

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th JULY 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT NEWTON PIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT:

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)
Cllr M Cropley
Cllr A Weldon
Cllr J Pettifor
Cllr J Herring
Cllr M Lines (item 26 onwards)
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Cllr M Smith.
District Cllr N Wright
District Cllr M Howell
No members of public

20. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

None

21. 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 J Pettifor – The village Institute

Cllr A Weldon item 10(i) Personal – has been active in trying to resolve issues with A428 resurfacing.

Cllr Herring Item 29.4 - pecuniary

22. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2018

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

All in favour (prop Cllr M Cropley, 2nd Cllr A Weldon)

23. Public Forum

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

Time Allowed 10 minutes.

None

24. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

Cllr M Smith hoped that the recent meetings with highways officers etc has been useful and moving issues forward.

Cllr Smith asked if members were happy with plans for LHI BID traffic calming measures. Cllr Herring asked if signage at Cambridge Road could be checked to ensure there is a sign stating priority over incoming traffic as you leave the village. Cllr Smith agreed to check. She confirmed that at present there is no time scale for delivery of the project. Cllr Pinner spoke about the road at the bottom of Caxton End, CCC have agreed to deliver plainings for repair and the farmer will level them to make good the surface.

Cllr Smith asked if an application was to be made for a project under the 2019/20 scheme as applications close 31st July 2018. Cllr Pinner confirmed that no application would be made.

Cllr Pinner has been in touch with drainage officer and his response following a village site visit was read out. He suggests that the Parish Council write to residents advising of riparian responsibilities using a template letter supplied, if this is not successful CCC can follow it up.

Cllr Pettifor agreed that the Parish Council should write in first instance with the letter having a paragraph added suggesting an open meeting and community effort to get the issues resolved.

Cllr Weldon raised issue of flooding on St Neots road which in her opinion is caused by a ditch having been blocked up. Cllr Smith agreed to look into this matter.

Cllr Pinner spoke about the 'old road' and the request for it to be made into a cycle track. Simeon Carroll from CCC Highways has confirmed that if it is given up then neighbouring properties get ownership to the mid line. Cllr Pettifor suggested looking into further with a view to getting the area tidied up. Clerk to look into and bring to the next meeting.

District Councillors Wright and Howell introduced themselves as the newly elected ward Councillors.

Cllr Wright has an expert knowledge of planning and is the ex-deputy leader of SCDC.

Cllr Howell lives in Papworth and has knowledge of housing issues environmental health and licencing. Previously a member of cabinet.

Attended Mrs D Spinks funeral and memorial service. He is also County Councillor for Camborne.

Cllr Wright confirmed that SCDC now have the required 5 year land supply which should stop speculative development. The Local Plan is now with the Inspectorate and is expected to be ratified in September. Work will commence shortly on the next local plan to 2032. SCDC continue to look at shared services wherever possible.

Cllr Pinner noted his disappointment at the last Parish forum meeting and advised those present that he had written a letter of complaint to the Chairman.

25. To consider applications for Co-Option to the Parish Council.

A copy of the application received from Mr M Lines was provided to Members .

Resolved: That M Lines be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

(Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Herring) All in favour.

Cllr Lines signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Lines to the Parish Council.

26. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428

Cllr Pinner advised that an announcement on the preferred route is expected soon with work expected to start once approved by Government inspector when A14 is finished in 2020.

Mr S Greenhill from Highways England attended a meeting at The Cade to discuss 'no right turn' request. Another survey has been carried out and due to the amount of video evidence recorded no findings available at this time.

Cllr Pettifor stated that the road is definitely safer as it at a standstill.

Clerk supplied copy of email response to request that the 'bump' be looked into. It was noted that County Cllr M Smith had received a different reply, Clerk to investigate.

(ii) Traffic calming/parking restrictions Caxton End

Consensus of opinion is that the scheme is working well. Cllr Pinner reported one regular offender to PCSO. Lay-by being used for parking, without specific traffic measurers there is little that can be done to stop this.

(iii) Peace tree lights.

Cllr Pettifor advised that 100m LED lights cost £250 with 2 years manufacturers guarantee. They would require putting up.

Clerk asked to forward details of any lighting companies she is aware of. Matter to be brought back to September meeting.

(iv) Village Sign

Cllr Pinner reported that brickwork is now done thanks to Mr G Wood for his help. Sign to be put in situ this Thursday. Cllr Pinner to get a 'thank you' bottle for Mr Wood.

(v) AWA- Meadow View

Clerk provided a copy of the response received from AWA.

(vi) Highway matters.

Already discussed (see item 24 and 26 (i))

(vii) Bylaws

Cllr Cropley provided the Clerk with a copy of the original bylaws. Clerk to investigate process for increasing penalty for non-compliance.

27. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – 11th September

Items to report.

- Clerk will be taking holiday 23rd-27th July, 6th&7th August 2018.
- Hastoe Housing advise that they are in negotiations with land owner of site 4 as a rural exemption site. Surveys are ongoing.
- Draft drawings for the Eltislely LHI are available is a site visit required.

28. Members reports

(i) Parish Forum

Covered item 24.

(ii) Village working party.

Cllr Pinner reported a successful meeting with the paths to the woodland walk and pocket park repaired

(iii) Parish plan survey

New patch officer SCDC investigating other Parishes who have outdoor equipment. SCDC community chest is not available at present for funding. Update to be brought to September meeting.

(iv) Police Panel meeting

Area Police currently being reorganised therefore no meetings held.

29. Finance and Risk

29.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

(i) Miss J Bowd salary July £359.34, August £300.89

(ii) Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council office rent 1/7/18-30/9/18
£208.00

(iii) HMRC July £81.80, August £75.20

(iv) Bradgate. Grass cutting June £264.00

(v) SCDC Election cost £105.00

Resolved: That, accounts for payment as listed be approved. (Prop Cllr Cropley 2nd Cllr Herring) All in favour.

29.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 3rd July 2018

Noted

29.3 To note the national pay award effective 1st April 2018.

Noted

29.4 To approve action plan relating to manor farm pond.

Cllr J Herring left the meeting – 8.25pm

Cllr Pinner stated that he had made several approaches to Mr Herring for a meeting to discuss but to no avail.

Cllr Pettifor agreed that an amicable solution was the best outcome.

Clerk confirmed she had been unsuccessful in locating previous solicitors who dealt with common land. Open spaces society had not replied to enquiry either.

Cllr Pinner noted minutes of 10th June 2010 when it was recorded that Mr Herring agreed to hand back the Pond subject to Parish Council paying solicitors fees. No knowledge of why this was not done.

Cllr Weldon asked if the common Land register had been checked.

Resolved: That the following actions be taken:

- Clerk to check common land register for listing
- Clerk to try and locate letter from Copley solicitors as mentioned in minutes of 10/6/10.
- Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Herring requesting a meeting before taking further action.

(Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Cllr J Herring returned to the meeting 8.40pm

30. Eltisley village institute

(i) To receive a verbal update on progress to date regarding investments and agree actions

Cllr Pinner asked if members had other suggestions for the investment other than those previously discussed. He expressed concerns over investing in CCLA property fund as it was total investment in retail sector.

Cllr Pinner had spoken to NFU and investment advisors Gibbs Denley.

Cllr Pettifor reminded members that the intention was to spread investment between long/medium and short term.

Cllr Cropley pointed out that many investment funds take a percentage fee annually irrespective of the fund performance.

Resolved: That advice from NFU and also Gibbs Denley is followed up with a decision to be taken at September meeting (Prop Cllr Pinner 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

31. Planning

31.1 To consider the following applications received:-

(i) Application S/1906/18/VC Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission (s/0967/16/fl) conversion of old reading rooms into 3 bedroom dwelling

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

32. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

(i) To note email introducing South West Patch Officer SCDC

Noted

(ii) To consider letter The Old House, 75 The Green - Connection to Mains Drainage

Resolved That the request be supported subject to any damage to The Green being repaired. (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Cropley) All in favour

33. To resolve to close the meeting due to the confidential nature of business to be discussed.

Resolved: That the meeting be closed to members of the public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. All in favour

9.10pm Meeting reopens no members of the public return

34. Items to report

- Cllr Weldon reported that the farm track Caxton End is to have new signage put up on the private land restricting access on health & safety grounds.
- Cllr Pinner reported several complaints about dog fouling on The Green. Clerk asked to write to Environmental health.
- Cllr Pinner reported that he was expecting a letter from Cricket club who are seeking permission to lay a permanent net practice area on The Green to encourage youngsters into the sport.
His suggestion is that the current mobile nets be put back into use with new nets being purchased to make them good.
- Cllr Lines asked that the football net be removed from the wicket area to prevent damage to the surface.
- Cllr Pinner raised the request received for dog walking facilities in the village for business use. No area identified, Clerk asked to write and advise applicant accordingly.

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.14pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: