

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm

The meeting will be open to the public unless the Council otherwise directed.

For the health, safety and well-being of our community as a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely until further notice.

Eltisley Parish Council will use Zoom to facilitate the holding of meetings

PRESENT:

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)
Cllr M Cropley
Cllr A Weldon
Cllr S Ellis
Cllr J Pettifor
Cllr D Stephenson
Cllr M Lines
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

No members of public.
District Cllr M Howell (item 21 onwards)
District Cllr N Wright

18. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

CCC Cllr M Smith

19. 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 A Weldon declared an interest in The Cade/Six villages newsletter

Cllr M Lines item 23(i) – personal work affects his land.

20. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2020.

Resolved: That with the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. All in favour (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Ellis)

21. Public Forum

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

None

22. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

Cllr N Wright spoke about the issues with planning department and asked that the parish Council make use of the current consultation.

He advised that to SCDC 2018 accounts have now been approved.

SCDC are looking at a new investment strategy including investing in commercial property.

Cllr M Howell spoke about the ongoing work relating to the Covid – 19 pandemic and whilst local representatives have now been ordered to delete personal data of those being shielded work continues behind the scenes poised in case of a second wave and/or lockdown.

Cllr Pinner commented that the support from SCDC had been good with regular calls. He did ask that should matters flare up again if villages could be supported with PPE.

Cllr Wright confirmed that the community chest scheme is still operating.

23. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428

Clerk confirmed that she is still trying to arrange the requested meeting with highways England and has contacted them again on behalf of Cllr Ellis to request more details environmental maps. Cllr Ellis stated he had been in touch with the MP about concerns that the village is being used as a rat run evidenced by information from the speed cameras.

Cllr Pettifor felt it should be CCC M Smith who channelled the meeting with A428.

District Cllr Howell stated as Vice Chair of Highways he may be able to help and asked that he be copied into any emails.

(ii) Village Drainage

Cllr Pinner confirmed that further work had been done on the pinch point in the ditch and that it was now flowing well but it will be monitored over winter. Our thanks go to Mr R Thompson for his assistance.

Potton End remains a problem and Clerk confirmed she had contacted B Heffernan (CCC) to ask for his help, she awaits a response.

(iii) Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme.

Cllr Ellis spoke to advise that the group are not ready yet to make an application for funding.

He confirmed that an application for trees from the Woodland Trust had been successful and that sites for planting were now being sought. Approx. 2 acres will be required.

The group are also speaking with The Cade management team with regards to applying for a grant to employ a consultant to carry out an energy survey.

Cllr Pinner commented on the need to include after care in any project and the associated cost.

Cllr Pettifor agreed a site visit to the church to see if any space for tree planting can be found.

Cllr Pinner suggested investigating taking over some of the verges for wildflower planting.

(iv) Parking and breach of bylaws: The Green

Cllr Pinner highlighted the three areas of concern.

- 21 The Green – persistent offenders for parking on The Green and non-repair of damage. Clerk asked to write again to both owner and tenant advising of potential fine for breach of the bylaws.
- The Old House – daily parking on The Green and obstruction of the footpath. Clerk asked to write again advising of potential fine for breach of the bylaws.
- Rose Cottage, Caxton End.

Cllr Stephenson declared an interest as owner of the property. The item was deferred to end of the meeting so that Cllr Stephenson could leave the meeting (8.15pm) taking no part in the debate.

Members did not consider that since the yellow road markings parking in Caxton End had been such an issue. It was noted that the property starts on the far side of the ditch, the roadway is a permitted access not owned by the householder. The sign in question does breach the bylaws.

Clerk to write again asking resident to remove the sign for the reasons given above.

Cllr Pettifor asked that all residents who breach the access agreements be written too. Cllr Pinner agreed to include the point in his report to the next newsletter.

The discussion also highlighted issues at Cross Path Clerk to investigate cost of signage – “Access only”

24. Clerks Report

To receive written report. Including meeting dates for 2021/22

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 10th November 2020

Items to report.

- Permission agreed for skip to be placed temporarily outside 65 The Green from September 14-18th 2020

- Clerk on holiday 21st-25th September 2020.

MEETING DATES FOR 2021/22

2021	
January	12th– Full Council
March	9th – Full Council
May	11th– Full Council/ Annual Parish Meeting
July	13th – Full Council
September	14th – Full Council
November	9th – Full Council
2022	
January	11th – Full Council
March	8th – Full Council

Noted

25. Members reports

- (i) Parish Forum
None held
- (ii) Village working party.
None held but looking at arranging for the 1st or 2nd Week in October.
To be advised in the newsletter.
- (iii) Parish plan survey
None held
- (iv) Speedwatch
Cllr pinner reported that there was a noticeable increase in speeding through the village whilst the group have not been meeting. He is hoping to arrange sessions before the clocks go back.

26. Finance and Risk

26.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Miss J Bowd salary July £312.75 August £312.75 Mrs A Jackson July £67.61 August £67.61
- (ii) HMRC July PAYE £ 95.20 August £95.20
- (iii) Bradgate June grass cutting £792.00 July £528.00
- (iv) Haven Power streetlight electricity £2.05, £22.43, August £23.21, £2.09
- (v) The Cade £1316.59 building insurance
- (vi) R Pinner reimbursement £56.50
- (vii) Came & Co. insurance renewal £1,246.78

Clerk advised of 3 further invoices received, Mijan Ltd £70 (internal audit), Bradgate £528 (grass cutting) Holywell-cum-Needlingworth PC £208 (Office rent)

Resolved: That with the additional amounts the accounts for payment be approved. (prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour.

26.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 2nd September 2020

Noted

26.3 To note the budget report dated 3rd September 2020

Noted

26.4 To review RoSPA play area report 2020

Cllr Pinner reported a resident had advised that the ropes on the nest swing are fraying. Clerk to contact the supplier for replacements.

Page1 – signs. Clerk to arrange quotes for November meeting.

Double swing – rotting timbers. Cllr Weldon to speak to Mr Bevan to see if the posts can be strapped until end of summer.

Cllr Ellis agreed to look at the required repair to the boarding on the playhouse.

Clerk confirmed that the manufacturers had been contacted in the past about the swing being too

close to the balance beam.

Cllr Pettifor suggested that Council look at upgrading the play area in the new year.

- 26.5 To consider request from history society for memorial plaques on bench.

Still waiting to see if a sponsor for the bench can be found.

Resolved: Clerk to advise that the matter is on hold until sponsorship issue dealt with (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

- 26.6 To consider request for memorial bench- The Pond

Several Councillors reported visiting the site and concerns were raised about the space available. Also, concerns were noted regarding ongoing maintenance and the setting of a precedent for the installation of memorial benches.

Resolved: That the request be declined (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

- 26.7 To note the internal audit report 2019/20 and agree any actions.

Council passed on their congratulations to the Clerk on a good internal audit.

Noted

- 26.8 To discuss fallen tree The Pond by school.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that two Councillors had cleared the branches from the pond site and that the debris had been left for wildlife.

- 26.9 To approve transfer of funds from Deposit account to current account.

Clerk advised that with payments having been approved in item 26.1 that the current account did not have sufficient funds pending receipt of the second half of the precept.

Resolved: That a transfer of £3000.00 be made from the deposit account to the current account pending receipt of precept. (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

27.Planning

- 27.1 To consider the following applications received:-

- (i) Application Ref: Reference: 20/02472/HFUL Proposal: Single storey rear extension.
83 The Green Eltisley PE19 6TG

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

- (ii) Reference: 20/02300/HFUL Proposal: Works to convert outbuilding to provide residential amenity.

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Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

- (iii) Reference: 20/02301/LBC Works to convert outbuilding to provide residential amenity.
23 The Green Eltisley PE19 6TG

Resolved: That the application be approved. All in favour

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

- (i) Application ref 20/01608/HFUL Single storey front extension and addition of a dropped kerb.
5 Caxton End

Noted

- 27.3 To note the MADE ORDER: E/4042 - stopping up of highway at 82 Caxton end,
Eltisley, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 6TJ

Noted

- 27.4 To consider the consultation on MHLG three consultations on reform of the planning system and agree any responses.

District Cllr Wright spoke to ask that Council do not hold back on responding.

Cllr Ellis spoke to say that for SCDC the figures seem to show a decrease in the number of houses required. Cllr Wright reminded members that whilst that was true any major plans such as the Cambridge/Oxford road link will be approved with a proviso for additional housing to pay for the scheme. He was also concerned about the sustainability of quality of housing.

District Cllr Howell also commented on the 5-year land supply requirement. This proposal does not prevent land banking by developers.

Concerns were also expressed over the non-democratic delegation of decisions to officers.

Clerk commented that the proposal seems to penalise those Councils that have been meeting their housing quota by providing a higher starting point.

Increased flexibility with regards to PIP was also a concern.

Resolved: That the Clerk formulate the Councils response and email to members before submitting. A copy to be sent to the M.P. All in favour.

28. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To Note SCDC upgrade of street lights to LED .
Noted
- (ii) To consider Community Gritting Scheme applications for Winter 2020 – 2021
Noted
Council do not wish to participate. They will continue to use the grit bins.

29. Items to report.

- Cllr Weldon asked if the contribution to six villages newsletter could be reconsidered as they have published the latest edition.
The Clerk was asked to put onto the next EVGT agenda.
- Cllr Pettifor asked that Council consider a dog waste bin in Potton End. Cllr Howell agreed to ask SCDC if they would empty a bin should it be installed.
- Cllr Pettifor stated he will be checking the peace tree lights ready for Christmas and that he may have to purchase replacements which was approved by Council.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date: