

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2015 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:

No members of public
District Councillor A Elcox

50. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.
County Councillor M Smith

51. 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.

52. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2014.

Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.
All in favour (prop Cllr Childerley, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

53. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time Allowed 10 minutes
None

54. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

Cllr Loynes reported that due to Christmas/New Year there was little to report. Development at West Camborne was to be discussed under item 59.3

Cllr Elcox Asked the Council to consider any applications to SCDC Community Awards as the deadline had been extended. Council felt that those responsible for the refurbishment of The Cade should be put forward.

Cllr Elcox had attended the City deal workshop and advised that projects totalling £185 million were being considered with available funds of £100m. She also asked Council for comments re the proposal at West Cambourne. It was considered that the density of housing had already been increased with total number of homes being 4250 instead of the original 3300. Also the idea of Cambourne was that it would be self-sustaining for employment, this has not happened.

Cllr Loynes was aware that the proposed site lay in Caxton parish and that they were against the development.

Cllr Pettifor felt that not only did the infrastructure need putting in place before housing he also felt that there was a need for more open space between large conurbations.

Cllr Smith having sent her apologies emailed stating that there would be no replacement streetlight at Greenfields. A428 group had held 1 meeting so far. Pothole at Potton End was to be repaired but no date as yet. She also asked for feedback on HACT usage.

Cllr Weldon confirmed that there was 1 regular user and that she had received 2 enquiries about the service this month.

Cllr Weldon asked Cllrs Loynes and Elcox if they know of plans for the empty house in St Neots Road. The reply was that it may become a half-way house for the homeless or alternatively as it requires £50,000 to be spent in renovations it may be sold.

Cllr Pinner asked if the conifer cuttings behind the garages in Greenfields were SCDC. Cllr Loynes was not aware but would look into.

55. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) Tree survey

3 Quotes considered to carry out the work as identified in the recent tree survey.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that he had spoken to SCDC tree officer who did not consider that carrying out the work would be an issue although he would like full details in due course.

Resolved: That the quote from A Linger of £1600 be approved subject to Cllr Pinner meeting Mr Linger to verify work with the benefit of full scale map of the trees. All in favour (Prop Cllr Loynes, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

Cllr Pettifor asked that residents be notified of the work be made in the village newsletter.

(ii) Street Lighting

Outstanding matter of Greenfields dealt with in item 54.

(iii) Signage, The Green/The Pond

Cllr Weldon confirmed that the signs were done awaiting erection. Cllr Pinner confirmed that the 'duck' signs were now in situ.

(iv) Grants and plans for Pod Swing

The 3 quotes obtained were discussed at some length. The proposed equipment recommended was also discussed in respect of materials used.

Clerk was asked to confirm the financial position and advised that 3 grants had been secured totalling £6930 and that there was £300 in allocated reserves making a total of £7230 for the project.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that he had seen the equipment as supplied by NGF at a site in Norfolk.

Resolved: That the quote from NGF of £7217.43 plus VAT be approved. All in favour (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Herring)

Cllr Loynes stated that he did not consider the requirement for planning permission.

Cllr Herring volunteered to advise residents of adjacent property.

(v) Pumping station, Caxton End

Cllr Pinner stated that this was still ongoing a further report to be made at next meeting.

56. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

10th March 2015 – Full Council

Items to report.

Parish Clerk 14/1/2015 11:36

Comment [1]:

- Attended CAPALC AGM on 21st November 2014. Affiliation fees discussed and voted upon. Structure will now be based on square root of number of electors. Considered fairer and continuous.
318 electors (18 X 10.25)
Outcome: Eltisley will have increase from £140-65 to £182.78
- Letter of thanks for the donation of £25 received from St Neots museum
- Letter sent to Eltisley & Croxton WI thanking them for mince pies at the Christmas party. 8/12/14
- Annual returns for EVGT and Allotments for the labouring poor submitted to charity commission

Clerk also advised of sad death of Mr G Whitfield, Internal Auditor. At this time no more details available. Currently making enquiries from possible replacements but it was proving difficult at relatively short notice. She would keep Chairman and Council advised.

57. Members reports

(i) Police neighbourhood panel

Cllr Pinner advised that the group had not met since last PC meeting. Also he has not received a reply to his letter to Police re staffing.

(ii) Village working party.

Proposed to have the next meeting on Saturday 7th February at 10 a.m. to carryout work in the Pocket Park, residents to be advised via newsletter.

(iii) Neighbourhood Watch/Speedwatch

Next meeting of group to be in March.

Permanent signs still being followed up with SCDC.

Mobile signs still being discussed with potential partner Councils.

(iv) Peace tree Lights

Cllr Pettifor stated that slight problems with lights tripping this year. Currently looking at obtaining prices for replacement set of lights for consideration.

(v) Christmas Party

General opinion was that the event went very well and was well supported. Slight issues with room lay out which can be looked into for next year.

Resolved: That the date for the 2015 party be set for Saturday 5th December Clerk to confirm booking with The Cade. All in favour (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Herring)

(vii) A428 update

Cllr Pinner asked that the Council keep the pressure up on this issue. He has written but the reply was somewhat confusing so he is awaiting clarity on some of the points.

(viii) Feast Week

Cllr Pettifor advised Council that the committee had met to consider distribution of the £10,000 raised. £1730 had been awarded to the Swing Project. Only request declined was the refurbishment of the Roll of Honour as is was considered this was more appropriately met by EVGT.

Open meeting to be held on 4TH February 2015 to discuss plans/events for Feast Week 2015.

(vii) Affordable Housing

Cllr Pinner had met with developers on site and both that have been proposed are deemed unsuitable. Therefore still ongoing.

58. Finance and Risk

58.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) House of Flags £ 592.80
- (ii) Holywell-cum-Needingworth PC Office rent 1/1/15-31/3/15 £187.50
- (iii) Miss J Bowd salary January 2015 £229.46
- (iv) HMRC January 2015 £54.40
- (v) Miss J Bowd February salary £206.70
- (vi) HMRC February £51.60
- (vii) Holywell-cum-Needingworth PC SLCC fees for clerk £33-60
- (viii) Croxton Parish Council £15000.00
- (vix) ICO £35.00

Clerk advised that there had been 2 further invoices:

- (1) Open spaces society membership renewal £45.00
- (2) The Cade hire fees for 2014 £112.50

Resolved: That the accounts for payment be approved. All in favour (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Herring)

58.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 8th December 2014

Noted

Clerk asked to transfer funds received from sale of village institute to the deposit account.

58.3 To note the budget report as at 11th December 2014

Noted

58.4 To consider request for support of the Open spaces 150th anniversary appeal

Resolved: That no grant be made. All in favour (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Herring)

59. Planning

59.1 To note the Local Plan - Hearings Programme Update

Noted

59.2 To note the letter from South Cambridgeshire District Council, regarding the Government's announcements on Section 106 Agreements.

Noted

59.3 To note the letter from SCDC regarding an Application for land to the West of Cambourne.

Noted

As the consultation ends on 20th February and the matter was discussed under item 54 Clerk directed to respond with Councils objections which remain unchanged from previous consultations. Namely that infrastructure needs to be in place before any work on housing commences. Also the need for open space between developments.

59.4 To note the Parish Planning Training and agree representation.

Noted

60. Precept

60.1. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly statement of receipts and payments as at 31/10/14.

Noted

60.2 .Budgets

- (i) To review the budgets for 2014/15

Noted

- (ii) To set the budgets for 2015/16

Clerk outlined how the figures had been arrived at including the need for Council to start covering costs such as grass cutting which has been temporarily covered by EVGT.

Increase in office rent to £800 pa noted.

Clerk also advised of newly advised tax base of 178.7 which affects the calculation for the base rate Band D

Resolved: That the budget as presented (see appendix A) be approved. All in favour (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Pettifor) All in favour

60.3. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2015/16

Clerks recommendations accepted

Resolved: That the precept be set at £10954.00 (see appendix A) be approved.

All in favour (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Pettifor)

61. Eltisley village institute

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

Cllr Pettifor updated Council on the process for the formation of a new Trust and Charitable status. He will produce draft documents for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr Pinner read out email from Chairman Croxton Parish Council.

Lively debate over the November resolution to gift £15000 to Croxton PC took place.

Resolved: That the Clerk reply to the email via Croxton Clerk outlining Councils thoughts on the matter and how the sum was arrived at.. All in favour (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Pettifor) All in favour

62. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To note letter of thanks from Cade Management committee re flag pole.

Noted

63. Staff

- (i) To note the national salary award 2014-2016

Noted

64. Allotments for the Labouring Poor

To consider any matters relating to the Allotments and agree any actions.

Cllr Cropley confirmed that plot holders orders for seeds had been placed.

65. Items to report

None

Being no further business meeting closed 9-40 pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: