

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM AT THE CADE**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)  
Cllr J Herring  
Cllr S Childerley  
Cllr M Cropley  
Cllr A Weldon  
Cllr J Pettifor  
Cllr M Loynes  
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

6 members of public  
County Councillor M Smith  
District Councillor A Elcox

**35. Apologies.**

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence  
None

**36. Declarations of Interest.**

To receive Declarations of Interest – Personal and/or prejudicial and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllrs Pinner, Cropley, Weldon & Herring all declared an interest in the Allotments for The Labouring Poor.

Cllrs Herring, Pettifor & Weldon declared an interest in The Cade  
All Councillors declared an interest in Eltisley Village Green Trust as Parish Council are sole trustees.

Cllr Childerley item 46.2 - personal

**37. Minutes.**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**Resolved:** That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.  
All in favour (prop Cllr Cropley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon)

**38. Public Forum**

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time Allowed 10 minutes  
Resident spoke about a spate of vandalism to vehicle in Greenfields, it was his opinion that this had happened post the removal of a street lighting the area. Also a key safe had been tampered with. The matter has been reported to both CCC and the Police.  
This is an area with several vulnerable residents and he requested support from the Parish Council in the form of a letter to both authorities.

A former resident of the village spoke regarding his concerns over the sale of the village institute. He was of the opinion that there had been little or no information available on the sale and residents of Croxton had not been advised. He wanted to know who the purchaser is, where the funds are being held, if there is any prospect of low cost housing on the site, and if access will be required over The Green.

### 39. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor Cllr M Smith (CCC) advised PC to write to Mr Tom Blackburn Mayes over the street lighting and also suggested to the resident that the Bobby Scheme may be able to help. She confirmed that the repair work to The Green had been carried out by Balfour Beatty. Asked that the PC consider the Boundary Commission review which is currently being consulted on.

Cllr Pinner asked if there was any progress on the manhole cover and was advised that she will try and get it moved up the schedule. He also pointed out the Balfour Beatty had not repaired the area of concern. It was agreed that this would be followed up.

Cllr Elcox spoke regarding the A428 Alliance being led by J Djanogly. She felt this was a positive move and was hopeful of action. She asked that the PC write in support of the lobby group.

SCDC are in the middle of a local plan inspection, main area of concern is housing with opposing thoughts on the number of new homes to be built.

The Elite athlete Awards have been resurrected.

HACT service not being utilised enough and it may be a case of 'use it or lose it'.

Community Chest is now closed for applications until March 2015.

Cllr Loynes spoke of the problems with paying at the park & ride site in Madingley and confirmed that a second machine is to be installed.

He was concerned about a possibility of bad weather gritting to be cut and hoped this would not affect the villages.

### 40. Matters arising from previous meeting

#### (i) Tree survey

Cllr Pinner confirmed that one quote had been received and that he was meeting with a second contractor in 10 days' time. All quotes will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

#### (ii) Street Lighting

This had been discussed in Public forum and County Councillor reports however Cllr Weldon did comment that she had been advised by Balfour Beatty that any additional lights would only be installed if the PC took on responsibility and cost of installation and maintenance.

#### (iii) Signage, The Green/The Pond

The Green signs have now been erected. Cllr Weldon passed around a plan for numbering signs to be added. Cost £40 plus VAT plus additional cost of frame for fixing,

**Resolved:** That numbering be agreed. All in favour (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Loynes)

#### (iv) Swing for The Green

Cllr Pinner confirmed that both grants had been successful and it may now be possible to revamp the whole area. Cllr Pettifor agreed that the area need to be looked at holistically. Terms of the grants and timescales to be looked into and brought back to next meeting.

#### (v) Flag Pole quotes

Cllr Weldon spoke about the quotes which had been provided to Cllrs in their papers. She confirmed that all the specifications were the same, i.e. glass fibre pole, external hinge at base and same diameter of pole. Cllr Pettifor considered that price should not be the sole issue in considering this matter as it was hoped to be in situ for at least 25 years.

**Resolved:** That the quote from House of Flags be approved £750 plus VAT

(Prop Cllr Weldon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Loynes) All in favour

Location of new flag pole to be to the Caxton End side of The Cade

#### (vi) Pumping station, Caxton End

Cllr Pinner confirmed that a meeting on site and a tour of the pumping station had

finally confirmed what PC had said that there is a fall out which is blocked. Steps now to be taken to resolve the problem.

#### **41. Clerks Report**

To receive written report.

**Meeting Dates:** –

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Full Council**

**Items to report.**

- Note list of diary dates for 2015/16
- Street lighting energy inventory returned to CCC 21/10/14

#### **42. Members reports**

(i) Police neighbourhood panel

Cllr Pinner reported in change of Superintendent. The meeting was advised that there will be fewer Police on the streets due to cybercrimes however those on the beat will be issued with lap tops to enable them to work whilst out of the office.

Common concerns: speeding in villages, fly grazing.

As 50% of burglaries happen after cold calling incidents Cllr Pinner wondered if it was worth investigating the establishment on a 'No cold calling zone'

(ii) Village working party.

Cllr Pinner had nothing to report he was planning next working party for New Year.

Duck signs by the Pond now in pace. Donation of £60 received from resident to cover cost payment.

(iii) Neighbourhood Watch/Speedwatch

Cllr Pinner confirmed 2 new volunteers had come forward. He clarified the recording of speeds in excess of 35mph. Clerk asked to follow up application to CCC for the erection of Speedwatch signs. 3 new signs to be ordered. Cllr Pinner to arrange meeting with other parishes that have expressed an interest in the purchase of mobile speed watch signs.

Cllr Pinner reported that he had welcomed 3 new families into the village.

(iv) Peace tree Lights

Cllr Pettifor confirmed that the cherry picker is booked and that the lights will go up on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and will be taken down on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

(v) Highways Improvement BID

Cllr Weldon summarised the meeting she attended to answer questions relating to the BID. Outcome expected January 2015.

(vii) A428 update

Item discussed under District Councillor report.

#### **43. Finance and Risk**

43.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Grounds by Rounds £216.00 September grass cutting
- (ii) J Course £400 repairs to village pump.
- (iii) Miss J Bowd salary November £216.78
- (iv) HMRC November £50-60
- (v) Miss J Bowd December salary £202-23
- (vi) HMRC December £50-40
- (vii) Warren Access cherry picker for Peace Tree Lights. £300 and £300
- (viii) Ibbetts (Mr R Pinner) Duck signs £52.80

- (viii) SG Lamb repairs to bus shelter £850.00
- (x) Eltisley PCC insurance Eltisley Village Institute £210.78
- (xi) G Bevan repairs to Eltisley Village Institute £87.00

**Resolved:** That all payments be approved (prop Cllr Cropley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Childerley)

All in favour

Clerk asked to request quotes from Mr Lamb for the painting of the newly refurbished village pump and also repairs to the seats around The Green.

43.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

Noted

43.3 To note the budget report as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

Noted

43.4 To note the confirmed grant offer from SCDC Community Chest

Noted

43.5 To approve transfer of funds to account for allotments for the labouring poor as recommended by auditors.

**Resolved:** That the transfer of £716 be approved in line with auditors recommendations. In future matters relating to the Allotments for the labouring poor to be dealt with as standard agenda item.

All in favour (prop Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cropley)

43.6 To note the estimated tax base for 2015/16

Clerk explain the impact on the precept and Band D rating.

Noted

#### 44. Planning

44.1 To consider the following applications received:

(i) Application ref:

None

44.2 To note the following applications approved:

(i) Application ref S/1731/14: Grain Store, North East Farm, Cambridge Road, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TR

Noted

#### 45. Christmas Party

To approve arrangements for the 2014 Christmas Party.

Cllr Pinner confirmed the date as 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2 p.m- 4.p.m, The Cade.

All Cllrs to donate raffle prize.

Cllr Pettifor – Mulled wine, Cllr Childerley – teas, Cllr Cropley- quiz,

Cllr Herring-children's entertainment, Clerk to ask WI to provide mince pies.

#### 46. Environment.

46.1 To consider request from resident to place a seat of remembrance on The Green.

Cllr Pinner reminded Cllrs that previously it had been considered that there were sufficient seats around The Green, however as the play area is being revamped perhaps a new seat in the vicinity may be an option.

**Resolved:** That resident be advised that a seat can be placed by the play area but date and the exact location to be confirmed once the work has been carried out on the area. (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pinner) All in favour

46.2 To consider request from resident for trees to be cut back 40 and 52 The Green.

Cllr Cropley considered that trees are a fact of life living in the country.

Cllr Pettifor felt a qualified person should look at the trees before a decision is made.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Pinner ask tree surgeons opinion when he meets them in 10 days' time. (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>ND</sup> Cllr Cropley) All in favour.

46.3 To consider the Local Green Space designation in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

**Resolved:** considered necessary but the plan was incorrect and must match the inclosure award. (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

#### 47. Eltisley village institute

To receive an update on the sale of The Institute and approve any immediate actions.

Cllr Pettifor outlined his report (see appendix A) and advised of additional changes to the sum received due to 2 other payments and an insurance reimbursement.

New figure expected to be £16400.00

Discussion took place over sum to be handed to Croxton PC with many opinions being expressed.

**Resolved:** That the sum of £15,000.00 be given to Croxton PC (prop Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cropley) 4 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

Discussion around how the remaining funds should be dealt with. Cllr Cropley outlined why funds should be kept separate from EVGT.

**Resolved:** That a new charitable trust be set up for investing the balance of funds, trust to have a broad remit to allow both capital and interest to be spent when necessary. (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Loynes) All in favour

#### 48. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To consider request from St Neots museum for donation.  
**Resolved:** That a donation of £25 be made via EVGT. All in favour
- (ii) To note the Agenda for the CAPALC AGM on evening of Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and agree representation.  
Noted. Clerk confirmed that she will be attending
- (iii) To note the update on Coalition of Councils in respect of Stop BAD  
Noted
- (iv) To note the report from Newton primary School.  
Noted
- (v) To note the minutes of SCDC Cabinet and Parish Liaison Meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014.  
Noted
- (vi) To note the Parish Planning Forum 8th December 2014 and agree representation.  
Noted
- (vii) To note the electoral review of Cambridgeshire.  
Noted
- (viii) To consider request for use of The Green for the Beer Festival  
Cllr Pettifor advised that this may not be required however they would like approval in case of need.  
**Resolved:** That the request be approved. All in favour

#### 49. Items to report

- Cllr Weldon reported conversation with Manager from Tophams regarding overhanging trees on corner of B1040. This was not considered a PC matter but CCC Highways.
- Cllr Loynes asked that the cricket club remove the practice nets and screens from The Green.
- Cllr Pinner reported the request from local hunt to meet in the village on Boxing Day. Agreed subject to usual conditions.
- Cllr Herring asked that the footpath diversion FP3 be noted.

Being no further business meeting closed 9-35pm

Signed:  
Chairman:  
Date: