

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 at NEWTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL at 7.00pm**

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

**PRESENT:**

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)  
Cllr A Weldon  
Cllr M Lines (item 29 vii onwards)  
Cllr M Cropley  
Cllr S Ellis  
Cllr E Painter  
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

2 members of public  
SCDC Cllr Sandford

**24. Apologies.**

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.  
CCC Cllr M Smith

**25. 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

**26. Minutes.**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Resolved;** That the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Ellis) All in Favour

**Resolved;** That the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Ellis) 4 in Favour 1 Abstention.

**27. Public Forum**

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

A resident spoke to say that she had raised the retirement from the Council of J Pettifor at the last full Council meeting and although a letter had been sent as agreed the minutes do not record Councils "thanks" to Mr Pettifor for his length of service to the community.

Resident also asked the Clerk if she could recall the budget figure for the election. The Clerk confirmed that £3000 had been allocated on the assumption of a contested election. Resident suggested that as the election was uncontested these funds be used for the refurbishment of the bus shelter. She also stated that from personal experience the brown plastic did not fade and was very realistic.

**28. District and County Councillor Reports**

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor

District Councillor Sanford had sent a written report prior to the meeting which was circulated in papers.

As this was his first meeting Cllr Sandford advised that he has been secretary of the Liberal Democrats for 2 1/2 years, he sits on 4 committees for SCDC

Currently the climate and Environment committee is looking at increasing solar panels, EV charging points in public areas and composting.

The EW rail link has been delayed due to central government changes. Oxford/Cambridge Arc is undergoing a rebranding exercise based more around commercial partnerships.

There remains pressure on refuse collection due to the turnover of staff.

Aircraft noise is an issue and Cllr Sandford has asked that complaints are emailed to him so that they can be collated, and the matter investigated.

## 29. Matters arising from previous meeting.

- (i) Jubilee bench – grant.  
Clerk advised of successful grant and Cllr Pinner confirmed that plaque has been received from SCDC.  
Options on bench discussed and hexagonal recycled plastic option settled upon.  
**Resolved:** That a brown hexagonal picnic bench be ordered from NBB £805 plus fixings. Shortfall in funds to come from EVGT. (Prop Cllr Painter 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.
- (ii) Flood prevention grant.  
Clerk reported this is ongoing.
- (iii) A428 including Milestone.  
Cllr Ellis & Cllr Weldon reported that he had met with representatives dealing with the construction phase. It was introductions only not a discussion on the plans.  
They did agree to look into the matter of the milestones.
- (iv) Jubilee report.  
On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Pinner thanked all involved in organising a wonderful event, the hard work was appreciated by all.  
Coins for the children still to be handed out as they arrived 2 days after the village event.
- (v) Cross path.  
Cllr Pinner reported that he is meeting with Mr M Parsons (SCDC) to discuss damage caused by bin lorries.  
S Carroll (CCC Highways) has agreed to replace the bollard and the replacement will have a combination lock which the residents will have the code for to permit deliveries. He also agrees that when funding allowed he would rebuild the culvert, Caxton End.
- (vi) Parish Plan survey.  
Cllr Pinner reported a good response with same issues as 2017.
- Costs & Precept
  - Speed reduction measures through the village
  - Parking bays on cross path
  - Weight restrictions for HGV's
  - Lights for the play area
  - Dog waste bins/clearing up.
  - Broadband/telephone speeds & reception.
  - Community shop
  - Coffee shop/community café.
- It was agreed to discuss the community shop & coffee shop with The Cade.  
Cllr Painter suggested a village map showing where dog waste bin and litter bins are located.  
**Resolved:** Plan will be updated, and residents informed. Cross path to be looked into for the provision of parking bays and this will be discussed with S Carroll when he meets with Cllr Pinner. (Prop Cllr Ellis 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.
- (vii) Parish Forum.  
Cllr Ellis attended the virtual meeting.  
There was a presentation on Ukrainian refugees.  
East-West rail link and the Cambs SE transport link both have raised concerns with potential routes and the impact on local villages.  
There was also a discussion on aircraft noise.  
Good news was that in future planning applications will take into consideration public transport in the locality.
- (viii) Zero carbon project  
Cllr Ellis reported that the wild flowering had been partially successful with some sites being damaged by rabbits. For the first year this is considered a success.  
The church trees planted continue to thrive although 10 trees have been damaged by strimming.

Cllr Pinner asked that CCC Cllr Smith be contacted about the grass cutting of the “no mans land” between the island and the 30mph sign on the A428.

(viii) Play area.

Cllr Pinner reported that the damaged beam has been repaired by NGF Play and replaced.

He also reported that the sign by the outdoor gym equipment has been vandalised and it was agreed to put a backing board behind the sign before re fixing it.

Litter pickers have now been purchased and will be available for use from a bin behind the Cade.

The Parish Plan steering group will continue to look into the provision of lighting in the play are and then make a presentation to Council for their consideration.

### 30. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Items to report

- Internal auditor will no longer be offering audit services next year. I am currently seeking quotes for alternatives which I will bring to September meeting.
- Clerk off on holiday w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022
- CCC Highways Road closure Potton End Eltisbury Church Fete 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Zero Carbon Communities Facebook Page is now up and running.

### 31. Finance and Risk

31.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

J Bowd salary May £324.97 June £324.97

A Jackson salary May £92.74 June £88.29

HMRC May £78.80 June £78.80

Source Water £48.10

Beebys wildflower seeds £2227.50

Evelay Ltd Jubilee coins £675.00

SCDC Elections £105.00

Bradgate £1128.00 3 cuts: The green plus verges 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Drax £1.18,£4.16,£2.60;£4.64,£0.36

Mr I Fordham £149.60 (reissue of lost cheque from 2021)

**Resolved:** That the payments be approved (Prop Cllr Lines 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Painter) All in favour.

31.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Noted**

31.3 To note the budget report dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Noted**

*Cllr Painter left the meeting 8.05pm*

31.4 To note the Gibbs Denley investment valuation dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Cllr Ellis asked if a comparison report can be produced giving historic yields. Clerk to write.

**Noted**

*Cllr Painter returned to the meeting 8.07pm*

### 32. Policy.

To review and approve the following policy documents.

(i) Standing orders.

Clerk advised that the standing orders had previously been reviewed and accepted but that 2 subsequent changes had been made.

**Resolved:** That the amendments be approved. (Prop Cllr Lines 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour

(ii) Risk assessment

The risk assessment was reviewed.

**Resolved;** That the risk assessment be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Painter)  
All in favour.

**33.Co-option**

To consider application received for Co-option

The application received was provide to all members in Council papers.

**Resolved:** That Mr D Stevenson be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All in favour.

**34.Correspondence**

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

- (i) To note email regarding Peace tree lights  
Mr Stevenson agreed to take over this project following the retirement of J Pettifor  
**Noted**
- (ii) To consider letter regarding allotment administration.  
Deferred to Allotment meeting
- (iii) To note email from Hastoe Housing regarding the rural exemption site  
**Noted**
- (iv) To note correspondence relating to Platinum Jubilee celebrations.  
Cllr painter agreed to look into personalising the certificate provided in recognition of the efforts of the community.  
**Noted**
- (v) To note correspondence details for owner of land – Potton End  
**Noted**
- (vi) To consider residents letter regard verges and the creation of raised beds.  
A discussion took place, but it was agreed that raised beds would not be appropriate in this location.  
It was suggested that wild flowering could be considered.  
Clerk to write to resident.
- (vii) To consider request for skip on The Green outside number 59  
Approved subject to normal terms and conditions.

**35. items to report.**

- Cllr Pinner reported a letter advising of grants for defibrillators. It was agreed that no action would be taken at this time. Cllr Ellis did ask if another training session could be arranged.
- Cllr Pinner reported that the contract for the bus shelter had been awarded but that no reply had yet been received.
- Cllr Pinner reported that the quote for tree works was still awaited.
- Cllr Pinner reported he had contacted Sgt. Rob Taylor who is reinstating quarterly meetings commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
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Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman

Date: