

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CADE**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Cllr M Smith
District Cllr R Betson
No members of public

Cllr Pinner opened the meeting by congratulating Cllr Cropley on his award from SCDC for Councillor of the year 2018. Members present added their congratulations.

78. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr J Herring- personal

79. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest – Personal and/or prejudicial and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr R Pinner Community speed watch

Cllrs J Pettifor, Cllr J Herring & Cllr A Weldon declared an interest in The Cade

Cllr A Weldon Six Villages newsletter.

Cllr J Pettifor – personal item 88.1 (vi)

80. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2018.

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

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

81. Public Forum

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

None

82. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

County. Cllr M Smith asked for an update on outstanding matters. Cllr Weldon confirmed that hedge work along B1040 now complete. Cllr Weldon asked if Cllr Smith could find out who is responsible for the land at the end of Caxton End before the farm as there are many potholes that require repair.

She also queried the planings that have been put down on the bridleway. Cllr Smith confirmed it was CCC to assist in maintenance of the road.

Cllr Pinner reported that tree work Potton End still not carried out.

Cllr Smith agreed to look into.

Cllr Smith reported that the posts for Cross path are on order.

LHI BID went before committee today, no response as yet.

Cllr Smith spoke regarding an email sent to herself and Cllr Pinner relating to Keir Construction requesting opinions on B1040 & A428 junctions.

Cllr Pettifor suggested they refer to previous correspondence as the Parish Council's opinion is well documented.

Cllr Pinner spoke regarding the LHI BID scheme, Caxton End. Original plan showed 12 posts with waiting restrictions displayed. Actually installed 16. A meeting has been arranged for Friday 16th March to discuss. Cllr Smith confirmed that the yellow lines have been delayed due to bad weather.

In respect of correspondence received about the scheme, he confirmed that residents had received a letter from CCC 26th July 2017 advising of the plans. Notices had been posted on lamp posts. Cllr Pettifor commented that the scheme had also been mentioned in the 6 villages' newsletter. Clerk to write to complainant advising of these points and that the matter is now in the hands of CCC.

District Cllr Betson spoke about:

- Infrastructure improvements between Cambridge and Oxford. This appears to be delaying decision relating to A428 as rail links need to be taken into consideration.
- Suggested that H Allen MP be contacted about the possible reduction of A428 to single carriageway at Girton/Madingley.
- Still no update on Cambridge to Cambourne consultation.
- No news on Park and Ride.
- CB23 forum- encouraged attendance and items for agenda.
- Council tax will be increased by £5 for band D property. Still leaves £14/household deficit. No funding coming from central government so SCDC have to look at ways to bridge funding gap.
- Green energy fund now open.
- Last meeting at Ward Councillor for Eltisley.

Cllr Weldon thanked Cllr Betson for support over matter with quad bikes.

Cllr Pinner thanked Cllr Betson for her support in the past year.

Cllr Pinner also said he had responded to Local plan consultation as he was concerned that Eltisley allotments and pocket park had been removed from protected open spaces.

Cllr Betson agreed to look into the matter. SCDC do recognise the value of open spaces and will be looking to register more in the next plan.

Cllr Pinner said that SCDC planning were merging with Cambridge City planning department. Currently look at 7000 applications per annum. Currently building 500 homes/annum this needs to be 900/annum.

Cllr Pinner spoke about recent issues with salt supplied under community gritting scheme, specifically the second batch which will not go through the spreader. CC Cllr Smith agreed to look into the matter.

83. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428

See item 82

(ii) Rural Exemption Sites.

Nothing to report.

(iii) Manor Farm Pond

For clarification this is the pond in Caxton End located at the end of Manor Farm Drive.

Cllr Pinner has contacted the owners to arrange a meeting to try to resolve this issue as agreed at the January meeting. Mrs Herring will not be involved in the meetings and to date Mr Herring has not come forward agreeing to meet.

Cllr Cropley spoke about the legality of the conveyance as he considers it breaches LGA 1972. Inclosure Award clearly shows the pond in question as common land. Cllr Cropley advocated going back to original solicitors Francis & Co Cambridge to ask for old case papers.

Cllr Pettifor stated that the Council need to consider whether they wish to get into litigation and the associated costs.

Cllr Pinner said that his understanding was that Parish Councils were not empowered to relinquish common land and consequently were duty bound to retain ownership of the pond. The pond is an essential part of the village drainage system and the Council had maintained it in the past, future maintenance costs could be considerable.

Cllr Pinner suggested speaking to open spaces society.

Resolved: Clerk to contact open spaces society for advice.

Clerk to contact Francis and Co solicitors for documents from 1968.

Once obtained an extra ordinary meeting to be arrange for Council to discuss findings. (Prop Cllr Cropley 2nd Cllr Pettifor) All in favour.

(iv) Eltisley Cricket Club

Letter form the club provided to members.

Cllr Pinner had been told that Waresley youth team will not be playing this season as nobody will be maintaining the wicket.

Sadly it appears that there will be no further cricket on The Green.

(v) Diversion of footpath No3 Yelling

Members discussed the report.

Resolved: That the diversion be supported. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Cropley)

All in favour.

(vi) Tree survey work

Cllr Pinner summarised the 3 categories of work.

2 quotes received.

Resolved: Quote from A Linger £2100 plus VAT be accepted (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Clerk asked to confirm that contractor will obtain all relevant permissions from SCDC.

Clerk to ask that the work be carried out ASAP.

84. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Date to be confirmed most likely 22nd May 2018.

Items to report.

- Elections 3rd May 2018
- Annual Parish Meeting 22nd May 2018 – venue to be advised.

Resolved: That meetings will be held on 22nd May 2018, venue to be confirmed.

85. Members reports

(i) Parish Forum

See tem 82

(ii) Village working party.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that the last meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Scheduled for April when pocket park paths will be repaired.

(iii) Police Panel meeting.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that there has not been any meetings but a letter has been received advising that because of Police reorganisation in the area they are being temporarily suspended.

(iv) Parish plan survey

Steering group meeting actions:

- Community shop research has shown that these are not sustainable. No further action.
- Village information sheet being updated. A cover will be used to add inserts as required.
- Emergency plan being updated.
- SCDC looking into CCTV for the village.
- SCDC asking BT to repair the phone box which has been painted but has glass missing.
- Village sign in process of being repaired.
- Continuing to look into types of outdoor gym equipment, siting, costs and grant funding.

Cllr Pettifor asked how many resident attend, it was confirmed that in region of 15 so it is well supported. The group are very keen to see the results of the survey implemented.

(v) Peace tree lights

Nothing to report.

(vi) Police open meeting.

Cllr Pinner advised that PCSO has agreed to hold crime prevention meeting in The Cade this spring.

86. Finance and Risk

86.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Miss J Bowd salary March £305.85,
- (ii) HMRC March £73.80,
- (iii) ICO registration £35.00
- (iv) Open spaces society subscription £45.00
- (v) W.I £7.50
- (vi) R Dorling IT Support £75.00
- (vii) Mr R Pinner £77-04 timber for village sign
- (viii) WJ Flinders & Son £79.92 Peace tree lights.

Resolved: That, with the addition of payment of £8-97 to Cllr Pinner for clipboards the accounts for payment as listed be approved. (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon)
All in favour.

86.2 To note the bank reconciliation as 7th March 2018

Noted

86.3 To note the budget report dated 1st March 2018

Noted

86.4 To note the Precept confirmation SCDC

Noted

87. Eltisley village institute

(i) To receive an update on use/investment of net sale proceeds.

Cllr Pinner asked members for their comments having had 2 months to research options.

Clerk suggested CCLA.

Cllr Pinner suggested Close Brothers 12m bond.

Cllr Pettifor said funds should be split between investors to spread risk.

Resolved: That Clerk arrange for CCLA to attend May meeting.

Clerk to look into Close Brothers and other bank bonds available. All in favour.

88. Planning

88.1 To consider the following applications received:-

(i) Application Ref: S/0143/18/FL Installation of solar PV panels and change of bifold doors on the main property

Manor Farm, Caxton End, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TJ

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

(ii) Application Ref: S/0144/18/LB Installation of solar PV panels and change of bifold doors on the main property

Manor Farm, Caxton End, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TJ

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

(iii) Application Ref: S/0416/18/TC T1 Horse Chestnut: Remove two lower limbs growing to the neighbouring property (The Institute). Shorten next limb growing towards building by 2.5m. Reduce low limb on opposite side of crown by 3m to balance crown. The tree is sited on the boundary of the property, it is causing severe overshadowing of the garden of the institute and touching the building, works will improve the garden area of this property. There are no suitable places to shorten the limbs so removal is the only option for the two lower limbs

The Old House 75, The Green, Eltisley

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

(iv) Application Ref: S/0563/18/FL Single storey side extension.

The Limes 39 The Green Eltisley

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

(v) Application ref: S/0661/18/TC Fell large Willow tree within the rear garden.

18, The Green, Eltisley

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

(vi) Application Ref: S/0465/18/DC Discharge of condition 3 (Materials), 5 (Noise), 6 (Arboricultural method statement), 7 (Hard and soft landscaping), 10 (Traffic management plan), 11 (Driveway surface) and 12 (Visibility splays) of planning permission S/0967/16/FL (information only)

Eltisley Village Institute, The Green, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TG.

Application for information only. Cllr Pettifor did outline to changes and agreements in place with SCDC.

(vii) Application Ref: S/0685/18/FL Alterations to existing driveway including extension to meet existing garage and changes in materials used

12 Caxton End, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TJ

Resolved: That the application be approved subject to the width of the driveway being no wider than existing and that the proposed surface being confirmed as permeable.. All in favour

88.2 To note the following applications that have been approved:

(i) Application ref: S/3515/17/FL - 82 Caxton End, Eltisley, St Neots

Noted

(ii) Application Ref: S/4106/17/FL Triple Span Bulk Grain Store

North East Farm, Cambridge Road, Eltisley, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TR.

Noted

88.3 To note the following application subject to non-material amendment

(i) Application ref: S/2246/15/FL Non material amendment of planning permission

Taylor's Close, Potton End, Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6TH

Noted

89. Bylaws.

- (i) To review current bylaws relating to the Parish
Cllr Pinner read out each of the existing bylaws.
Number 9 – fine of up to £50. was considered to low and that a figure up to £1000 would be more appropriate.
Clerk to look into administration matters relating to changing the bylaws.
Also reprinting of sign.
Resolved: That the fine be increased to a figure of up to £1000.00 (one thousand pounds) Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Pettifor All in favour.

90. Environment.

- (i) Hedge opposite Beech Farm Stables, Potton End, Eltisley
Cllr Pettifor spoke on behalf of a resident. The hedge between bungalow and stables requires reducing in height and cutting back from the footpath/road.
Resident is happy to carry out the work if Parish Council agrees.
Resolved: That the request be approved. (Prop Cllr Pinner 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

91. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To note the grant funding available from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership.
Noted
- (ii) To note correspondence relating to Speed awareness wheelie bin stickers.
Resolved: That 500 stickers be purchased £220, for distribution to residents (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Childerley) All in favour
- (iii) To approve request for Church fete on village green 23rd June 2018.
Resolved: That the request be approved subject to usual conditions. All in favour
- (iv) To note Dry Drayton response to the Cambourne to Cambridge busway consultation.
Noted
- (v) To consider correspondence relating to Caxton End waiting restrictions.
See item 82
- (vi) To note the CB23 Community Forum on Thursday 22 March 2018.
Noted
- (vii) To consider The Committee on Standards in Public Life review of local government ethical standards
Noted
- (viii) To note the Street lighting - Upcoming works - Maintenance - March 2018.
Noted
- (viii) To note the CAPALC AGM Extra Ordinary Meeting on 22nd March 2018.
Noted

92. Items to report.

- Cllr Pinner spoke about correspondence relating to replanted trees on The Green. Cllr Pinner and Cllr Pettifor agreed to carry out the work of moving one of the trees to the agreed location having first advised resident.

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: