

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CADE**

PRESENT:

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)
Cllr M Cropley
Cllr A Weldon
Cllr M Loynes
Cllr J Pettifor (item 42 onwards)
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

4 members of public
County Councillor M Smith

39. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr S Childerley
Cllr J Herring

40. 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 Pettifor & Weldon declared an interest in The Cade

All Councillors declared an interest in Eltisley Village Green Trust as Parish Council are sole trustees.

41. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2015.

Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.
All in favour

42. Public Forum

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

A representative from residents of Cross Path spoke regarding the relocation of the bollards. It was their view that moving the bollards to the centre of Cross Path was not a workable solution and therefore they did not support the plans. Whilst they did not consider the bollards achieved their aim if necessary they should be returned to the original location.

They proposed that an alternative scheme be considered making this residents only access with costs being covered by an application under the LHI BID scheme.

Cllr Pettifor was of the opinion that such a scheme would not be enforceable.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that CCC Highways would be reinstating the bollards to the original location.

43. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

Cllr M Smith asked Council to consider two current consultations, Flood risk and Energy saving scheme.

She also suggested that as the bus service from Cambourne to Cambridge was being reviewed it would be timely for Eltisley to reiterate their position regarding public transport.

Cllr Pinner was advised that no progress had been made regarding the signs as you enter the village but that this would be chased up. Also that the weed spraying was on the list to be done although Cllr Weldon thought this had been carried out.

A request was also made for urgent repairs to the footpath at Pond Farm as it is now extremely dangerous.

Cllr Weldon asked if the pothole at the top of Topham Terrace could be repaired.

Cllr D O'Brien sent his apologies but Cllr Loynes read out an email from him covering current issues including A428. Cllr Loynes raised the A428 Alliance and reiterated that they were working to prevent any further development in the A428 corridor until the duelling of the road had been carried out.

44. To elect a Vice- Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr Pettifor be elected as Vice Chairman. (Proposed Cllr Pinner, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in Favour.

45. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) Pumping station, Caxton End and watercourse

Cllr Pinner confirmed that he had written to adjacent farmers and that he had received one reply that the neighbouring farmer was able to do work on the watercourse adjacent to ours but that he awaited a reply from the other farmer. Mr Lines has agreed to carry out the work free of charge subject to being permitted to place the spoil on the land by the ditch and with some assistance from local residents and/or Councillors. Cllr Pettifor agreed to take levels.

Resolved: That the work goes ahead with the help of Mr Lines (Proposed Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Cropley) All in Favour

(ii) Affordable housing

Cllr Pinner advised that this is still ongoing and that he is in process of arranging a meeting with J Fletcher from CCC. He will report back to the November meeting.

Cllr Loynes stated that a neighbourhood plan may help this matter progress

(iii) Cross Path

Comments from public forum taken into account.

Bollards to be replaced by CCC at original location, timing as yet unknown.

Cllr Pettifor considered that any alternative must be a workable solution and that 3rd party advice needed to be sought.

Clerk to arrange a meeting between CCC, Council representatives and a representative from Cross Path residents.

(iv) Cold calling zone

Caxton End to be a pilot area, residents have been canvassed and support the scheme. Clerk to submit an application for the establishment of no cold calling zone.

(v) LHI Bid

Cllr Pinner outlined that the need for a path along Caxton End to the school was still on Parish Plan and previous applications under this scheme had failed on practicalities.

Having met with CCC Highways they propose a path across The green constructed of sympathetic materials.

Cllr Pettifor questioned if this would resolve the issues as most of the problems was from cars coming to drop children off at school from outside of the village.

Cllr Pinner stated that child safety must be a priority.

Resolved: That an application as suggested by CCC Highways does not proceed and that Council continue to seek an alternative workable solution. (Proposed Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Cropley) All in favour.

(vi) Pond Farm Drive

Cllr Pinner reported that he had acquired the posts but rope would need to be purchased at £4/metre.

Resolved: That the rope be purchased (Proposed Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

46. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: 10th November 2015 – Full Council /EVGT

Items to report.

