

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 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 M Lines
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

No members of public.
County Cllr M Smith (item 34)
District Cllr N Wright (item 34)

30. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

None

31. 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 Pettifor item 36(ii) resident of Caxton End.

32. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2020.

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

33. Public Forum

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

None

34. District and County Councillor Report

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

County Cllr M Smith drew members attention to a scheme looking at cycling facilities. She spoke regarding the 2nd lockdown stating that there is information on the County Council website but that she can be contacted if anyone is specifically struggling. During lockdown libraries will be offering a limited select and collect service. She also stated that the County are seeking more foster carers. With regards to the village drainage she will contact B Heffernan on behalf of Council. Cllr Smith also agreed to follow up the history societies request that the mile post on the A428 be relocated to the village before works on the new road commence.

District Cllr Wright stated there was not a lot to report from District.

Cllr Howells is dealing with A428.

The proposed rail route is still bubbling along. Cambourne are pushing for a station to the North of Cambourne which will inevitably mean much more housing should it be given approval.

Cllr Pinner spoke to say that he had attended a meeting with Anthony Brown M.P and that the M.P seem to support Cambourne and the proposal is for 4 trains per hour, no freight, diesel engines with consultation starting in February. Council asked Cllr Wright to put their concerns to the M.P on their behalf.

Cllr Pinner asked about the Community Lifeline scheme (item 39.7). It was agreed that more information would be sought prior to the budget meeting in January.
Clerk asked when Covid support grant were being paid, Cllr Pinner advised that the SCDC Covid support team has advised in the next 7-10 days.

35. To note the resignation of Cllr Stephenson.

Cllr Pinner reads out the letter of resignation.

Noted.

36. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428.

Cllr Pinner advised that 2 meetings have been held since September meeting, both especially useful.

Cllr Ellis spoke summarising the presentation he had made to Highways England regarding the issues affecting the Parish based on the proposed scheme. He provided an alternative which is now being looked at by Highways England design team.

Cllr Pettifor asked if the concerns raised had been put into writing. Cllr Ellis advised he had written.

Clerk asked for a copy of the letter as she was unaware of it being sent.

Members asked that the Clerk write on behalf of the Council.

(ii) Village Drainage

Cllr Pinner advised that the work done is now paying dividends. Some work still to be done in Potton End.

Letter in correspondence (item 42(i)) was discussed at this point. Cllr Pettifor spoke advising that the grass cuttings in question had nothing to do with the issue and were from verge being cut and left to compost for use by allotment plot holders.

It was agreed that Cllr Pinner and Cllr Pettifor would meet the resident to discuss the concerns raised. Clerk to arrange.

Letter from resident regarding issues at the pumping station. Cllr Pinner has met with AWA on site over this long-standing matter. AWA to arrange for a meeting with Simeon Carroll @ CCC to discuss.

(iii) Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme.

Cllr Ellis spoke to confirm that an application for a grant had been made on behalf of the Parish Council for £5366.79. This was for the planting of 2500 and 400 (already received from Woodland Trust) trees on 6.5 acres of land around the Parish. Includes cost of legal fees.

Cllr Pettifor advised that he was awaiting final sign off from the church to plant on their land. He also confirmed that there would be no liability on the parish Council.

Cllr Pinner thanked Cllr Ellis for his work on the project.

(iv) Parking and breach of bylaws: The Green

Cllr Pinner confirmed that he had met with the residents of 17 & 21 The Green and agreed that the current damage will be repaired. The residents are also aware that they have access across The Green but that they cannot park on it.

The Old House remains an issue with persistent parking and deliveries being left on The Green.

The Clerk confirmed that she has written twice since September but had no reply.

It was agreed that the Clerk write a strongly worded letter including a copy of the bylaws which Council will be seeking to invoke.

It was also agreed that a copy of the bylaws will be placed into the next newsletter and placed on to the Facebook page.

(v) Review of Facebook page.

Cllr Ellis advised that the page went live on 17th July 2020.

So far 37 likes and 39 followers and 19 posts.

No negative feedback to date.

Cllr Lines sought confirmation that posts were in the name of the Parish Council which was confirmed.

Cllr Pettifor just asked that the site be monitored.

It was agreed that the site should continue.

- (vi) The Pond by the school
Cllr Pettifor asked where the matter of access currently stood.
Clerk confirmed that the last letter to the solicitors asking for their agenda had received no reply.
A discussion took place around the many years of maintenance the Council had carried out most recently with a fallen tree 2 months ago.
Council are aware of a planning application for development at Manor Farm is still pending and that should permission be given this will raise the issue of a "betterment".
Members agreed to contact the owners of the site if/when planning permission is granted.

37. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday January 12th 2021

Items to report.

- Office will be closed 21st December-29th December 2020
- 12TH January meeting will also include budget setting.

38. Members reports

- (i) Parish Forum.
None held.
- (ii) Village working party.
Last meeting had 10 volunteers, ditches cleared and paths in pocket park topped up with chippings.
- (iii) Parish plan survey
See item 39.6
- (iv) Speedwatch
Operated during the Autumn but have now had to step down due to Covid-19 restrictions,.
- (v) Play area repairs
See item 39.6

39. Finance and Risk

39.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- Miss J Bowd salary £372.29 October.
- Mrs A Jackson October £81.01
- HMRC PAYE £113.40 October
- Bradgate grass cutting £528.00
- Haven Power streetlight electricity £22.43, £2.05, £23.21, £2.09
- NGF Play £111.10 ropes for swing
- NGF Play Ltd £1818.00 repairs to swing frame.
- Cambs NHW – 4 signs £56.00
- CCC Street lighting energy £42.10
- Community heartbeat – Defibrillator pads £104.40
- Bradgate – re issue of cheque 1691 as not received £528

Clerk advised that 3 further invoices had been received:

Bradgate £528 – October 2 cuts

Cllr R Pinner – £9.99 masks for volunteers on working party.

Cllr Pettifor £56.43 lights for Peace Tree

Resolved: That with the additions advised the accounts for payment be approved. (prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour

39.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 3rd November 2020

Clerk drew members attention to the current balance and the outstanding cheques to be paid.

A discussion took place over capital items purchased and the need to consider more forward planning when budget setting for precept 2021/22. This is to include provision for support to The Cade who are not trading due to Covid-19.

Cllr Pinner spoke to say that the Pinner family would like to sponsor the recently purchased bench on the provision that a plaque can be placed on it in acknowledgement.

Resolved: That the sponsorship be accepted, and the plaque approved (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Resolved: That the sum of £2256 be transferred from the village institute deposit account to cover capital outlay and a further sum of £ 596.31 be approved should the zero-carbon grant application be successful, this is to cover the third-party contribution. (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour.

39.3 To note the budget report dated 5th November 2020

Noted

39.4 To note the 2020/21 National salary award

Noted

39.5 To note the Covid grant to support vulnerable and those who need to self-isolate – SCDC
See item 34

Noted

39.6 Play equipment

(i) To note quotes for repairs to swing frame.

Noted

(ii) To receive a report on outdoor gym/play equipment proposal

Cllr Pinner thanked Jenny for her work on this project. A summary of the village survey results was provided which showed a 30% response rate. Cllr Pettifor stated Council should be mindful of the views of all age groups and that this Council must not leave a legacy of non-maintenance for future Councils so this must be factored into any plans. Cllr Pinner replied that all age groups had been consulted and several residents without families had replied. It was noted that vandalism was on the increase and that a better range of facilities may help resolve the problem.

It was agreed that if S106 for Potton End site had not been signed off by January 2021 meeting then an application or grant funding to improve the play area will be made to Mick George community fund.

Cllr Pinner advised that the wheels on the goal located on the Green were broken.

Clerk had a quote from the manufacturer for £300 to replace.

Cllr Pinner had sourced from Ibbetts at £27 each.

Resolved: That the wheels be purchased from Ibbetts. (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

39.7 To consider the SCDC community lifeline scheme.

See item34

39.8 To consider repairs to bus shelter.

It was agreed to put the cost of repairs into the budget for 2021/22

39.9 To consider a community project for the planting of wildflowers

Cllr Cropley spoke with regards to getting a scheme considered on land near the church and at other sites around the village.

Clerk queried if any of the land in question was CCC Highways as this would need approval.

Cllr Pinner and Cllr Lines spoke advising that these schemes are high maintenance, they do not just happen. They also require regular maintenance.

That said members want the idea investigated.

Cllr Ellis agreed to investigate further as part of his work with the zero-carbon group.

40.Planning

40.1 To consider the following applications received: -

(i) Application Ref: 20/03762/HFUL Single storey front extension

Poplar House Potton End Eltisley

Resolved: That the application be approved All in favour.

(ii) Application ref: 20/2004/TTCA Tree screen on left hand side of entrance to The Vicarage reduce the height of the trees to approximately 5m along the length of the Old Methodist Chapel. Also prune all overhang to boundary and clear arisings.

The Vicarage, The Green Eltisley PE19 6TG

Resolved: That the application be approved All in favour.

40.2 To note the following applications that have been approved:

(i) Reference: 20/02472/HFUL Single storey rear extension.

83 The Green Eltisley PE19 6TG

Noted

(ii) Reference: 20/02300/HFUL –Works to convert outbuilding to provide ancillary residential Accommodation

23 The Green, Eltisley

Noted

40.3 To note the letter from SCDC: Planning Committee Notifications.

Noted

40.4 To receive an update on the proposed rural exemption site – Hastoe Housing
Cllr Pinner advised that the application was still with SCDC planning and that S106 was still to be signed off. It is hoped this will be done shortly.

41. Christmas Party/Carols.

To discuss arrangements for Christmas Party or alternative.

A discussion took place over what could be done considering the current Covid restrictions preventing the traditional Christmas party.

It was not felt that gifts of sweets was appropriate. A Christmas card to each home was discussed but considered too expensive.

Resolved: That an insert be placed into the December newsletter sending seasonal greeting.
All in favour.

42. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To review complaint about blocked ditch outside my plot – Caxton End
- (ii) See item 36(ii)
- (iii) To note correspondence regarding flood water accumulating by New Weir Pond
Noted
- (iv) To note email regarding formation of working party for installation of MUGA
Clerk to write acknowledging letter and thanking for the suggestion but it is not considered feasible at this time.
Noted
- (v) To note the correspondence form Cambridgeshire Hunt regarding boxing day meet.
Noted
- (vi) To note correspondence/consultation regarding flight paths Luton Airport
Noted

43. Items to report.

- Cllr Pettifor reported on the lights for the Peace tree. 6 new strings ordered, and cherry picker booked for 1st December 2020.
- Cllr Pettifor advised that he will check if Bradgate have repaired the damaged water meter cover as agreed. He asked that this be done before the latest invoice is settled.
- Clerk advised of letter from MAGPAS asking for donation, this is to be discussed at Eltisley Village green Trust meeting following the Council meeting.
- Clerk also advised of Greater Cambridge Local Plan invitation 1st December 2020. Cllr Pinner to attend.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.08 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date: