

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023 at THE CADE 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 S Ellis
Cllr D Stevenson
Cllr M Lines
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

1 member of public
CCC M Smith
SCDC P Sandford

80. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr M Cropley - personal

81. 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 Pinner non pecuniary – item 89.1 on organising group.

Cllr Weldon non pecuniary – item 89.1 on organising group

82. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2023.

Resolved: That the minutes of 10th January 2023 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

Resolved: That the confidential minutes of 10th January 2023 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour

Resolved: That the Ex-ordinary minutes of 13th February 2023 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour

83. Public Forum

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

None

84. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

CCC M Smith asked if verges grant had been received. Clerk confirmed that it was not on the most recent bank statement. Cllr Smith agreed to follow up.

The 20mph speed limit scheme is now open for applications and closed in April.

A428 plan to get a meeting arranged in new on-site office in April.

Cross path- S Carroll has provided an update on the bollards. Culvert still to be rebuilt in Caxton End.

C2C- Busway – Cllr Smith asked members for their opinions.

Cllr Lines & Pinner both spoke to state that this was not a joined-up approach, should include St Neots. The destruction that would be caused by the development is outweighed by the limited benefit of providing buses where there are already good services.

Cllr Sandford had sent out a written report that was circulated to members, no questions were raised.

Cllr Sandford advised he has raised a question with leader of CCC asking that she uses her influence with the combined authority regarding the bus services and the failure of the services.

Bins are being looked at and a report is expected in May, but it is possible that routes will be reviewed. Cllr Lines asked that collection times are looked at in line with school collection/drop off to avoid unnecessary congestion.

Later this year a food waste caddy will be delivered for use by households as part of a central government directive. It is not certain how the waste will be used.

Cllr Pinner raised the home improvement scheme issued by SCDC; this is a joint venture with HDC. He also agreed to circulate the care together survey from CCC for Councillors to complete.

Cllr Sandford suggested contacting Cllr H Batchelor to arrange use of litter pickers for Monday after the Coronation.

85. Matters arising from previous meeting.

- (i) A428 including Milestone.

Covered

- (ii) Parish Plan survey.

Cllr Pinner advised that the Clerk is in the process of applying for a grant for the printing and for obtaining quotes for print costs. Hopefully these will be ready for issue before the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

- (iii) Cross path.

CCC Highways have raised an order for the reinstatement of the 2 bollards.

Option to have combi lock or existing lock returned. Members agreed that the existing lock was preferable.

An order has been raised for rebuilding the culvert Caxton End, but this remains outstanding.

A discussion took place over parking bays, and it was agreed to continue looking into the creation of two 2 vehicle bays to provide parking for the 4 homes affected as they have no off-street parking.

- (iv) Parish Forum.

Cllr Pinner reported that this is dominated by the large Parishes and is of no use to Eltisley.

- (v) Luton Airport.

SCDC Cllr Sandford stated he had dialled into the last forum; the sound made it difficult to follow the thread, but it was agreed that the lobby group would continue. This is a national issue, and our MPs are involved.

Cllr Ellis stated that the flights were definitely varying flight paths and the noise varied as a result. He saw little benefit from continuing the lobby.

Cllr Pinner agreed to mention in his “ramblings” to gauge residents’ opinion.

- (vi) Bus shelter.

Cllr Stevenson reported on the works to date. Weather conditions have been difficult, but it is hoped that the work will be completed in next 2 weeks.

He also advised that the benches are rotten and need replacing along with the outside noticeboard.

- (vii) Play area & lighting.

A lengthy discussion took place over possible options. Dilemma is too much light will affect residents too little will be ineffective for using the equipment.

Solar power is the only option as no power is on site.

A member of the public spoke to state that lighting the area will not be agreeable on Health & Safety grounds.

It was agreed to shelve the project.

- (viii) Cost of living crisis.

No grant applications received.

The offer of free wood from recent working party was not taken up.

No further action to be taken.

(viii) Village drainage – riparian rights,

Cllr Pinner spoke to say that residents need to be reminded of their responsibilities and that there had been some new residents who needed advising.

It was agreed that the riparian letter/flyer be reissued.

Cllr Stevenson asked if the flood water on Potton End was due to the blocked drains. It was thought this was due to the recent excessive heavy rainfall.

86. Items to report.

- Cllr Pinner reported that he had met with new Head teacher Ms Stevens. Members agreed to invite her to speak at the Annual Parish meeting on 9th May 2023. Cllr Pinner was pleased to report that numbers at the school are increasing.
- Cllr Ellis spoke about the rewilding project. It was agreed that 2 areas would be done by volunteers this year. Cllr Ellis to see if funding still available from grant if not seed to be purchased up to £50.
- Cllr Lines spoke to say he would like to see small patches of the Green left unmown to increase biodiversity.

87. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 9th May 2023

APM – 9th MAY 2023.

Items to report.

- Wayleave agreement with County Broadband signed as approved January meeting.
- Internal auditor booked 20th April 2023.
- Easter Holiday – 7th-10th April 2023 office will be closed for 4 days.
- 8th May – Bank holiday for Coronation King Charles III
- 8/2/23 £1725 received from CCC ref water course grant.

88. Finance and Risk.

88.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- (i) Cade room hire £7.50
- (ii) Cambs acre subscription £60.00
- (iii) February HMRC £170.80
- (iv) February Salaries £789.07
- (v) open spaces society £45.00
- (vi) Street light energy DRAX £4.64 & £1.30
- (vii) Cade room hire £13.13
- (viii) PT Pinner & Son Peace tree lights £240.40
- (viii) PT Pinner & Son Peace tree lights £52.84
- (ix) Streetlights -DRAX £1.30 & £4.64
- (x) Reimbursement Cllr Weldon union jack flag £80.40

Clerk advised that an additional invoice of £31.50 The Cade needed to be included and that the payment to Cllr Weldon did not need to be made as a resident had paid for the flag by donation.

Resolved: That with the above amendments, the payments be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

88.2 To note the bank reconciliation as 8th March 2023

Noted

- 88.3 To note the budget report dated 8th March 2023.
Clerk asked to send out a breakdown of the “contingency” payments
Noted
- 88.4 To approve update to Nat West banking mandate to remove past Councillors and add new Councillors.
Clerk advised that she had been to Huntingdon branch and that Cllrs Stevenson, Lines & Ellis needed adding to the mandate and Ex Councillors Pettifor and Herring needed removing.
Clerk was asked to make the relevant applications for these changes.
- 88.5 To consider request for donation - The Summer Rendezvous Holiday Club
Resolved: that a donation of £75 be made. Reimbursement from EVGT. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.
- 88.6 To consider options for Coronation memorabilia for Parish.
Clerk provided a list of some ideas.
Clerk asked to look into coins that may be available.
- 88.7 To note letter from Gibbs Denley 28th February 2023 advising of merger with Progeny.
Noted

89. Community events

- (i) To discuss plans for Coronation of King Charles III
Cllr Pinner reported that plans are in hand. The event will be lower key than the Jubilee.
Big lunch on Sunday with “BYO” FOOD. Cade will be open to serve breakfast and to watch the Coronation on TV.
Monday is community litter pick followed by cream teas.
Unveiling of bus shelter & raising of new flag to be incorporated into the celebrations. Was suggested that Cllr Cropley unveil the bus shelter and residents who donated the flag be asked to raise it on the day.
Clerk asked who is doing the risk assessment. Cllr Weldon will discuss this with Nichola.
- (ii) To receive a verbal update on working party Saturday March 12th, 2023.
Cllr Pinner reported that the day was well supported with the paths in the pocket park being re Dressed with wood chips. Dead wood was removed from the trees and removed from site.
- (iii) To receive a verbal report on open meeting 9th March 2023.
Cllr Pinner reported a lack of support but those who did attend were very engaged and enthusiastic. It was agreed that social media be used for relaying information for Neighborhood watch volunteers. Speedwatch needs more volunteers. It was suggested that a “station” be set up in Caxton End to catch problems outside of the school including parking on double yellow lines in Greenfields.

90. To consider applications for co-option.

One application received.

Cllr Pinner spoke in support of candidate as did Cllr Stevenson.

Resolved; That Ms Jackie Francis be co-opted on to the Parish Council. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Stevenson) All in favour.

Cllr Pinner & Clerk will be in touch with Cllr Francis regarding formalities.

91. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

- (i) To note Consultation on updates to local validation list requirements
Noted
- (ii) To consider request for donations MAGPAS.
Resolved: that a donation of 30.00 be made. Reimbursement from EVGT. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.
- (iii) To note the opening of Cambridgeshire County Council 20mph Application Process
Noted
- (iv) To note the approved TTRO 23/383 Potton End, Eltisley.
Noted

92. items to report

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Chairman

Date:

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