

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021 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 as a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely until further notice.

Eltisley Parish Council will use Zoom to facilitate the holding of meetings

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Cllr M Smith
SCDC Cllr N Wright
3 members of public.

67. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr M Cropley - personal
SCDC Cllr M Howell

68. 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 Weldon item 76.1- nonpecuniary

69. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2021, 2nd February 2021 and 19th February 2021.

Cllr Weldon advised that the bridleway item 48 should be paths 1 & 2 not 3 as recorded.

Resolved: That with the above amendment the minutes of 12th January 2021 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour

Resolved: That the minutes of 2nd February 2021 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour

Resolved: That the minutes of 19th February 2021 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour

The Chairman reminded members that the minutes of 2nd February 2021 remain confidential at this time.

70. Public Forum

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

A resident spoke requesting that the agenda and minutes be posted onto the Parish Council Facebook page. Council agreed to this request.

71. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

County Councillor Smith advised that the minutes from the highways meeting had now been sent out. She is currently on a working party of the County Council investigating how weight limits on roads can be obtained more easily.

Cllr Smith advised of the temporary traffic order affecting the A428 through Eltisley Parish from 15th March 2021 when the road will be closed for tree works.

The Innovate & Cultivate fund has reopened offering grants for between £2-£15,000 to projects supporting vulnerable people. 1-2-1 sessions are available for pre application advice.

Cllr Weldon commented that signs advising of the road closure are already up on the A428.

SCDC Cllr Wright spoke to advise that the budget has been set with the maximum increase permissible without the need to go to referendum. This will result in an approx. increase of £5p.m on a band D property.

The Council are also looking at investing in commercial property to develop Cambourne village centre. Cllr Wright asked members if the streetlights in the village had been changed to LED, to which he was advised none had been changed.

Cllr Pinner asked if either Councillor had knowledge of Eastern County Homes as he had received material from the company. Neither Cllr Wright or Smith were aware of the company.

The Clerk spoke regarding the caravan on Potton End and the report to SCDC to see if the owners can be established. Cllr Wright asked that he be copied into correspondence and he will try and assist.

Cllr Pinner asked CC Cllr Smith for an update on the milestone which are to be relocated from the A428, Cllr Smith agreed to follow up.

72. Matters arising from previous meeting

(i) A428

See item 71

(ii) Village Drainage.

Cllr Pinner reported a meeting he attended with AWA & CCC Highways officer Mr B Heffernan, relating to the overloading of the pumping station. It was agreed that water levels need to be reduced. Whilst the drainage work carried out so far around the village has prevent any flooding so far there is still a lot of standing water on the left-hand side of Potton Ed and AWA have agreed to write to residents regarding their riparian rights and the need for them to act.

(iii) Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme

Cllr Ellis update members on actions so far with the planting of 300 trees around the church. The remaining trees received from the woodlands trust have been distributed around the village.

The successful zero carbon grant is still open to be drawn and dialogue has now opened with the landowner in Devon, so it is looking more hopeful.

The trees on church land will require watering this summer and as part of the grant was for the provision of hose pipes Cllr Elis would like to draw on the grant to enable purchase of 2x200m hosepipes.

The energy survey of The Cade has been completed and the report awaited.

Cllr Pinner congratulated those involved on the tree planting stating the area would be a great asset to the village. He advised Cllr Ellis to liaise with the Clerk regarding the drawing of the grant.

Cllr Pettifor spoke to state that the tree area around the church is a "2-memorial garden" and a place for contemplation. He also asked that the PCC be reimbursed for the cost of the water used in planting the trees.

The land has been leased from the diocese on a rolling 3-year basis.

(iv) Parking and breach of bylaws: The Green

No issues at present. Continue to monitor.

(v) Luton Airport - National Air Traffic Services: Change to London Luton Airport Arrivals.

Cllr Pinner reported that the consultation has closed and that the results are awaited.

(vi) Play Equipment.

Cllr Pinner summarised the findings of the consultation and the preference of the Parish Plan steering group that that have been working on this project. He advised that the groups preference was for the quote from NGF Play with payment coming from s106 money, grant funding and deficit from village institute funds.

Cllr Pettifor expressed his view that this project would involve spending money on something that the village "does not really want" and that in his opinion it was being rushed through.

In summary he supported the upgrade to the children's play equipment but not the installation of the outdoor gym equipment.

Each Councillor was asked in turn for their opinions.

Cllr Pinner stated that he would not be prepared to lead a Council that went against the wishes of Parishioner's. Having made a proposal based on the Parish Plan steering groups preference, which

was seconded by Cllr Ellis an amendment was proposed by Cllr Pettifor that the Council proceed with the play equipment but not the outdoor gym at this time the item went to vote.

Proposal: That the quote from NGF Play be accepted (Prop Cllr Pinner, 2nd Cllr Ellis)

Amendment: that the play equipment proceeds but not the outdoor gym (Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Painter)

3 in favour, 3 against.

Cllr Pinner advised that he would tender his resignation as Chairman in the morning.

(vii) Oxford-Cambridge rail link.

Nothing to report.

(viii) Caravan – woodland Potton End

See item 71

(ix) Community lifeline scheme,

Cllr Pinner reported no interest shown following his report on the project in his “Ramblings” Clerk to write advising of the lack of interest shown at the current time but stating that the matter will be kept ongoing.

73. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 11th May 2021

APM 11th May 2021

Items to report.

- 16/2/21 Clerk/Chairman have given permission for a skip outside of 59 The Green whilst building works in progress
- Practitioner’s conference attended virtually 23-25th February.
- Clerk on annual leave 21-25 March 2021.
- Caravan – Woodland Potton End reported to SCDC (breach of planning) ref BBCXDDWM

74. Members reports

(i) Parish Forum.

None held

(ii) Village working party.

Cllr Pinner reported that the grid on the pond outlet had been cleared. New NHW signs have been put up. He thanked Stewart for his help.

(iii) Parish plan survey.

See item 72(iv)

(iv) Speedwatch.

Cllr Pinner reported a new team leader based in Peterborough. The volunteers are waiting to restart once current Covid -19 restrictions permit.

(v) Carbon neutral projects

See item 72(iii)

75. Finance and Risk

75.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

(i) Miss J Bowd salary £321.37. January 2021, February 2021 £366.77

(ii) Mrs A Jackson January 2021 £69.61, February 2021 £261.01

(iii) HMRC PAYE £97.60 January 2021,

(iv) CAPALC fees £239.11

(v) Haven power- street light energy December 2020 £23.21, & £2.09 January 2021, £2.09 & £23.21 February £20.45 & £1.97

(vi) Cambs Acre subscription £57.00

(vii) SWARCO £147.60

Resolved: That the accounts for payment be approved. (prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in Favour.

75.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 3rd March 2021.

Noted

75.3 To note the budget report dated 3rd March 2021.

Noted

75.4 To consider end of emergency meeting powers 7th May 2021 and any necessary actions & Roadmap for lifting of restrictions.

Clerk outlined current situation with the ending of emergency powers permitting remote meetings on 6th May 2021 and the anomalies of the current Covid-19 restrictions

Resolved: that the Clerk arrange an alternative date for the APM. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

75.5 To consider request from St Neots museum for a donation.

Resolved: That a donation of £50 be made. (Prop Cllr Weldon, 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour.

Cllr Pinner reminded members that as donors' free admission for all parishioners into the museum is permitted.

75.6 To note the Gibbs Denley Investment Rebalance – completion January 2021.

Noted

75.7 To consider quotes for tree survey of Parish trees.

3 quotes provided.

Resolved: that the Clerk approach Haydens and ask if they can check their quote. Clerk to obtain a reference for EWP if Hayden's quote is correct. If reference is favourable, then EWP to be awarded the work.

(Prop Cllr Pettifor, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

75.8 To review bus shelter repair quotes considering recent vandalism.

Cllr Pinner reported further vandalism. A lengthy discussion took place around the need to provide a shelter, its use by the school children, possible alternatives.

Resolved: That the Clerk look at possible grant funding streams. The quote from Clearview be updated. The matter be placed onto the May agenda. (Prop Cllr Lines, 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

76.Planning

76.1 To consider the following planning applications received:

(i) Application Ref: 21/00157/HFUL Demolition of existing front and side extension and erection of single storey front, side, and rear extension - Resubmission of 20/01105/HFUL
1 Greenfields Eltisley PE19 6TN

A discussion took place around the loss of light to surrounding property.

Resolved: That the application be objected to (Prop Lines Cllr 2ND Cllr Ellis) 4in favour, 2 abstentions

(ii) Application ref: 21/00455/HFUL: Ground floor front extension

1 Meadow View Eltisley PE19 6TP

Resolved: That the application be approved (Prop Cllr Weldon 2ND Cllr Ellis) All in favour

77.Policy

(i) To adopt the revised Model Standing orders

Resolved: That the revised standing orders be adopted. (Prop Cllr Pettifor 2ND Cllr Ellis) All in favour

79. items to report

- Cllr Pinner reported a letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Butler relating to the dispute over The Pond ownership. An Ex-ord meeting will be set up to discuss.
- Clerk reported the temporary road traffic notice as mentioned in item 71 suggesting it is posted onto Facebook.
- Clerk also read out an email from The Cade advising that they are in receipt of Covid – 19 grant funding and will not require additional financial support from the Parish Council

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.30 pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date: