

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CADE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

County Councillor M Smith  
6 members of public

**38. Apologies.**

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

**None**

**39. 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 all declared an interest in the Allotments for The Labouring Poor.

Cllr Pinner Community speed watch

Cllrs Herring & Weldon declared an interest in The Cade

Cllr Weldon item 51.1- personal

**40. Minutes.**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**Resolved:** That with the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.

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

**41. Public Forum**

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time Allowed 10 Minutes.

A resident spoke regarding the bollards at Cross Path. As a representative of residents living in the area he spoke regarding the letter sent to the Parish Council which asked that the RTO be revised to a width of 2.4m, that the bollards have a combi lock to allow them to be removed for deliveries. Confusion as to why the bollards could not be replaced to original location appears to be over the fact that the original width is not as stated on the signage or the RTO. Council queried if the width was increased would it serve the purpose of restricting access.

The resident asked that cost not be the overriding factor as if necessary he was prepared to pay any cost of amending the RTO.

A second resident advised that a street lamp on Cross Path was faulty. The Chairman directed her to report it via the telephone number on the post.

**42. To receive a presentation from Highways England regarding A428**

Representative from Highways England unable to attend. Residents invited to attend meeting booked for 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7-30pm at The Cade.

#### 43. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

District Cllr Smith advised that an order had been placed for the path alongside B1040 to be sprayed for weeds.

Signs and stickers for 'no cold calling' handed over for delivery to residents.

LHI Bids for 2017/18 are now being invited.

Boundary review now complete, Eltisley stays within same division which is now to be made up of 13 villages.

District Cllr Loynes advised that he had arranged new signs for Meadow View and also for the A1040 at the junction of Eltisley Road and Gransden.

Cllr Weldon asked if signage on St Neots Road Eltisley could be installed. Cllr Loynes agreed to look into this.

Cllr Loynes confirmed with Cllr Pinner that a ramp for an Eltisley resident is being looked into by SCDC.

#### 44. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) Bollards - Cross Path

Chairman clarified that CCC Highways had been on site to reinstate the bollards to the original location but due to some abuse the operative had ceased work.

Cllr Pinner felt that the bollards should be replaced in the original location and this was supported by several Councillors until it was clarified that the original width was not as stated in the RTO.

Cllr Pettifor asked guidance from CCC M Smith.

**Resolved:** That a further meeting be arranged with CCC Highways to discuss the matter including other potential solutions and bring back to the November meeting. Cllr Pettifor agreed to liaise.

(Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Herring) All in favour

(ii) Affordable housing

Cllr Pinner and Cllr Pettifor had met with Mr Topham to discuss a potential scheme at the back of Pond Farm/Greenfields.

The proposal is for a mix of affordable and market housing. The team working on the project are keen to involve the community prior to any application to SCDC.

Cllr Loynes expressed his view that other schemes have been turned down and he considered that this proposal should go straight to application without any open meeting involving residents.

Other Cllrs considered village opinion would be of benefit.

It is expected that a presentation will be made at the November meeting.

(iii) Manor Farm Pond

Clerk confirmed that this was still outstanding.

Cllr Herring asked that correspondence be resent for owners' consideration.

(iv) Cold calling zone

Cllr Pinner explained that the recognised scheme has now ceased but as outlined by Cllr M Smith (item 43) a selection of signs, sticker etc. are available and will be offered to residents particularly in the Greenfields.

(v) Grass Cutting

Current arrangement is for 10 cuts per annum.

A meeting with the cricket club confirms that this does not meet clubs requirements.

They would prefer a weekly/fortnightly cut from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> Week in September.

Clerk has been asked to prepare tender with 3 options namely:

- Cuts as requested by Cricket Club ( exact details to be delivered to Clerk by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016)

- The Green to be cut 10 times /annum except for the cricket square
- .As per current cutting schedule  
Contractors to be given 4 weeks to respond with returned quotes to be considered at the November meeting.
- (vi) Replacement seat – The Green  
Cllr Pinner has arranged to meet the family who wish to make a donation to the Council for a seat in memory of a deceased relative. The family will purchase and add a memorial plaque.

#### 45. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

**Meeting Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Full Council**

**Items to report.**

- Letter of thanks received from MAGPAS for the donation of £25.
- £439 from transparency fund for purchase of lap top and software received.
- **Meeting dates 2017/18**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> January 17
  - 14<sup>th</sup> March 17
  - 9<sup>th</sup> May 17
  - 11<sup>th</sup> July 17
  - 12<sup>th</sup> September 17
  - 14<sup>th</sup> November 17
  - 9<sup>th</sup> January 18
  - 13<sup>th</sup> March 18
- Notification received from NAT West of reduction in interest rates effective from 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

#### 46. Members reports

- (i) Parish Forum  
Cllr Pinner reported that the group had not met since the August meeting so nothing to report.
- (ii) Village working party.  
A group had met and replaced the wood chippings on the paths, pocket Park. The wood has been cleared from the brook following the forest school. Mr Topham has cleared the ditch and the Clerk has written to express Councils thanks.  
Next working party will arrange for the bridge, pocket park to be wood stained.
- (iii) Neighbourhood Watch/Speedwatch  
Cllr Loynes expressed concerns over the increasing number of burglaries recorded in the village.  
Cllr Pinner confirmed that Speedwatch would start again after a summer break. There are issues of gaining access to the equipment as there is now 1 set between 9 villages.  
Cllr Pinner is looking into buying a set of equipment in conjunction with another local village. He has suggested that this may be funded via LHI BID. Clerk confirmed that an application is currently in with the Police authority.
- (iv) A428 update  
Cllr Pinner had attended a consultation meeting. Every village representative expressed differing views but a proposal is expected mid-2017.

#### 47. Finance and Risk

47.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) G Bevan, repair to wobble board £80.00
- (ii) PFK Littlejohn LLP – Audit fee £120.00
- (iii) Grounds by Rounds – July £480
- (iv) Clerk salary September £303.01, October £292.01
- (v) HMRC September £73.00, October £73.20
- (vi) AVIVA£1061.43 Insurance renewal.

Clerk advised that the August invoice for £240 had been received from Grounds by Rounds and asked that this be approved for payment.

**Resolved:** That with the above addition the accounts for payment be approved  
All in favour (prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon)

47.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Noted**

47.3 To note the External audit report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**Noted**

47.4 To consider a 2018 LHI BID application.

Cllr Pinner suggested a Speedwatch kit be applied for at cost £3500. He asked Cllrs to submit any other suggestions to him as soon as possible.

47.5 To review insurance cover as per schedule 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016

Cllr Pettifor asked the Clerk if she was satisfied with the policy. Clerk confirmed that additions had been made as and when required throughout the year.

**Resolved:** That with the policy be renewed with the existing cover  
All in favour (prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon)

47.6 To review the proposed plans for traffic calming/parking restrictions Caxton End

Cllrs considered revised plans supplied by the officer from CCC Highways. It was felt that these did not meet requirements to aide congestion in Caxton End.

The requirement is to prevent children having to walk in the road. Greenfields must be considered to prevent inconvenience to residents.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Pinner meet with CCC to discuss the plans  
All in favour (prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon)

#### **48. Eltisley village institute**

(i) To receive an update on registration of the Charity

Clerk confirmed that the application had been submitted and that no further correspondence had been received to date.

#### **49. Planning**

49.1 To consider the following applications received:-

(i) Application Ref: S/1831/16/FL

Two Storey Rear Extension

14, St Neots Road, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TE

**Resolved:** That with the application be approved

All in favour (prop Cllr Cropley 2nd Cllr Weldon)

(ii) Application Ref: 16/01545/FUL Planning Application Accompanied By An Environmental Statement. Erection of 3No. Agricultural buildings for free range

egg production and 1No. agricultural building for replacement pullet rearing, together with associated feed bins, access, hardstanding's and drainage  
Fairview Farm St Ives Road Yelling St Neots PE19 6TW

A discussion took place regarding the location and possible impact on the villages of Eltisley and Yelling.

Cllr Pettifor asked for clarification of the size of the sheds.

**Resolved:** That with the application be refused on the basis of size and scale and pollution i.e. smell/flies etc. Proximity to village.

5 in favour 3 against (prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Loynes)

49.2 To note the following application that have been approved:-

- (i) Application Ref: S/2521/15/LB The Old Post House, 18 The Green, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TG

**Noted**

- (ii) Application Ref: Ref: S/1446/15/FL

The Old Post House, 18 The Green, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TG

**Noted**

#### **50. Allotments for the Labouring Poor**

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

Clerk advised she had received a request from tenant plot 10 to retain the plot following previous letter asking for the plot to be tidied up or returned. Members asked that he be requested to remove weeds, items stored and carry out further cultivation. A further review to be undertaken in 28 days.

Clerk advised that a request for £8-42 had been received for repair to the water tap.

**Resolved:** That the payment be approved

All in favour (prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon)

#### **51. Correspondence.**

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To note letter from six villages newsletter

**Resolved:** That a donation of £150 be approved

All in favour (prop Cllr Pinner 2nd Cllr Herring)

**Noted**

- (ii) To note the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Parish and Community Forum Code of Construction Practice

**Noted**

- (iii) To note the date of the Cambridgeshire Parish Council Conference 2016

**Noted**

#### **51. Items to report**

- Cllr Pettifor advised that the defibrillator had be taken to an incident but not used. A further session of training for residents is to be arranged in near future
- Cllr Weldon reported that as a result of the Parish energy saving partnership thermal imaging cameras had resulted in new windows being installed in Topham Terrace.

Being no further business meeting closed 9.17 pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: