

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on
Monday 19th September 2011 at 7.30pm
at the Wesley Hall, School Road.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Abbott, Barker (Chairman), Burch, Edmonds, Friend, Hawes, Ms Indurain, Reed, Ms Richards.

Attending: District Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansell
District & County council Ward member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey (part)
MSDC Community Safety Officer Mr John Spitzer (part)
12 member of the public
Parish Clerk Mr Dow

Minutes:

11.09.01

Noted:

- 1.1 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Petchey
- 1.2 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Lloyd

11.09.02

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2011, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

11.09.03

Noted:

The following when any Members' Declarations of Personal Interests and/or Personal – Prejudicial Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and any additions or deletions to the Register of Interests detailed:

- 3.1 Cllr Hawes declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item 24 regarding cemetery fees as he had been lobbied on the matter.

11.09.04

Noted:

The Meeting adjourned to receive reports from external bodies as appropriate, to invite public comment or questions on those reports and to invite public comment or questions on any other Agenda items.

- 4.1 A written report from County Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey
- 4.2 A written report from District Council Ward member Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel
- 4.3 A written report from the Police
- 4.4 A written report from Sue messenger, the village youth worker
- 4.5 Cllr Mrs Mansell spoke to suggest that the biggest impact on Elmswell of the proposal at agenda item 14 regarding wind turbines at Wyverstone would be traffic during the construction phase and that, otherwise the scheme would not impinge on the village.
- 4.6 A resident from Rose Lane tabled a paper detailing 4 conditions which had the general support of other residents and which, they thought, should be imposed when, as seems inevitable, permission is granted for a dwelling in the garden of Grantrose.
- 4.7 Another resident of Rose Lane spoke in support of the suggestions at 4.6 above and reinforced the difficulties experienced when construction traffic has to use the lane and the ever-present access problems for paramedics and the like.

11.09.05

Noted:

The following correspondence.

- 5.1 To Friends of St John's Church re 'Walk4Elmswell' grant application
- 5.2 With Sir Robert Gardiner's Almshouse Trust re 'Walk4Elmswell' grant application

- 5.3 With Mid Suffolk District Council regarding the possibility of EPC establishing the Maze site at Church Road as public open space in perpetuity
- 5.4 From MSDC re e-Consultation on Planning applications
- 5.5 With residents and others re nuisance caused by the siting of a mobile catering outlet at Station Road
- 5.6 Various re proposed closure of A14 for surface repairs
- 5.7 With Cllr Hawes / MSDC re Register of Interests

11.09.06 **Noted:**
Further correspondence, as Appendix A, being a letter from the Village Youth Worker, Sue Messenger, offering, as a gesture of goodwill and in no way implying or accepting blame, the sum of £100.00 towards the replacement of the wooden play figure recently ripped from the ground in the play area at Blackbourne.

11.09.07 **Noted:**
The Clerk's report as per Appendix B.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

11.09.08 **Noted:**
That when any Complaints Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited none was forthcoming and that the date of the next Complaints Committee meeting was not known.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

11.09.09 **Planning Application 2887/11**
Erection of front porch and first-floor side extension: addition of 2 no. dormer windows to front elevation; conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation.
Woodlees, Ashfield Road
Councillors agreed to support this Application

11.09.10 **Resolved:**
That Elmswell Parish Council makes known to the Professional Lead Officer, Planning Services, at Mid Suffolk District Council its views on the above Planning application.

11.09.11 **Noted:**
Planning application results as received from MSDC:

11.1	1996/11	ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR CONSERVATORY.... 8 ELLISTON CLOSE GRANTED EPC no comment
11.2	2461/11	ERECTION OF 2 STOREY SIDE & REAR EXTENSION 10 BENNETT AVENUE GRANTED EPC no comment

11.09.12 12.1 **Noted:**
The appeal decision reference APP/W3520/A/11/2152280 re land adjoining Grantrose, Rose Lane and the subsequent Planning application ref. 3036/11, being a re-presentation of that denied by the Inspector but with the addition of an agreement to a contribution towards open space. Councillors agreed that a letter should go to the Planning officer concerned repeating the suggestions made by residents for conditions to be imposed on what would seem to be an inevitable granting of Permission.

12.2 **Noted:**

An appeal reference APP/W3520/A/112156037 at 56 Eastern Way on which the Meeting agreed further representations need not be made.

11.09.13

Noted:

Consultation documents re; Planning Application to be determined by Suffolk County Council MS/0141/09ART30C213665: ART 30 – Submission of conditions 21: Management method statement for control of weeds, 36: Drawing no W9/LAN/016 details of all external lighting proposed, and 65: W9LAN/015 details of progressive woodland planting scheme, of Planning Permission MS/0141/09 at Lawn Farm Quarry Wetherden, Old Bury Road, Wetherden on which the Meeting agreed to make no comment.

11.09.14

Noted:

A request from the Stop Wyverstone Windfarm Action Group that Elmswell Parish Council make its views known by personal representation to the MSDC Planning Committee meeting on 21.09.11 regarding Planning application 3406/10 for the erection of 2 wind turbine generators at Wyverstone, which request the Meeting agreed not to act upon.

11.09.15

Noted:

The following when any other Planning Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited;

15.1 The Clerk drew the Meeting's attention to a Planning application ref 2203/11 for the erection of a single attached garage following the demolition of the existing wooden garage at 92 Bennett Avenue. It was agreed that no Planning Committee meeting was necessary as no comment needed to be made.

11.09.16

Resolved:

That Elmswell Parish Council make a contribution of £65.00 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund.

11.09.17

Resolved:

That a youth shelter, as specified by Sue Messenger following her consultation exercise, be installed at Blackbourne Meadow on the Eastern boundary adjacent to the Multi-use Games Area, the project to be coordinated by the Parish clerk with a contingency sum of £500 in the event that grant aid falls short of the full contract cost.

11.09.18

Noted:

A consultation from The Suffolk Preservation Society regarding the Government's consultation draft on their National Planning Policy Framework to which it was agreed that support should be given along the specific lines suggested in the document.

With the agreement of Councillors the Chairman closed the meeting and invited Cllr Mrs Storey, who had recently arrived, to speak. Cllr Storey made the following points on which there were no questions:

1. Attention was drawn to the current SCC Budget Challenge, copies of which had been circulated to all Members by the Clerk prior to the meeting.
2. SCC are looking at amalgamation with other councils as appropriate with a view to cost savings.
3. There is a vacancy for a Governor at Elmswell Primary School.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Storey for her input and the Meeting was re-opened.

11.09.19

Resolved:

That the Clerk be asked, in consultation with individuals and other agencies as appropriate, to re-draw the Elmswell Village Plan in a loose-leaf format to accommodate future updating in-house.

- 11.09.20 **Resolved:**
That Elmswell Gardening Club be thanked for their recent stewardship of the Station Road recycling centre and that a donation of £150 be made to the Club funds.
- 11.09.21 **Noted:**
 The joint consultation from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils regarding, 'The Budget Challenge', and a similar consultation from Suffolk County Council. It was agreed that there should be no corporate response but that Councillors might make their own comments to the documents which had been circulated to them by the Clerk in advance of the meeting.
- 11.09.22 **Resolved:**
That the Clerk and Cllrs Ms Indurain and Friend be asked to liaise with village organisations and others as appropriate towards bringing forward proposals for a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 04.06.12 and to take action as appropriate.
- 11.09.23 **Resolved:**
That the Clerk, in consultation with Cllrs Barker and Edmonds, be asked to begin the process of recruiting new cleaners for Blackbourne, taking account of the Phase II extension, with a view to a recommendation to Council.
- 11.09.24 **Resolved:**
That none of the fees, as published, relating to charges at the Elmswell cemetery should be waived.
- 11.09.25 **Noted:**
 That the Task and Finish Working Party asked to make recommendations for the format of the proposed green cemetery at Lukeswood would report back to the October meeting in light of consultations via the Newsletter and of any subsequent comments from Councillors which were invited.
- 11.09.26 **Resolved:**
That the Clerk be asked to apply to the Woodland Trust for a grant under their Community Tree Planting scheme for hedging plants sufficient to mark the boundary between the community wood and the green cemetery at Lukeswood and that a contingency of £100 from Council funds be available in the event that the grant aided planting might need augmentation.
- 11.09.27 **Resolved:**
That the Clerk be asked to attending the SALC / Prettys Solicitors training course, 'Dealing with Difficult People', on 21.09.11 at a cost of £20 + VAT.
- 11.09.28 **Noted:**
 That the Clerk confirmed his report at paragraph 11 in appendix B regarding a meeting with National Express East Anglia and that he would be seeking to progress the matter with community volunteers when appropriate.
- 11.09.29 **Noted:**
 Authorised payments made since 18th July 2011 as per Appendix C.
- 11.09.30 **Resolved:**
Proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D.
- 11.09.31 **Noted:**
 Balance as per Appendix E
- 11.09.32 **Noted:**
 Cashflow Forecast as per Appendix F

11.09.33

Noted:

The following when the Meeting adjourned to allow public comment on matters relevant to Council business;

- 33.1 A resident asked whether there was any truth in the rumour that Messrs HC Wilson would no longer be complying with the advisory one-way HGV routing system through the village. No Councillor could confirm this and the Chairman pointed out that some of the trailer rigs concerned could not physically comply with the route at all times, hence the advisory nature of the system, but that any regular non compliance by others might best be reported to the Clerk.
- 33.2 A member of the ElmsWild group suggested that their application for Diamond Jubilee Field could form part of any Diamond Jubilee celebration.

11.9.34 Noted:

That when any other Council business for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited that none was forthcoming.

11.09.35

Noted:

That the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Monday 17th October 2011 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Wesley Hall.

11.09.36

Noted:

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Chairman
17.10.11