

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2021 at THE CADE 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 Covid-19 guidelines will be followed and social distancing, wearing of face masks and hand sanitising will be observed.

The maximum number of members of public that can be accommodated is 8.

PRESENT:

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)
Cllr A Weldon
Cllr S Ellis
Cllr E Painter
Cllr J Pettifor
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

No members of public.
District Councillor N Wright

40. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr M Lines -personal
CCC Cllr M Smith -personal
SCDC – M Howell - personal

41. Declarations of Interest.

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

None

42. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2021.

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

All in favour.

43. Public Forum

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

None

44. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

SCDC Cllr N Wright advised that members had been briefed on the local plan to 2036. SCDC are required to build 40,000 new homes but have elected to build 49,000. Some sites are already allocated including Marshalls Cambridge which is now offered again for development of 12,000 homes. Bourne airfield is to be built out and Waterbeach to develop 12,000 homes. Northstowe and other large villages such as Sawston are earmarked to make up the deficit.

Eltisley ward is looking at a period of consolidation.

The only proviso is where the East West rail station is going. Although it is expected to be at least 8 years before this project is completed.

Cllr Ellis asked why more houses than required are being built. Cllr Wright explained that SCDC wish to keep the 5-year land supply so that the plan does not become invalid.

Cllr Wright went on to explain that a lot of work is currently being done with regards to flooding.

Cllr Pinner asked if the A428 and Rail projects will be linked. Cllr Wright expected them to be 2 separate ring-fenced projects.

45. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428.

Cllr Pinner reported that 2 meetings had been held since the last Council meeting. The meeting on the 5th September was attended by all local Parish Councils. The main topic of concern was traffic on local roads. Parish Councils asked that action be taken to prevent rat running prior to start of works.

Meeting held on 18th September was Eltisley only. It was agreed that the Parish proposal to move the roundabout by 20m would be implemented.

It was also noted that the milestone has yet to be moved to within the village boundary.

(ii) Village Drainage

Cllr Pinner reported that the ditches on Potton End have been dug out and the soil left around the bottom of the trees has been removed.

Concerns were raised that the outlet needs unblocking, but this will be monitored over winter.

Clerk advised that CCC are carrying out a survey around riparian rights, this will be sent out to Councillors.

(iii) Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme.

Cllr Ellis has spoken to SCDC about the grant of £5000 and it has been agreed that the money allocated for the planting of trees which cannot now happen due to not reaching an agreement with the landowner. The grant can be used for re wilding areas of land around the village. Plans will be drawn up and quotes obtained.

Cllr Pettifor asked that Clerk to check the time limit for draw down of grant funds.

(iv) Tommy sign siting.

Clerk handed out photographs of the possible locations.

It was agreed that by the Lychgate would be the best locations. Cllr Pinner will arrange for a working party to install the sign before Remembrance Day.

(v) Pond Caxton End.

Nothing to report.

(vi) Play Equipment.

Installed and open for use. Cllr Pinner reported on the article in the Hunts Post and advised that 2 fitness groups are now using the outdoor gym on a regular basis.

(vii) Caravan – woodland Potton End.

Nothing to report.

Ongoing trying to identify owners.

(xiv) Grass cutting – CCC

Cllr Pinner reported that he had met with Nicola Burden (CCC Highways) to discuss taking over verge cutting in March 2022. Disputed area alongside B1040 will not be taken over by Parish Council.

Current offer is £1906p.a

Bradgates have quoted £160/cut.

Cllr Pettifor asked if trees etc were also being taken over, Cllr Pinner confirmed it was just verges.

However, on trees, Clerk is obtaining quotes for tree works as identified on recent tree survey. It was suggested that Charlie Vince be approached for a quote.

(x) Bus shelter & seat repairs.

Cllr Pinner reported that the seat outside of The Cade needs repairing. It was agreed that this should be done with hardwood.

Cllr Pinner also reported damage to the net and wheel of the goal post. A new wheel is on order and a new net has been provided.

Cllr Painter asked if a second goal could be purchased. Clerk to seek possible funding.

Resolved: That the Clerk seek funding for 2nd goal to be purchased and if not successful then the money be taken from the Gibbs Denley investment (Prop Cllr Painter 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

A discussion took place around relocating the unused shelter on St Neots Road to the site on The Green, Concern was expressed on the visual impact.

Chairman to seek resident opinion via ramblings and Clerk to check planning requirements and grant funding options. The Councillors are asked to check and give their opinion on the bus shelter in St Neots Road. Matter to be resolved at the November meeting.

(xi) Christmas party & Peace tree lights

Cllr Painter reported that the school fete is on 4th December. It was agreed to change the date of the event to Saturday 11th December 2021 subject to government restrictions at the time.

Time 2-4pm

Cllrs to donate a raffle prize each.

Clerk to write to WI requesting mince pies.

Peace tree lights: Cllr Pettifor is not confident that the lights which have remained up over the past 12 months will still work.

It was agreed to get the cherry picker booked and new lights purchased as necessary.

46. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 9th November 2021

Items to report.

- Clerk attending CAPLAC Conference on 17th September 2021.
- Clerk attended SLCC branch meeting 10th September 2021.- Presentation on Neighbourhood Safer Speed Team by Cambridgeshire Police.

47. Members reports

(i) Parish Forum.

None

(ii) Village working party

Cllr Pinner reported that a session was held 2 weeks ago and the paths in the pocket park were resurfaced.

(iii) Parish plan survey.

A review of the Parish plan is due. The steering group will draw up a mini survey for distribution once approved by Council at the November meeting.

(iv) Speedwatch.

Cllr Pinner reported a more positive approach from the Police. Now carry out 3 sessions/week.

(v) Carbon neutral projects.

See item 45(iii)

Cllr Ellis stated that a launch was held pre lockdown and that a relaunch may now be appropriate to revitalise interest.

(vi) Broadband.

No response from Openreach.

(vii) Platinum Jubilee 2022.

Cllr Weldon reported that this will be considered after The Cade AGM.

48. Finance and Risk

48.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- Miss J Bowd salary July £331.97 August £332.17
- Mrs A Jackson July £87.01 August £87.01
- HMRC July PAYE £80.40 August £80.20
- Cade building Insurance £1296.69
- Haven power £1.30 & £4.48
- Mr I Fordham £149.60 (meat for play area opening)
- Mrs E Painter £192 (reimbursement for ice cream van play area opening)
- Bradgate £528.00 Grass cutting July. £792.00 August
- Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council £208 office quarterly rent.
- Came & Co insurance renewal £1,102.80.

Resolved: That with the addition of the following:

NGF Play £22561.65

Haven Power £1.30 & £4.48

PT Pinner & Son £691.10 (play equipment materials)

Miss J Bowd September salary £342.77

Mrs A Jackson September salary £87.01

HMRC September £80.40

Mr J Brinkley - Pond works £1340.00

That the accounts for payment totalling £30382.34 be approved (Prop Cllr Painter 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

48.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 8th September 2021.

Noted

48.3 To note the budget report dated 8th September 2021.

Noted

48.4 To consider application to CCC under LHI BID 2022/23

A discussion took place around traffic issues.

Resolved: That the application form last year be resubmitted to get weight restrictions through the village enforced. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

48.5 To approve transfer of fund from Village Institute account to cover cost of play equipment pending s106 funds.

Resolved: That the transfer of £20138.65 be approved (Prop Cllr Painter 2nd Cllr Weldon) 4 in favour 1 against.

48.6 To approve the amendment to the insurance policy covering the new play/gym equipment.

Resolved: That the renewal and amendments be approved. All in favour.

48.7 To review Gibbs Denley Investment Rebalance – completion & portfolio valuation.

Cllr Pinner reported on the excellent performance of the investment.

Noted

49. Correspondence

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

(i) To note tree works to be completed by SCDC.

Noted

(ii) To approve request for Newt monitoring, Village Pond Caxton End Eltisley.

The Clerk was asked to contact the applicant and ask for a site plan which is then to be emailed out to the Council.

(iii) To note the revocation TPO 0011 (1985) - Land to the north of Eltisley Wood, Eltisley

Noted

(iv) To consider SCDC offer of 6 free trees.

Resolved; That the trees be applied for (Prop Cllr Ellis 2ND Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

50. items to report

- Clerk reported the correspondence relating to the Cambridge Oxford Arc and environment al issues.
- Clerk reported changes to SCDC street trading consultation.
- Cllr painter reported the low numbers in the school, now 63 pupils in 3 classes. Concerns are that the school remains sustainable. A new head teacher is being sought for January 2022.
- Cllr Weldon reported meeting, by accident, with Mr Gaskin CCC Highways on bridle path 1 & 2. A conversation took place over the possibility of laying tailings. Cllr Weldon advised that these would not be welcome by users but that the cutting back of the overhanging vegetation was welcome. Clerk asked to register object to tailing online and to advise CCC Cllr M Smith.

51. To resolve to close the remainder of the meeting to the public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Resolved: That the meeting be closed to the public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. (Prop Cllr Pinner 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm

The Clerk left the meeting

52. To approve Clerks staff appraisal 2021

Resolved; That the appraisal be approved. All in favour.

Meeting reopened 9.15pm

Clerk returned to the meeting.

Chairman advised Clerk that the members are pleased with her work, and they appreciate the increasing workload therefore she must ask if further assistance is required.

Being no further business, the meeting closed 9.16 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date: