

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JULY 2023 at THE CADE at 7.00pm

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

PRESENT:

Cllr R Pinner

Cllr A Weldon

Cllr S Ellis

Cllr D Stevenson (Chairman)

Cllr M Lines

IN ATTENDANCE:

3 members of public

CCC Cllr M Smith

SCDC Cllr P Sandford

17 Apologies

Cllr J Francis - personal

Clerk Miss Jane Bowd – personal

18. 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 Stevenson item 24.10 Pecuniary

19. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2023

Resolved *That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Ellis 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour*

20. Public Forum

One Member of the Public spoke about the dangers of the Cambridge Road and B1040 Junction onto the A428, and as the new road was some years away something should be done. There was general agreement, and CCCllr Mandy Smith reported that discussions on this problem were ongoing. She advised contacting the relevant Council Officer whose details she would forward. The Chairman added that the PC had held numerous meetings with the A428 team and County Highways where we have pointed out our concerns and stressed the need for adequate signage and speed measures. He was pleased to report that we would have access to a Speed Camera Van once work started.

A second Member of the Public questioned the position of the roundabouts and was told that this was also under discussion.

21. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillors

CCC Cllr Mandy Smith announced details of a forthcoming Flood Group Meeting and said she was investigating Legacy Funding and Footpath continuity associated with the new road, and also details of a Priorities Capital fund for Capital projects. Concern was expressed at the disruption to be caused by the new A428, the proposed East West Railway and the possible new town north of Cambourne and the effect on the existing infrastructure. It was felt that there was a great need for all the relevant teams to get together for a joined up approach.

SCDC Cllr Peter Sandford reported that the Bin pick up days would be Tuesdays to Fridays and that the Council was saving a great deal of money by exercising a 4 day week. there had been numerous objections to the proposed Congestion charges in Cambridge leading to the Council seeking alternatives to be announced in the Autumn. There is to be an initiative to involve more young people in Cummunities, and SCDC had the best Council Tax collection rate in the Country. He reported on an interesting visit to the Police Headquarters and was asked if improvements could be made to the 101 call answering rates'

Cllr Pinner urged members to attend an on-line meeting with the local Policing Teams on 8th August.

22. Clerks Report

Clerk's report was noted and sympathy expressed for her sister's recent accident.

23. Members reports

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| (i) Parish Forum | Nothing to report |
| (ii) Village Working party | Nothing to report |
| (iii) Parish Plan Survey | Nothing to report |
| (iv) Speedwatch | Nothing to report |
| (v) Carbon Neutral Projects | |

Cllr Ellis reported on the success of the Wild Flower Area and the problem of thistles in the area of trees in the Churchyard. Cllr Weldon said that it seemed unfair that the members of the PCC had to do so much of the weeding. Cllr Ellis replied that anyone was welcome to help.

Cllr Pinner offered to spray the new growth to help keep the weeds under control.

- (vi) Coronation memorabilia
It was reported that approx. 70 coins had been distributed to all the children under 16 in the Parish
- (vii) Cross Path
Cllr Stevenson reported that the Bollards were due to be replaced in about 6 weeks and that there were many dangerous potholes appearing that needed reporting by as many people as possible to get some action.
He had been approached by a Resident who offered to pay to have a parking bay installed, but Council felt that this would not be possible. Cllr Ellis proposed that a small sub group be formed to investigate the possibilities. Cllrs Ellis, Weldon and Stevenson offered to serve. Cllr Pinner said that he hoped some funding could be obtained resulting from the A428 construction.
- (viii) A428
The stand at the Village Fete manned by the A428 Team was very busy and it was suggested that they be invited next year, along with representatives from the East West Rail Group. Cllr Ellis reported that a 20mph limit had been imposed in the Gransden villages, and CCC Cllr Mandy Smith said that funding was available each year for 6-8 villages to install the limit and she would provide the details for Eltisley to apply, if they wished to, in the Autumn.
- (ix) Peace Tree Lights
Cllr Stevenson reported that feedback on last year's lazer lights was generally good. Cllr Pinner said that, although he had invited comments and suggestions in two months Ramblings, none had been forthcoming. Although it was felt that to illuminate the entire Peace Tree was preferable, the annual costs incurred were now prohibitive, and that the quality and colours of Laser Lights would improve.

A proposal by Cllr Lines seconded by Cllr Weldon that a new tree should be purchased and illuminated was carried, and it was suggested that the children could be involved in the decoration. Quotes to be obtained for the next meeting.

24. Finance and Risk

- 24.1 To approve the accounts for payment for the period 10th May – 3rd July 2023
The accounts presented were approved for payment Proposed Cllr Lines, seconded Cllr Ellis
- 24.2 To note the Bank Reconciliation as at 4th July 2023 **Noted**
- 24.3 To note the Budget Report dated 4th July 2023 **Noted**
- 24.4 To consider options for disposal of confidential waste
It was agreed that Cllrs should be advised that confidential documents should not be disposed of in the Blue bin and to collect them for the Clerk to dispose of with the possibility of joining, and contributing to, the Needingworth cum Holywell Scheme.
- 24.5 To consider Membership of CPRE
The Council felt that no benefit was received from membership of CPRE and that it should not be renewed
- 24.6 To note latest investment update Gibbs Denley – June 2023 **Noted**
- 24.7 To review plans for rural exemption site with regards to drainage proposal
Cllr Pinner said that these plans resulted from Council's concern that New Weir Pond and the existing drainage system could be overloaded, and the construction of a balancing pond should overcome the problem
- 24.8 To consider establishment of Parish Council Website.
Cllr Stevenson reported that our existing Webmaster had offered to continue and provide Councillors' email addresses for £60 per annum and it was agreed to accept this offer. Proposed Cllr Lines, seconded Cllr Stevenson.
Cllr Stevenson said that he would contact Richard Rodgers.
- 24.9 To approve quote for printing of Village Information Sheet
It was agreed to accept the quotation received. Proposed Cllr Lines seconded Cllr Stevenson. Cllr Pinner said that he believed that there was some money ring fenced to pay for this.
- 24.10 To receive an update on the Bus Shelter refurbishment and approve replacement
After reviewing the quotations received for seating it was agreed to purchase three x 6ft Benches to install under each window with the proviso that they were cheaper than the quote obtained. If not, the seats with backs would be substituted
- 24.11 To approve use of Councillor @email addresses
Agreed – first name followed by surname @EPC

25 To consider applications for co-option

An application had been received from Bill Bidgood, and on a proposal from Cllr Pinner seconded by Cllr Weldon, it was unanimously agreed that he be co-opted

26 Policy

To review and adopt the following policy documents

- (i) To adopt the general power of competence
- (ii) Financial regulations
- (iii) Standing Orders
- (iv) Code of Conduct
- (v) Disciplinary policy
- (vi) Grievance policy

Reviewed and adopted en bloc, proposed Cllr Lines, seconded Cllr Weldon

27 Correspondence

To receive correspondence and agree any actions:-

- (i) To note Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five Year Housing Land Supply Report **Noted**
- (ii) To note the update on the Rural Exemption Site development **Noted**
- (iii) To approve request for use of The Green for church fete 15 July '23 **Approved**
- (iv) To consider marking D-DAY 80 6th June 2024
Cllr Weldon offered to co-ordinate
- (v) To note the North Weald Community Liaison Group's minutes & presentation 21st June 2023 **Noted**
- (vi) To note letter received from Balfour Beatty regarding maintenance contracts for Street lights **Noted**
- (vii) To note the procedure for applying for Affordable Housing
It was stressed that the Affordable Houses in Potton End, once built, would firstly be available to those with a connection to the parish, but applicants had to be on the SCDC Housing Register as a first step.
- (viii) To note letter advising Gibbs Denley is now part of Progeny Asset Management Ltd **Noted**

A letter received from the Eltisley History Society requested permission to use metal detectors on the Allotment Area to see if a dig was justified. Council agreed there would be no objections providing the correct agreement was put in place. Should anything be found Council be informed before any digging permissions were granted.

28 Items to report

- (i) Cllr Weldon presented a report of the Cade Meeting held on 5th July 2023

New Officers were:-

Chairperson	Sandra Sills
Vice Chair	Ian Fordham
Secretary	Julie Herring
Treasurer	Carole MacBrayne

1. Membership renewal forms would be in the August 6 Villages Newsletter
2. Hoping to hold Food Safety Training Course for those who use the kitchen
3. A new Laptop will be purchased for all card and cash transactions

- (ii) Cllr Pinner reported we were still having problems with Nat West Bank in appointing new signatories, which made Council vulnerable as currently only 2 Councillors were eligible. The Clerk was proposing to send each member a copy for a sample signature and then take them en bloc into the Bank. Cllr Pinner urged all Councillors to co-operate to resolve the matter.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman

Date