

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 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.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

9 members of public.
County Cllr M Smith
District Councillor N Wright

58. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr S Ellis - personal
Cllr M Lines – personal
District Cllr M Howell- business

59. 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

60. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14TH & 28TH September 2021.

Cllr Cropley stated that he was present at the meeting on 14th September

Cllr Pettifor asked that item 45(xiv) be amended as he had asked that the Clerk check that in taking over the verge maintenance CCC Highways will still clear the gully's and road grips.

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

61. Public Forum

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

5 Members of public addressed the council in turn regarding concerns over the new play equipment and management of The Green

The concerns were all based around the following:

- Cost
- Public Safety
- Visual impact
- Lack of communication
- Lack on consultation

The Charman replied on some matters, but it was agreed that all matters could not be resolved at the meeting. The concerns would be looked at and brought back to the next meeting.

Notes from individual residents are attached under appendix A

62. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

County Cllr Smith spoke regarding correspondence relating to the current road works and road closure on the A428 whilst a cycle path is installed. She apologised for not replying to the Clerks email on the subject but wanted to hear comments directly at the meeting to feed back to the weekly review meeting.

Cllr Pettifor questioned whether villages affected had been consulted and, in his opinion, residents are being "fobbed off" about all matters relating to the A428. He stated that CCC should not underestimate the power of feeling amongst residents as this is affecting their lives. Action should have been taken after the major accident last week.

Cllr Painter stated that the current situation is outrightly dangerous.

Cllr Pinner considered the works ill-conceived and poorly planned.

Several residents interjected with supporting comments for the Parish Councillor comments.

Cllr Smith said she would look at how the situation can be managed over the next 3 months whilst the works are ongoing.

District Councillor N Wright encouraged residents and the Council to comment on the current local plan consultation and reiterated that 49,000 homes are planned to be built as opposed to the 40,000-limit set for the area.

Cllr Wright further stated that the MP is pushing to get the number reduced.

He also confirmed to a resident that s106 funds are the vehicle to address issues such as doctors, schools etc which a resident considered necessary with all the new housing.

Cllr Pettifor asked if development was planned for this side of the gibbet, to which he was advised that no plans to the effect have been seen, however if the East- West rail link brings a station at Cambourne then further development will be inevitable. A new town will not be subject to planning constraints.

63. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428

Cllr Pinner advised that this is now with the planning inspectorate and that a decision is expected in the New year.

(ii) Village Drainage

Cllr Pinner reported on the excellent work in Potton End and confirmed that the owner of the caravan in Potton End has been written to advising of the riparian rights.

As CCC are now offering grants for works under riparian rights Cllr Pinner advised that this may be looked at for the next round of work.

(iii) Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme

The Chairman advised of the areas being considered for re-wilding.

Clerk referred to a statement from Cllr Ellis which asked for Council to consider a contribution to the church for water used re the planting of trees.

It was agreed that a contribution of £25.00 be made, to be paid from the zero-grant carbon grant.

(iv) Play Equipment.

Cllr Pinner advised that investigation into a new goal post had not found a grant funding scheme. Also, it had not been possible to source a single goal as they are sold in pairs.

Cllr Painter confirmed that the school has just purchased 4 new goals.

Cllr Pettifor suggested buying to new goals and selling the old one.

(v) Caravan – woodland Potton End

Owner has been written to advising of riparian rights.

(vi) Grass cutting – CCC

Nothing to report

(vii) Bus shelter & seat repairs.

Cllr Pinner advised that the wood for the seat repairs is on order.

Cllr Pinner spoke regarding the overwhelming response from residents to the newsletter asking for comments on repairs or replacement of the shelter in favour of repairing the existing shelter.

He confirmed that quotes for the work will now be sought.

(viii) Christmas party & Peace tree lights

Cllr Pettifor confirmed that the cherry picker is on order for 7th December and that the replacement lights have been supplied free of charge.

Cllr Pettifor offered his apologies for attendance at the Christmas party.

Cllr Pinner confirmed that plans for the party are in hand apart from a volunteer who is required to make mulled wine.

64. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

9th November 2021,

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday January 11th

Items to report.

- LHI BID application submitted 21/9/21
- Reply regarding damaged bus stop sign - *Thank you for reporting this issue. I inspected the bus stop pole a while ago and whilst I don't regard it as dangerous or at risk of falling over, I did intend to get it replaced. Unfortunately, due rapidly diminishing budgets this is no longer possible for the time being so I'm closing this report down and would invite you to raise the issue again in the new financial year.*
- I will be attending a SCDC procurement session via zoom 15/11/21 7pm.
- Closure of A428 – For cycle path installation 4 months. Reported to Highways England 1/11/21 ref: 22102923. Officer advised SLA of 10 days, but he will mark as urgent. Later confirmed that this is a CCC Highways project.

65. Members reports

(i) Parish Forum.

Cllr Pinner advised that the next forum meeting is to be held on 29th November via Zoom.

Regrettably he is unable to attend

(ii) Village working party.

None planned

(iii) Parish plan survey.

Cllr Pettifor spoke to say that, considering the comments made in the public forum he would like to see the work of this group re visited and the terms of reference and management reviewed.

Cllr Pinner advised that the survey is about to be repeated in line with the requirement for the plan to be refreshed every 4 years.

Cllr Cropley spoke to express his concerns that a permanent wicket for cricket use may be placed on The Green.

It was agreed that this will be taken to the January meeting.

(iv) Speedwatch

Cllr Pinner advised he had held a meeting with the county speedwatch co-ordinator and the locations of the equipment had been approved.

It was also agreed that collecting data from the area outside of the Cade would be useful in the possible implementation of a 20mph speed limit.

Cllr Pettifor felt that as monitoring of a 20mph limit would be difficult energy should be put into getting traffic away from the village.

(v) Broadband

Clerk reported no response from Openreach.

Cllr Pettifor asked that Council upped the "anti" as many residents were experiencing issues with broadband.

(vi) Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Weldon said there had been no update from the Cade committee.

Cllr Pettifor felt that this was due to the event being so far in the future.

66. Finance and Risk

66.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- Miss J Bowd salary September £342.77 October £321.37
- Mrs A Jackson September £87.01 October 87.01
- HMRC September PAYE £80.40 October £80.20
- PT Pinner & Son materials for play area £691.10
- Mr J Brinkley £1340.00 pond clearance
- Bradgate Ltd grass cutting £528.00
- CAPALC – Councillor training £150.00

Clerk advised of 2 further invoices PT Pinner & Son £175.90 (reimbursement for wood for seat),

Bradgate Ltd £528.00

Resolved: That with the addition of the above 2 items, That the accounts for payment totalling £5708.45 be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Painter) All in favour.

Cllr Pettifor asked if a quote could be sought to clear the fallen leaves from The Green.

A discussion took place but no further action to be taken at this time.

66.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 1st November 2021

Noted

66.3 To note the budget report dated 1st November 2021

Noted

66.4 To consider quotes for tree survey works.

Clerk confirmed that 5 companies had been approached.

2 quotes received

1 reply advising that they Are not in a position to quote.

As 1 contractor has not supplied a complete quote, Clerk to revisit and bring back to Council.

66.5 To approve the transfer of £3760.28 to Village institute reserve account (VAT reclaim for play equipment).

Resolved: That the transfer of £3760.28 to the Village institute reserve account be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Cropley) 4 in favour. 1 Abstention.

67. Policy

(i) To adopt the new model code of conduct.

Clerk confirmed that the model code has been adopted by SCDC.

Resolved: That the new model code of conduct be adopted. (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

68. Correspondence

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

(i) To consider letter from resident(s) relating to the management of The Green.

Cllr Pettifor spoke to say that he had felt the strength of feeling from residents and some matters cannot be resolved tonight e.g., communication which in his opinion needs to come back to a future meeting.

With regards to the Risk assessment, Insurance, legality around the play equipment these need addressing as a matter of urgency. Cllr Pettifor thanked those present for their feedback.

Cllr Painter spoke to say that Council have listened to the concerns and agree that matters will be taken away and sorted, however, she also stated that those present at the meeting were not fully representative of the community.

(ii) To approve request for Boxing Day hunt, meet.

Resolved: That the request for the Boxing Day hunt meet on 27th December 2021 be approved subject to the usual conditions.

It was noted that The Cade may not be open. (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Painter) All in favour

(iii) To note Freedom of Information request.

Noted

(iv) To consider Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation

Cllr Pinner asked members to look at and get comments to the Clerk so that a response from the Council can be made.

69. items to report

- Cllr Pinner advised of a post covid workshop.
- Clerk advised that planning for 38 Caxton End ref 20/05300/FUL & 20/05301/LBC has been granted.
- Clerk advised of an email from a resident questioning the cones in Caxton End.
- Clerk advised that a refund for street lighting electricity is awaited total £94.59.
- Cllr Weldon asked if damaged bus sign on St Neots Road could be reported again as it is dangerous.
- Cllr Pettifor asked that the bus shelter be investigated further. This matter has been discussed under item 61(vii).

Being no further business, the meeting closed 8.50 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date: