

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CADE**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor M Smith
14 members of public

Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone present a Happy New year.

67. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Pinner.
Cllr J Herring.

68. 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 Cropley, Weldon all declared an interest in the Allotments for The Labouring Poor.

Cllr Weldon declared an interest in The Cade.
Cllr S Childerley personal interest item 78.1

69. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2016.

The date of the meeting was confirmed as 8th November 2016 not 10th as on the Agenda.

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

70. To receive a presentation from Hastoe Housing.

Time Allowed 15minutes.

A representative from Hastoe summarised the background to their involvement which came about following a village survey which was SCDC passed to Hastoe.

Hastoe specialise in rural schemes working in partnership with the community and local authorities. They look to identify rural exemption sites to enable construction of affordable housing schemes to meet the need of the local community.

At this stage Hastoe are asking for feedback on potential sites so that they can open discussions with the land owners and planning authority.

Cllr Pettifor advised that there is another potential scheme for consideration from a private developer. Hastoe confirmed that they were not aware of this. Cllr Pettifor also raised the need for the 2010 survey to be updated to prove the current need for the scheme.

Cllr Childerley asked for clarification on the term affordable. Hastoe advised that this can be shared ownership if it can be proven that they deposit can be raised and repayments met otherwise it is done on a rented basis.

A resident from Greenfields commented on the article in the 6 village's newsletter and asked if there is a list of sites. Cllr Pettifor confirmed that the scheme is in its infancy and will be driven by villager's opinion. Cllr Pettifor also advised that the

'Tophams' proposal will be available for village consultation and on display in The Cade at a date to be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Another resident asked if the proposal was a foregone conclusion, they also commented on the lack of amenities in the village. A third resident asked why the concept of owning a property in the village was considered a right just because of an historic connection.

A fifth resident asked if Hastoe were working on other sites in the locality and for clarity on the number of properties being proposed. At present Hastoe are working on a scheme in Barton. Eltisley's survey showed a need in 2010 for 14 properties.

Cllr Pettifor summarised the session as follows:

The 2010 survey may require refreshing to prove the current need.

All schemes are in their infancy and residents will be kept advised of progress and moved forward carefully.

He thanked Hastoe for attending the meeting.

71. Public Forum

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

No other matters raised following Hastoe presentation.

72. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

District Councillor M Smith advised that:

- Budget setting for County is still on going.
- Decision to switch off street lights between hours of 2pm-6pm has been reversed.
- All roads that were gritted in 2015/16 will be gritted this winter.
- Mr D Masters is no longer heading the A428 project for Highways England.
- LHI BID- Caxton End, she will continue to pursue implementation of the scheme as originally proposed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Weldon asked for clarification of ownership of street lights within the village,

Cllr Smith confirmed that they are split between SCDC, CCC and Highways.

Cllr Pettifor asked if SCDC were aware of the meeting held in the village with Heidi Allen MP regarding the issues with A428.

73. Matters arising from previous meeting.

(i) Bollards - Cross Path

Cllr Pettifor confirmed that the bollards have been reinstated. 4 sets of keys have been issued, 2 to residents, 1 to Cllr Pinner, Cllr Pettifor will retain the 4th. Emergency services also have keys.

A letter of thanks has been received by Cllr Pettifor from a resident thanking the Parish Council for getting the matter resolved.

(ii) Affordable Housing

Following the earlier discussion in item 70 it was noted that there did not appear to be a deal of support for such a scheme.

Councillors thought that it would not be advisable to pursue any scheme if residents were not behind it.

Resolved: That the village be resurveyed over the need for affordable housing.

(Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Childerley) All in favour.

(iii) Manor Farm Pond

The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any correspondence from the owners following the last letter.

Members asked the Clerk to write again and bring the matter to the next meeting.

- (iv) Traffic calming/parking restrictions Caxton End
Cllr Cropley asked that the road traffic order for any scheme put in place clearly states that pedestrians have right of way over vehicles.
No further comment – see item 72.
- (v) Christmas party
Cllr Cropley reported that the event was well attended and numbers were thought to be higher than 2015.
Positive comments received from residents.

74. Clerks Report.

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

14th March 2017 – Full Council

Items to report.

- Memorial bench The Green.
- 1x BX17 4019-1 Kennington Timber Seat, 2400mm length, free standing- £879 each
- 1x optional set of fixings for surface mounting- £60 per set OR 1x optional sets of fixings for submerging- £39 per set
- 1x optional engraved, fitted brass plaque- £85 each
- 1x carriage- £99
- Allow around 6 weeks for delivery.
- Prices shown are on a supply only basis and do not include VAT or offloading from vehicle.

Resolved: That the bench be ordered. Cllr Pinner to advise family concerned and arrange for donation to be forwarded to the Clerk. All in favour

75. Members reports

- (i) Parish Forum
Nothing to report.
- (ii) Village working party.
No working party held since last meeting.
- (iii) A428 update
See item 72
- (iv) Police Panel meeting
Nothing to report.

76. Finance and Risk

76.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Clerk salary January £303.01 February £292.21
- (ii) HMRC January £73.00, February £73.00
- (iii) Holywell-cum-Needingworth PC SLCC contributions £39
- (iv) Holywell-cum-Needingworth PC quarterly office rent £208
- (v) Cambs Acre membership £54.
- (vi) The Cade £42 – Christmas party expenses.
- (vii) Eltisley WI – Mince pies £12
- (viii) The Cade – Wine Christmas party £
- (viii) Warren Access- Cherry picker £114.00
- (x) ICO registration £35
- (xi) The Cade room hire 2016 £176-25

Payment (viii) is duplicate of item (vi) therefore deleted.

Resolved: That the accounts for payment be approved
All in favour (prop Cllr Childerley 2nd Cllr Weldon).

- 76.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 5th December 2016
Noted
- 76.3 To consider request for donation from Open Spaces Society.
 Cllr Cropley noted the good work of the society and the resources of legal supported offered.
 Cllr Pettifor commented that the village does have a large area of open space.
Resolved: That a donation of £25 be made. (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Cropley) All in favour
- 76.4 To note Bingo fund raising for Peace Tree lights.
 Clerk advised that the sum of £255 had been raised.
 Members thanked Mrs Pinner for her work in arranging the event.
Noted
- 76.5 To approve transfer of reserves from current account to deposit account.
 The Clerk asked that the sum of £18199.00 be transferred to the deposit account as this sum covered both the allocated and general reserves.
Resolved: That the transfer be arranged (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Childerley) All in favour
- 77.6 To note SCDC correspondence on Parish Council duty of care - tree health & safety
Noted.

77. Eltisley village institute

- (i) To receive an update on registration of the Charity.
 Clerk outlined the current situation. The application submitted to the Charities Commission has been rejected for various reasons not least the catchment area i.e. Eltisley being too restrictive serving only 400 people. Cambs Acre have been contacted for advice and they propose a face to face meeting to discuss.
Resolved: That the Clerk arrange a meeting with Cambs Acre. (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

78. Planning

- 78.1 To consider the following applications received:-
 (i) Application Ref: S/3197/16/TC Felling of Ash tree
 Church View, 52, The Green, Eltisley, St Neots.
Resolved: That the application be approved (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Weldon) 3 in favour. 1 abstention
- (ii) Application Ref: S/3288/16/FL;
 Two Storey Side Extension & Replace Existing Single Storey Part Flat Roof with Pitched Roof.
 5 Caxton End Eltisley.
Resolved: That the application be approved (Prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.
- 78.2 To note the following application that have been approved:-
 (i) Application Ref: S/1831/16/FL Fell Ash tree on The Green outside no.52 The Green.
Noted
- 78.3 To note the New Tree Preservation Order - 18 The Green, Eltisley.
Noted
- 78.4 To consider letter from Campbell McCrae regarding planning application 12 Caxton End Eltisley.
 Clerk advised that the letter was received on 20th December 2015 and that a reply had been made to SCDC reiterating Councils objection to the plans based on the widening of the drive involving additional access across The Green.
 (Copy provided with papers)

To date there had been no further correspondence from SCDC.

79. Allotments for the Labouring Poor

To consider any matters relating to the Allotments and agree any actions.
Nothing to report

80. Precept

80.1. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly statement of receipts and payments as at 31/11/16.

Noted.

80.2 .Budgets

(i) To review the budgets for 2015/16

Clerk went through the figures highlighting changes in staff hours and increase in grass cuts resulting in higher expenditure than budgeted.

Matter raised that the Council had paid a contribution to The Cade to assist with the building insurance and that if this was reclaimed via the Eltisley village green trust it would increase balances held at the end of the financial year thus reducing the requirement for precept 2017/18

(ii) To set the budgets for 2017/18

Budget produced showing precept requirement of £13556 which would make Band D £74.28. If application to EVGT successful for repayment of £1690 it would reduce requirement to £11866 making Band D £65.02.

Resolved: That the budget be approved as per appendix A .All in favour

80.3. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2017/18

Resolved: That the precept be set at £11866 for 2017/18. (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Childerley) All in favour

81. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

(i) To consider letter from Tribal Bushcraft seeking sites for courses.

Resolved; that no further action be taken. All in favour

(ii) To note dates for evaluation of LHI BID and agree a representative

Noted

(iii) To consider the HGV Covenant.

Noted

(iv) To consider letter regarding school bus routes.

Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent to resident advising that CCC would look into the matter. Cllr M Smith confirmed that she was dealing with the matter.

Noted

(v) To note the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework: Adoption of the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document

Noted

(vi) To consider the Consultation on A Draft Corporate Energy Strategy for Cambridgeshire County Council.

Noted

(vii) To consider the letter from H Allen MP regarding public transport provision.

Noted

82. Items to report

- Cllr Pettifor asked that the Councillor vacancy be reported in the next newsletter. The Clerk confirmed that she had received 1 enquiry.

Being no further business meeting closed 8.55 pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: