

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CADE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

County Cllr M Smith  
District Cllr M Howell  
No members of public

**65. Apologies.**

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

**None**

**66. Declarations of Interest.**

To receive Declarations of Disclosable and/or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item

Cllr J Herring item 70(iii) non pecuniary

Cllr R Pinner Community speed watch

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

All Cllr Item 76 Precept – Clerk has given dispensation to discuss in order that the precept can be set.

**67. Minutes.**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and December 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.

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

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

**68. Public Forum**

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

**None**

**69. District and County Councillor Reports**

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

County Cllr M Smith apologised for not attending the November meeting. She confirmed that work on the LHI project will start shortly.

A meeting 'influencing Policing' is to be held at Swavesey Village College on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 she will forward details for those interested in attending. A meeting will be held shortly on the preferred route for A428.

With regards to the local meeting for A428 on 12<sup>th</sup> February she suggested asking for the agenda. A request was also made that the plainings for repair to the roadway at the farm Caxton End were followed up.

District Cllr Howell offered Cllr Wrights apologies.

He spoke regarding the proposed Northern route for the Cambridge-Oxford railway and suggested that the Parish Council keep abreast of the developments.

Whilst spoken about together the A428 road and the rail link are to separate projects.

Cllr Weldon asked that rubbish in the garden of 30 St Neots Rd be removed.

Cllr Howell confirmed he was unable to attend the A428 meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> February but he will extend the invitation to Cllr Wright.

Cllr Howell will forward details of the Bourne Airfield meeting

Cllr Pinner asked if the bin that has been removed from the bus shelter could be replaced. The Parish Council are happy to fit the bin if a replacement can be provided.

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

(i) A428

See item 69

(ii) Village Drainage

Meeting arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> January @7pm, residents affected have been invited. Contractor appointed has stated he would like to start whilst weather is good. The Clerk has contacted the Environment agency regarding the fish in the ponds but they are not concerned. Therefore the Council will manage the welfare of any fish found during the clearance of the pond.

Mr G Woods has access to a digger and has offered to assist any affected residents with the dredging of ditches

(iii) Pond by the School

Cllr Pinner asked Cllr Herring if she had any dates for a meeting to discuss. Cllr Herring confirmed that she is still awaiting dates from her solicitor but that she is chasing and will advise as soon as possible.

(iv) The Cricket Sidescreens

Cllr Pinner confirmed that the club consider the screen obsolete and that they are being placed for sale on eBay to see if any other club are interested in buying them.

A specification for the practice net proposal is still awaited from the club.

## **71. Clerks Report**

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: -

Full Council – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Items to report.

- Annual return for Allotments for labouring poor logged 22/11/18.
- £200 Received 10/12/18 from Mrs Pinner being profit from Bingo fund raiser for Peace tree lights.

The Council thanked Mrs Pinner for her efforts in raising funds for the Peace tree lights.

## **72. Members reports**

(i) Parish Forum

None held since last Council meeting.

(ii) Village working party.

Cllr Pinner proposed using the chippings from the removal of the conifers from The Green to top up the paths in the Pocket Park. He will contact the contractor to discuss. On the basis that this can be arranged a working party meeting will be called for 2<sup>nd</sup> February and will be advertised in the newsletter

(iii) Parish plan survey

Cllr Pinner confirmed that the information sheets are being printed. A further grant application will be made for the outdoor gym equipment. An open meeting is planned for early spring – date to be confirmed.

(iv) Police Panel meeting.

Still no update from the Police as to when these meetings will be re started. Cllr Pinner will write to seek clarification as it was felt that the absence of these meetings denies residents the opportunity to discuss concerns with the Police. Residents are encouraged to report all crimes to the Police. An open meeting for NHW & Speedwatch is planned for early spring – date to be confirmed

(v) Christmas party

Consensus was that the event went well with good support and some new faces attending.

A date was set for this year's event of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### 73. Finance and Risk

73.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Miss J Bowd salary January 2019 £322.49, February 2019 £300.49
- (ii) HMRC January 2019 £75.20 February 2019 £75.60
- (iii) Cambridge Water £966.02
- (iv) Holywell-cum-Needlingworth PC £208 office rent 1/1/19-31/3/19
- (v) Holywell-cum-Needlingworth PC £78.20 contribution to Clerks SLCC membership
- (vi) ICO Data protection registration £40.00
- (vii) Cambs Acre membership £57.00

Clerk advised that a further invoice £45.00 Open Spaces Society membership had been received since the agenda was issues.

**Resolved:** That with the inclusion of the £45 and omission of £966.02 Cambridge Water that this payments be approved. (Prop Cllr Lines 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pettifor) All in favour.

73.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 17/12/18

**Noted**

73.3 To note the budget report of 17/12/18

**Noted**

73.4 To consider Renewal of SWARCO Maintenance Contract

**Resolved:** That the maintenance contract be renewed at a cost of £220 plus VAT for 1 year ( Prop Cllr Pettifor 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

73.5 To receive an update on Water bill The Green,

Clerk provided correspondence to/from Cambridge Water outlining that the account had been transferred from the Cricket Club to the Parish Council with no notification or meter reading having been taken. On this basis the bill is being contested. Cambs Water are looking into the excessive usage which the parish Council believe to be as a result of the valve having been left open.

Concern was expressed that legal action may be taken against the Council for non-payment of the bill but this will be dealt with as/when any advice to that effect is received

Clerk to write to Crick Club (P Blackburn) advising of the situation.

The Parish Council do not accept liability for this invoice.

73.6 To note the new national pay scales for 2019/20

**Noted.**

73.7 To consider request for donation for reprinting of Carol sheets.

It was noted on use this year that the sheets are very tatty.

Mrs Pettifor has agreed to prepare a re formatted version of the sheet for

reprinting.

It was agreed that they should be printed on a more durable paper.

Cllr Pinner to arrange printing and invoice the Parish Council.

#### **74. Eltisley village institute**

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

Cllr Pinner confirmed that the investment had been placed.

Clerk provided confirmation from Gibbs Denley of the completion.

Clerk asked to write to National Westminster Bank to see if the remaining balance is in the best interest receiving account.

#### **75. Planning**

75.1 To consider the following applications received:-

- (i) Application s/4162/18/LD Certificate of lawful development for a proposed replacement of garage doors with wooden sectional doors.

Jesus College Farmhouse, 130, Caxton End, Eltisley, St Neots, PE19 6TJ.

Clerk advised tha this application has now been withdrawn.

#### **76. Precept**

76.1. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly statement of receipts and payments as at 1/12/18

**Noted**

76.2 .Budgets

- (i) To review the budgets for 2018/19

Accepted as presented (see attached)

- (ii) To set the budgets for 2019/20

LHI Project- increase by £100 to £350 to meet the agreed contribution.

76.3. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2019/20

**Resolved:** That a precept for £12311 be set for 2019/20 (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Lines) All in favour.

#### **77. The Green,**

76.1 To consider reinstatement of damaged bollards.

Cllr Pinner spoke about the current 'mess' with regards to damaged bollards and the consequential damage to The Green with cars driving around them. It was suggested that round posts may be easier to install. Cllr Pettifor expressed a preference for them to be made of wood as opposed to concrete.

It was agreed that the matter would be investigated and brought back to the next meeting.

76.2 To consider installation of 'no parking' signage

Recent events have seen parking on The Green but there is no signage stating 'no parking' therefore it is difficult to enforce. Cllr Pettifor wondered if the 'no parking' could be incorporated into any new bollard installed. Cllr Weldon suggested that 'no parking' could be added to the existing signs.

Cllr Cropley asked that the Clerk write to the hunt reminding them of their obligation to prevent parking on The Green.

Cllr Pinner agreed to look into the matter further and bring back to the next meeting.

Cllr Pinner also queried who held keys to the movable bollards on Cross path. It was agreed that a copy would be cut and held at The Cade.

## 78. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To consider letter about Bikeability cycle training.  
Clerk explained the current sector thoughts on this subject and the possible legal situation if the Council decide to fund 'education'.  
It was agreed that no commitment would be made either way at this time.
- (ii) To note CAPALC minutes AGM 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and members letter  
**Noted**
- (iii) To note correspondence advising of the removal of paper collection Bins.  
**Noted**
- (iv) To consider correspondence from Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP).  
Cllr Pinner confirmed that the Council have signed up to the scheme. He will Complete the survey.
- (v) To agree nomination for Buckingham Palace garden party.  
**Resolved:** That Cllr Cropley be nominated. All in favour
- (vi) To note the County Council business planning survey.  
**Noted**

## 79. Items to report

- Cllr Pinner reported on the grants available for new/refurbishment of Pocket Parks however this was not considered necessary at this time.  
He will be collecting winter health packs from Cambourne for distribution around the village as seen fit.  
CCC Highways are yet to confirm salt delivery for this winter under the volunteer gritting scheme.
- Cllr Weldon will liaise with House of Flags over the servicing of the flag pole and report to next meeting.
- Clerk advised that planning applications S/3967/18/FL & S/3968/18/LB 38 Caxton End Eltisley have been withdrawn.  
Clerk also advised of receipt of plans for 1 Greenfields Eltisley.

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: