

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2017 AT 7.00 PM AT THE CADE**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor M Smith
38 members of public
2 representatives from Messrs Tophams
1 representative Hastoe Housing

83. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

None

84. 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.

85. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2017.

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

86. To receive a presentation from Messrs Topsham's & Hastoe regarding housing.

Time Allowed 10 minutes

Mr Davison spoke advising that following the public exhibition resident's comments had been taken on board and the proposal amended to reflect some of the points raised. A revised site plan was shown to those present.

Main changes are:

- Access to the site moved away from number 21.
- Possible use of barns for community use
- Removal of housing from behind Pond Farm space to become a community orchard and tree lined walk
- Pedestrian link to the South of the site.
- Reduction to a total of 35 dwellings of which 14 would be affordable of which 8 would be for use by local residents
- Property near Greenfields to be restricted to 1.5 storeys high.
Residents spoke expressing concerns over:
- Access to the site from The Green near the children's play area.
- The definition of affordable housing
- Whether other sites had been considered.
- Dead ends on site plans – would this lead to further expansion.

Cllr Pettifor spoke suggesting that the planned housing needs survey would answer many of the questions and would also help with planning any development.

Mr Davison and his teamed summed up by saying that they would await for the survey results depending on when they were available. But in light of the current situation with SCDC not having a 5 year housing land supply the developer would be looking at taking advantage of this window of opportunity to submit plans.

87. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council.

Time Allowed 15 Minutes.

All comments made related to the presentation item 86.

A resident spoke about the village meeting which was attended by more than 80 residents.

A petition has been raised against the proposed development.

It was noted that trees take a long time to mature. The spokeswoman advised that a request had been made for a 30 minute slot at tonight's meeting but that this had been declined. They asked Council to organise an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the proposal should a planning application be made.

Representative from Hastoe housing confirmed that the information received from the housing needs survey would be fully analysed and a report of the findings made available to the Council along with recommendations.

Second resident spoke asking if other sites had been looked at. Cllr Pinner confirmed that the Council had been looking at sites for the past 7/8 years but until now nothing had come forward.

Concern was raised over whether the public exhibition and meetings would skew the findings of the housing needs survey.

Further residents questioned infrastructure, lack of facilities and the pending changes to A428 South of Abbotsley, Access to the site and poor visibility and potential rat running.

88. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

County Cllr M Smith asked of Council would like a further meeting about the 'no right turn' from A428, she agreed to arrange.

She confirmed that the LHI BID for Speedwatch equipment had been successful.

Council asked that their thanks to Cllr Smith be recorded.

The funds from the 2016 LHI BID are still ring-fenced for use once a trial of the no parking in Caxton End has taken place.

Cllr Weldon asked of bridleway 2 could be cleared following tree work by the electricity board.

Cllr Pinner asked if there was a completion date for the work at the A428 junction and if the workmen could clear the mess made. Cllr Smith will speak with Highways England.

89. Matters arising from previous meeting.

- (i) Affordable Housing
Covered in items 86 & 87
- (ii) Manor Farm Pond
Clerk confirmed that the owners have written stating their position remains unchanged.
Cllr Cropley reiterated that it is not allowed to give prescriptive right on Inclosed land.

- Clerk directed to speak with CAPALC and seek legal advice.
- (iii) Traffic calming/parking restrictions Caxton End
Covered item 88

90. Clerks Report.

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

9th May 2017 – Full Council

Items to report.

- Contract received for maintenance The Green, from Bradgate Fencing Specialists Ltd
- ICO certificate of registration until 28/1/18 received.
- Lap top purchased with grant from transparency fund. Application in for the purchase of a printer/scanner.
- Clerk attended the Practitioners Conference 22nd-24th March 2017, Chesford Grange Kenilworth.

Sessions attended:

Thursday 23rd February

- Registration
 - Welcome
 - Trials & Tribulations of Social Media
 - Risk Assessment demystified
 - Employment workshop
 - The planning system and beyond
- Friday 24th February
- Hands on book keeping and accounts
 - Cemetery regulations and administration
 - DCLG Presentation
 - Legal update

91. Members report

(i) Parish Forum

Cllr Pinner advised that the coalition of villages are still working on matters relating to Bourne Airfield and also the Girton interchange.

(ii) Village working party.

Good attendance on Saturday 11th March allowed for wood chips to be laid on the paths in the pocket park, also for the removal of branches brought down in storm Doris. The memorial bench was installed on The Green, the old one will be assessed and if deemed safe for use put into the pocket park.

(iii) A428 update.

Cllr Pinner spoke to remind those present that the consultation period has started with a display in Newton Primary school on 1st April, he encouraged residents to attend and express their views. A decision on the scheme is expected 23rd April. All other matters relating to the road have been covered in previous items.

(iv) Police Panel meeting.

Cllr Pinner attended.

Operation Hunter continues. More special constables are being recruited. Local area Commander has given a personal undertaking to react to persistent speeders and car parking offenders in villages if provided with details.

A local Sargent is to be allocated to the village. The community protection team asked for vigilance over scams the latest purporting to be from Open reach and broadband issues.

Trading standards are aware of a rogue travelling fish seller.

Scam yet to come over from USA relates to confirming via telephone that you can hear the caller, this then signs you up to a high value purchase.
Cllr Pinner asked for volunteers to join the NHW and Speed watch teams to contact him.

92. Finance and Risk

92.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Clerk salary March £ 303.61
- (ii) HMRC March £ 73.00
- (iii) Donation Open spaces society £25.00
- (iv) Open Spaces society subscription £45.00
- (v) M Loynes – wood - £19.78
- (vi) CCC Street lighting energy 1/10/15-30/9/16 £166.91
- (vii) Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council – Lap top £428.50
- (viii) Broxap bench and plaque £1322.40

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

92.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 6th March 2017.

Noted

92.3 To note the budget report as at 6th March 2017.

Noted

93. Eltisley village institute

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

Cllr Pinner advised that the Clerk and he had met with CEO of CAPALC asking for guidance. The matter has been referred to NALC legal team but no response received at present. The matter will be brought to the May meeting.

94. Planning

94.1 To consider the following applications received:-

- (i) Application ref s/0045/17/TP Removal of 2 Horse Chestnut trees 18 The Green, Eltisley

To discuss replanting of Horse chestnut trees, The Green.

The application has been approved. With regards to the replanting it was suggested that Hornbeams be planted on The Green. Cllr Cropley asked that they be located away from the drain in the vicinity.

Resolved: That Horse Chestnuts be planted in replacement and that a site meeting be arranged to agree the exact location. All in favour.

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

- (i) Application Ref S/2543/16/FL Rear extension, Internal and external alterations. 12 Caxton End Eltisley Cambs.

Clerk advised that the case officer SCDC had confirmed that the approval was based on amended plans which did not include alterations to site access across The Green. Access is to remain unaltered.

Noted

95. Allotments for the Labouring Poor

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

- (i) To note return of plot and agree any refund of rent paid (12/1/16).

Cllr Cropley spoke over membership of the National allotment society, subscriptions are to go up to £3 per member minimum £30. As Eltisley plot holders are reducing they will be under the minimum so the deficit will be made up from the discount received on seed sales.

Plot 10 now vacant.

Resolved: That no refund of fees be made. All in favour.

96. Pocket Park

To review usage and any necessary repairs.

Cllr Pinner spoke stating that the school use the site for Forest school and that it is excellent to see the site being used. However there has been some accumulation of rubbish including branches, bricks etc. which will make it difficult to mow the site now the grass is growing.

Cllr Herring agreed to monitor the situation and speak to the school as necessary.

97. Councillor vacancy.

To consider applications for vacancy in line with co-option policy.

Clerk reminded members of co-option procedure.

Members had received copies of applications and statements in papers from all candidates.

Voting to take place on voting slips.

Resolved: That Mr M Lines is duly co-opted as a Councillor. (5 votes in favour 1 against)

Cllr Pinner welcomed Mr Lines onto the Council and asked the Clerk to deal with advising SCDC that the vacancy has been filled.

98. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) The Repair Shop - new bbc2 show looking for sentimental items
Noted
- (ii) To note correspondence Coalition of Parish Councils.
Noted
- (iii) To note letter of confirmation regarding Parish Council elections.
Noted
- (iv) To consider the Consultation: Draft CAPALC Membership Agreement
Noted
- (v) To note correspondence regarding proposal for affordable housing.
Noted
- (vi) To note the new car parking enforcement reporting procedure
Noted

99. Items to report

- Cllr Pinner had received comments that the weir pond was being over tidied leaving no suitable nesting for the ducks. Volunteers to be contacted.
School asking for support for review of funding, closing date 22nd March so asked that this be considered as a matter of urgency.
Community safety day at Cambourne 18th March 2017.
Planning open day 20th March
- Cllr Weldon asked that the bollards on Cross path be marked with white paint or reflectors to prevent accidents when walking the route in the dark. Cllr M Smith agreed to check what would be permissible.

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 8-30pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: