

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

3 Members of public, Cllr M Smith (CCC) Cllr A Elcox (SCDC) 8-30pm onwards.

**72. Apologies.**

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

None

**73. 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, Childerley, Herring, Loynes, Cropley and Weldon all declared an interest in Eltisley Village Green Trust (EVGT)

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

Cllrs Pettifor & Herring declared an interest in The Cade

Cllr Herring Item 77 (ii) – personal, property owner

Cllr Weldon, six villages newsletter

Cllr Childerley-personal – item 77 (iv) adjoining property owner

**74. Minutes.**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Resolved:** That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Loynes 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pettifor) All in favour

**75. District and County Councillor Reports.**

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillors

Cllr M Smith reported that the trees work in Meadow View had been completed and that as yellow lines had not yet been put down she would look into on behalf of the Parish Council. CCC will be increasing council tax but the Fire Authority had held their figure as at the previous financial year.

Cllr Pinner asked for confirmation that the 20 mph signs will be installed at the same time as the yellow lines. This was confirmed.

Also agreed to arrange for a riparian ownership letter to be sent to resident concerning the blocked culvert.

Cllr Loynes advised council that the trees in Greenfields are low priority (priority 3) and the work could take up to 6 months to be completed, he suggested the work be done in house as a temporary measure whilst he continued to press for the work to be done.

There is to be an extra ordinary meeting of SCDC this week to discuss the local plan, he will raising issues relating to the impact the proposed developments at Bourne and Caxton will have on A428.

Cllr Pinner asked if SCDC could help with removal of tyre from the brook. Parish Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Elcox spoke of her concerns with the infrastructure relating to the local plan.

#### **76. Public Forum**

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time Allowed 10 minutes  
A resident spoke about the need for a signage review particularly around The Green where numbering is erratic and many houses are situated a considerable distance back from the road. This has caused problems with deliveries and emergency services. A possible wording for the signs was produced.

Council acknowledged the issues raised and agreed with resident that they do not want excessive 'clutter' but will investigate costs of signage with the item to go on the May agenda.

#### **77. Matters arising from previous meeting**

##### **(i) Tree survey**

Cllr Pinner and Cllr Copley have met the arborist and carried out a tour of the village, An initial report and costing for a full report is awaited. It was noted that the Parish Council will need to arrange for the ivy on some of the trees to be removed before any survey can be carried out.

##### **(ii) Manor Farm Pond**

Cllr J Herring leaves the meeting.

Parish Clerk provided the Inclosure map from Cambridgeshire Archives for inspection by Council.

Clerk also provided a computer copy of the CCC map showing the registered common/greens. Clerk confirmed that having spoken to the definitive map officer the land known as The Green was registered to the Parish Council 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1969, with confirmation being received 1<sup>st</sup> August 1972, as such the village green is protected. Both maps show the ownership of the area of land in question as being owned by the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk lodges an appeal to Land Registry on behalf of the Parish Council confirming ownership of said land. (Prop Cllr Copley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Cllr J Herring returns to meeting and views maps provided.

Cllr Pinner verbally advises Cllr Herring of the decision of the Council and thanks Cllr Herring for her patience in this matter.

##### **(iii) Cross Path**

Cllr Pinner confirms that the work previously proposed and agreed with residents is in hand.

##### **(iv) Eltisley Village Institute**

Cllr Pettifor refers Council to the copies of the 3 agents letters provided and asked Council if this could be moved forward in light of the ongoing deterioration of the site.

He asked that council consider the preferred method of sale, marketing of the site, any conditions, preferred agent and solicitor.

It was felt that applying for full planning on the site would delay the process and that a 'pre app' may be the way forward.

Cllr Loynes confirmed that planners would not give advice on an empty building and that they require line drawings as a minimum.

Cllr Pettifor expressed his preference for sale at auction due the transparency of the transaction and the confirmation of sale at the time of the auction.

Resolved: Sale of site to be handled by Cheffins who are to deal with 'pre app;' prior to sale at auction on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Messrs Leeds Day to be appointed as solicitors unless the Diocesan solicitors wish to continue dealing the matter. Parish Clerk to arrange for site to be registered at Land Registry and to arise Diocese of Ely of Parish Council decision. (Proposed Cllr Pettifor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Cllr Pinner to update residents on the matter via parish website and newsletter.

## **78. Members reports**

### (i) Police neighbourhood panel

Cllr Pinner reported that the new Chief Inspector was now making operation Oakland's a priority, one village per week to be security checked as advised on Facebook.

PCSO's now have additional 8 villages allocated to them hence decline in presence in the village.

Resolved: That Parish Clerk write to Police commissioner, Chief Inspector and Chief Constable expressing concerns over the deteriorating service provided. (Prop Cllr Pinner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Cllr Pinner reported that the 'coffee with a copper' scheme going well and that the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is being planned.

### (ii) Village working party.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March saw a meeting of the group which was very well supported by volunteers, Pocket Park and stream cleared.

Cllr Pinner had met with Environment Agency officer re pumping station problem and a report is awaited.

### (iii) Parish Plan steering group

As comment from Cambs Acre is awaited regarding the proposals for affordable housing in the village the group is yet to meet. Mr Deas has advised that a report will shortly be forthcoming.

### (iv) Neighbourhood Watch

Speedwatch training to start shortly, date to be confirmed.

### (v) The Cade Management Committee

Cllr Pettifor confirmed that the kitchen and bi-fold doors to be fitted this week.

WREN application decision expected at the end of March.

Meeting arranged with CCC Environmental Health officer 12<sup>th</sup> March to discuss issues that have been raised.

### (vi) Allotments and garden group.

Cllr Cropley reported that seeds and seed potatoes ordered by tenants have been delivered.

Meeting to be arranged shortly as subscriptions/rents due.

### (vii) Feast week committee

Initial meeting held and subcommittee formed.

Date set 4<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Considering a road closure on safety grounds for the event.

## **79. Clerks Report**

To receive written report.

Meetings

13th May 2014 - Full Council, EVGT – APM and Annual Council Meeting

Environment:

Official from Environment Agency met with Cllr Pinner regarding the pumping station.

Contract for the grass cutting/maintenance has been signed.

### **Items to report.**

The grant application submitted to Awards for All for the sum of £3650 for swing project, has been declined due to:

‘Your application did not clearly show the need for your project, how you identified it and how your project would meet it. Awards for All funds projects that address defined issues or problems for people who are most in need in communities.

Although you have told us that your project will encourage parents and grandparents to accompany children and the new equipment will enable older children to play, you have not told us what specific issues and problems that exist in your community and how your project will help to tackle these issues. Your project is potentially fundable if you can address this issue.’

Clerk requested any supporting information be made available for use when application is resubmitted. Cllr Loynes suggested that an application be made to CCC Community chest be made. Clerk will look into.

Nomination papers for elections in May will be available within the next 7-10 days.

Parish Liaison meeting 27th March 2014, 6-30pm-8.00pm. We are invited to send 2 representatives. Any topics for the agenda need to be advised by 18th March 2014.

Resolved: That Cllr Pinner attend the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March. All in favour.

Internal Auditor had written to say that she is not able to carry out this function in 2014. Clerk confirmed that Mr G Whitfield was able to carry out the work. Cost £15/ hour plus 45p/mile travel expenses.

Resolved: That Mr G Whitfield be appointed as internal auditor for 2014. All in favour.

### **80. Finance and Risk**

80.1 To approve January overtime payment for Parish Clerk - 10 hours.

Resolved; that the overtime payment be approved, All in favour.

80.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014

Noted.

80.3 To approve the following accounts for payment:

(i) Holywell-cum-Needlingworth PC £187.50 quarterly rent.

(ii) Parish Clerks salary March 2014 £348.93

(iii) Newton School room hire £17-50

(iv) HMRC £74.00

Resolved: That the payments be approved (proposed Cllr Childerley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Loynes)

All in favour

80.4 To note residents FOI requests.

None

### **81. Correspondence**

To note the following correspondence and agree any actions.

(i) Letter requesting use of village green for Feast Week 2014

Letter requesting use of The Green for the event considered by Council.

Resolved: That permission to use The Green for events during feast week 2014 be approved (prop Cllr Childerley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

## **82. Items for report**

Cllr Pinner- houses of solid wall construction may still be eligible for 'The Green Deal'.

Workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Potton End residents have voluntarily cleared out the pond and wish to paint the railings. Council support and Cllr Pinner to contact those concerned to discuss.

Cllr Childerley pointed out that date of Annual Parish Meeting may need changing if May elections have not taken place by the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Parish Clerk to confirm.

Cllr Herring asked for an update on the removal of the paper from Manor Farm. Cllr Pinner agreed to follow up with local resident who had offered to carry out the work.

Deadline set for mid-April for the work to be completed.

Cllr Herring advised that the school governing body was currently looking at using the school for a holiday club during Easter/summer break.

Being no further business meeting closed 9-16pm