- Feast week Bingo raised £360.00 for Peace Tree Lights

47. Members reports

- (i) Police neighbourhood panel
Cllr Pinner confirmed that the panel had not met, next meeting October.
Police currently looking to raise awareness of modern day slavery.
- (ii) Village working party.
Last session very successful.
Next meet on 12th September when there will be further crown lifting of trees around the Parish.
- (iii) Neighbourhood Watch/Speedwatch
AGM coming up shortly
Next session planned
- (iv) A428 update
Already covered under item 45.
- (v) Peace Tree Lights
Cllr Pettifor confirmed that the lights would be useable for 2015 but would need replacing 2016.
Problem likely to be 2016 when it was likely that we would lose the goodwill of the hire company that provide the platform for putting them up.
Clerk to advise of current allocated reserves.
- (vi) Cllr Pinner confirmed that he had attended the induction of the new Parish team leader.
- (vii) The Cade storage: Cllr Pettifor said completion was due end of September and that an official opening was planned for November.

48. Finance and Risk

48.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Newton Primary School room hire £21-00
- (ii) Grounds by Rounds July £456.00, August £228
- (iii) Miss J Bowd salary September £217.50 October £206.50
- (iv) HMRC September £ 51.60 October £51.80
- (v) PKF Littlejohn £480.00
- (vi) Came and Company £999.76

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

48.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 30th July 2015

Noted

48.3 To note the budget report as at 1st September 2015

Noted

48.4 To consider quotes for clearing the brook.

See item 45.1

48.5 To review insurance policy renewal due 1st October 2015.

Resolved: To accept the policy as presented
All in favour (prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

48.6 To note the letter from SCDC re community chest application.

Noted

- 48.7 To accept the grant offer from Awards for All.
Cllr Pinner appraised members of the quotes received for the sign having provided four companies with the required specification.

Clerk confirmed that she was awaiting confirmation re fixings from CCC Highways/Balfour Beatty.

Resolved: To accept the grant of £2000 from Awards for All, All in favour (prop Cllr Pinner, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

Resolved: To accept the quote from Swarco of £2700 plus VAT All in favour (prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

- 48.8 To note the external auditors report for year ending 31/3/15
Unqualified response, Clerk thanked for her work.

Noted

- 48.9 To approve payment within the Clerks delegated powers:
(i) repair to children's play equipment £357-50 plus VAT

Resolved: That the payment be approved
All in favour (prop Cllr Cropley, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

49. Eltisley village institute

To receive an update on the establishment of the charity

Cllr Pettifor confirmed that he needed to contact the Charities Commission over a couple of queries in the draft governing documents. The matter will be dealt with as reported to the November meeting.

Cllr Cropley expressed his concerns that the funds were still on a non interest earning account and proposed that they should be put onto deposit with M & G finance.

Cllr Pettifor did not think the capital should be put at risk.

Clerk queried feasibility as the governing document not signed and also the charity number not available. Presently funds are still in the name of the Parish Council.

Cllr Cropley asked for a copy of the sign trust deed for both The Cade Trust and Village Institute Charity to be distributed to all members of Council and the Clerk.

Cllr Pettifor to arrange.

Resolved: That the funds be placed onto a deposit account as soon as possible pending further investigation (proposed Cllr Pinner, 2nd Cllr Pettifor) All in favour

50.Planning

- 50.1 To consider the following applications received:-

- (i) S/1970/15/FL Proposed single storey extension to the rear. Raise height of part of existing flat roof.

4 Greenfields, Eltisley

Resolved: That the application be approved
All in favour (prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

- 50.2 To note the following applications that have been approved:

- (i) Tree works application - lennox house 10 Caxton End Eltisley PE19 6TJ

Noted

- (ii) S/0245/15/LBC and S/0246/15/FL
Single storey rear extension and garage
South View, 20 The Green, Eltisley

Noted

51. Allotments for the Labouring Poor

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

Clerk advised Council that the application to Land Registry for 1st registration of the allotments had been rejected as the title deeds are required. Clerk does not hold this

document. Council are unaware of the location of the deeds. Cllr Pettifor stated that an alternative solution may need to be found.

52. Consultations

- (i) To consider SCDC consultation on moving to all out elections from 2018.
Noted, no comments made.
- (ii) To note the figures relating to current ward sizes currently being reviewed
Noted, no comments made.

53. Christmas Party.

To discuss plans for 2015 event.

Date set 5th December, to be held at The Cade. Details to be discussed at November meeting.

54. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any action:

- (i) To note the Local Plan Examination - Letter from Inspectors
Noted
- (ii) To note the letter of thanks from Six Villages News Letter.
It was noted that the letter was in fact a request for a donation which was to be considered by EVGT. The Council supported the request to sum of £150.00
Noted
- (iii) To note the draft Rights of Way Improvement plan and agree any comments
Noted, no comments.
- (iv) To note the changes to street lighting energy charges
Noted

55. Items to report

None

Being no further business meeting closed 9.00 pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: