council would continue to fund

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appropriate Insurance arrangements for members of the committee and volunteer workforce.

## 8. To appoint Parish Council representatives for the following

- The Greater Cambridge Partnership, including the local liaison forum The Coalition of Parish Councils. PD advised that Council chairmen usually attended these meetings and it was agreed that PD should continue to do so. A PC member would substitute for meetings he was unable to attend.
- The Village Community Flood group. JW and Ian Hardy were appointed.
- Elsworth Sports Club Committee. RA was appointed. RA had attended the club's AGM on 7 May 2019 and made a brief report; councillors noted the club's financial situation.

## 9. To approve and sign the Council's

- Annual governance statement 2018/2019. Approved. (Prop PD 2nd JW).
- Accounting statement for the year ending March 31st, 2019. and Certificate of Exemption. Approved. (Prop DP 2nd MS).
- To note the Annual Internal Audit report 2018/9. Noted.

## 10. Internal Auditor. To resolve to appoint Mrs Val Seeking as Internal Auditor for the year ending 2020. Approved. (Prop VM 2nd PD).

## 11. Report of Monthly accounts

### Payments

BT Phone and internet 8.04.19-7.07.18	192.01
The Play inspection Co Annual safety inspection	180.00
Ladbrook Insurance Cover for litter pickers Volunteers	171.20
Pendrill Publications April Elsworth times	75.00
Val Seekings Internal Audit end year 2109	40.00
Neil Kenny Verge Cut (1)	390.00
Mrs E Sim Reimbursement Computer, Printer, warranty print scheme	1,533.99
Thomas Harris Delivery April Elsworth Times	30.00
Mrs E Sim reimbursement for Annual Parish Refreshments	160.28
Mrs E Sim Reimbursement for Microsoft email licence 2018	43.20
Mrs E Sim reimbursement for Microsoft licence email 2019	43.20
Mrs E Sim Reimbursement for postage and mileage 26.11.18 - 07.05.19	59.56
Neil Kenny Verge Cut (2)	390.00
Neil Kenny General Village Maintenance 12.12.18 - 15.05.19	510.31
Neil Kenny Fardell's Lane reserve 22.11.18 - 15.05.19	66.75
Wicksteed Leisure New Baby Cradle swing seats x2	325.50

### Receipts

SCDC Precept 1st instalment	11,000.00
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## 12. Update Reports

(a) Received an oral report from County Councillor Mandy Smith:

- An order had been placed for the village drains to be cleared but no date had been set.
- She would go back to Joshua Rutherford (who had apologized for the way this matter had been dealt with) at the County Council regarding the refusal to introduce a 20

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mph speed limit and then consider what other action might be taken to progress the matter within the County Council. PD reminded the meeting that the introduction of 40 mph buffer zones at the three entries to the village had also been requested. MS confirmed that the £7.5k remained 'ring fenced' and proposed that there be a site meeting in June to review matters.

- The next round of bidding for the LHI was imminent and the Parish Council might want to consider measures to reduce traffic speeds. Possibly advice might be sought from Derek Crosby (police safety officer) in this respect.
- Patching work had been completed on some of the village roads.
- Age UK was keen to progress warden schemes and noted that a meeting involving Jackie Isden (Fen Drayton) and PD had already been proposed by MS.

(b)- Councillors had a general discussion about the increasing disquiet at the lack of maintenance on the village roads over a considerable period of time and the fact that letters of complaint sent to the County Council CEO and Highways managers had not received any acknowledgement. Councillors proposed to escalate complaints should no action be forthcoming to improve the maintenance. It was noted that the PC had in principle agreed to purchase an interactive sign.

(c) Fardell's Lane Reserve Committee Chairman. A written report had been received and circulated to all councillors.

### 13. Clerk's Update

#### **Crossroads Junction at the Mill**

Following another serious accident at this junction, a request has been made to County Highways to improve the signage and take steps to make the junction safer.

### 14. To consider, and if thought fit, agree a request for funding from Elsworth C of E School.

A request for financial assistance for polishing the hall floor was considered- It was recognised that the hall is used for several community functions and that the school wished to increase community use of the premises. Councillors were sympathetic to the request but before committing funding wanted the proposals to be clarified with the head teacher.

### 15. To note a proposal for the re-allocation of funds donated by a parishioner.

Funds had been donated by Mr John Wakelin in 2016 to enable a full post office service to be reinstated in the village; however, this had not proved feasible. Mr Wakelin passed away in 2018 and a letter had been received from his son Mr Richard Wakelin requesting that instead consideration be given to using the funds to help establish a nature area on land at 'Upperfield', Church Lane which would be open to parishioners to enjoy. The RSPB, whose land adjoins this, had been in touch with Mr Wakelin with regard to progressing this project. A meeting was being sought by Mr R Wakelin to discuss this. PH reported that he had visited the site with Mr Wakelin and identified a number of animal and plant species of interest. Councillors agreed to give further consideration to the request once there was further clarification of the project and the matter had been discussed with the Shop.

### 16. Planning application received by the Parish Council

16.1. S/1364/19/TC Natasha Scott Crawfords Cartwright House Nottingham

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Location Grapevine Cottage, 8, Fardells Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JE  
Proposal TG3 Mixed spp. scrub group consisting mostly Cotoneaster, Ivy, Bramble  
Photinia and Laurel Works: Remove TG4 Mixed spp. scrub group consisting mostly  
Cotoneaster, Buddleia, Ivy, Bramble and Holly Works: Remove Reason: Clay shrinkage  
subsidence damage

*PC for information only.*

16.2. S/1317/19/FL Mr & Mrs Childerley. 15 Brockley Road Elsworth CB23 4JS

Erection of rear conservatory.

*PC recommendation: Support*

16.3. S/2903/14/OL Bovis Homes Ltd and Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd Land to the West of  
Cambourne. Non-material amendment to planning permission.

*For information only*

### **17. Decision notice received**

Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/W0530/W/18/3209758

Planning Ref: S/4550/17/FL

Site: Land at Meadow Drift, Meadow Drift, Elsworth, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4HS

Proposal: 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.

*Appeal Dismissed*

### **18. To resolve to exclude the public from the meeting.**

(Proposed PD sec VM) So resolved. At 21.19 Cllr Smith, Paul Harding, Ian Hardy, Berry  
Kenny and Rob Askham left the meeting

### **19. Car Park near community shop**

Councillors considered three quotations for works on the car park from Askham  
Gardening Services, Lattenbury Services Ltd and Helmsway Build. Councillors agreed  
unanimously to accept the quotation from Helmsway Build. Noted that PD would meet  
with the Shop and the Sports Club to update them on the car park proposals.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:35**

### **Dates of future meetings in 2019**

July 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

November 20<sup>th</sup> 2019