

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022 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 M Lines
Cllr M Cropley
Cllr S Ellis
Cllr D Stevenson
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

1 member of public
CCC M Smith
SCDC Cllr Sandford

The Chairman opened the meeting with a minute's silence in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth.

36. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr E Painter -personal

37. 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 – member of The Cade committee

Cllr D Stevenson – member of The Cade committee

38. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2022

Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Ellis, 2nd Cllr Weldon)

All in favour.

38. Public Forum

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

A resident spoke to ask if the footpath outside of The Cade, across the Green, could be repaired as the gaps are becoming a trip hazard.

She also asked if Council would be making representation to Stagecoach over the removal of the village services.

The Chairman agreed to look at both matters.

39. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

County Councillor M Smith confirmed that the grass cutting along the A428 has been done.

She will continue to work on arranging for the A428 project team from Highways England to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Work continues at CCC to get a scheme in place for 20mph limits through villages Council will be kept advised of progress.

Chairman agreed that the 20mph limit is a good idea but has concerns over enforcement. Lights for children's play area – Cllr Smith agreed to speak with A Hitch at CCC streetlighting.

Removal of bus services is now a hot topic. Some Parish Councils are joining forces to make representation.

Cllr Weldon reported that the bus stop on St Neots Road has been repaired but it is the incorrect one.

Cllr Lines reported that the B1040 outside of Papley Grove cottages is sinking causing excessive night-time noise.

Cllr Pinner reported that lorry weight restrictions could be monitored via community speedwatch if the ban was put in place. Also, that the weeds along the sets alongside The Green need spraying.

SCDC Cllr P Sanford was thanked for the written report provided.

Cllr Sandford reported that he is collating comments from Parish Councils to send to the combined authority relating to the brutal cancellation of bus services.

He understands that the authority is going out to tender for another supplier for the bus services.

SCDC are implementing a 14-day trial period of staff working a 4-day week.

Parish Liaison meeting is scheduled for 12th December, as these meetings are poorly supported it is under review with regards to continuation. Cllr Pinner reported that the agenda for these meetings needs to be looked at as the sessions are dominated by large villages and are not helpful.

Cllr Sandford reported no updates are available on East-West rail.

SCDC full Council previous week resolved to stop the dumping of raw sewage into the rivers. A cost-of-living crisis was also declared, and plans are now being looked at to deal with this issue.

A discussion took place as to whether or not the Parish need to organise an event to help residents access information.

Cllr Pinner asked if there was any progress with a replacement litter bin for the bus shelter.

He also asked if the community chest funding was open for applications to which the reply was "yes"

The dog poo bin on St Neots Road is a Parish Council matter.

40. Matters arising from previous meeting.

(i) Jubilee bench.

Cllr Pinner stated that the bench has now been delivered and a working party will be putting it together. A plaque will be ordered noting the funding from SCDC and the memorial to HM Queen Elizabeth II.

(ii) Flood prevention grant.

Remove silt from ditches in village

Members reported that the levels in new weir pond had never been so low.

Resolved: That the agreement with SCDC be signed accepting the funding (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour.

(iii) A428 including Milestone.

Nothing new to report.

(vi) Parish Plan survey.

Cllr Pinner reported that the latest survey did not bring up anything new and therefore the steering group feel that a new plan is not warranted.

It is suggested that a precis of the survey is drawn up and presented to the Parish. This was agreed.

(v) Cross path.

Cllr Pinner reported that SCDC had agreed to repair the damage caused by the refuse lorries. He asked Cllr P Sandford to follow this up.

Cllr Ellis spoke about the erosion of the Green and said that ideally this would be repaired and then Parking bays created. He also stated that 2 residents had contacted him supporting this idea.

Cllr Pinner reported that a meeting with S Carroll from SCDC Highways had not produced any options and that another meeting would be arranged.

Cllr Cropley stated that introducing parking bays could breach the Inclosure award and that he suggested legal advice be taken before any work is done.

(vi) Parish Forum.

Already covered – see item 40

(vii) Zero carbon project.

Cllr Ellis summarised the work that has been done to date.

The working party are looking at what can be done next year particularly with the re wilding which had succumbed to rabbit damage and drought.

It is hoped that more surveys can be done with the thermal cameras as this may assist residents with the cost-of-living crisis.

(viii) Luton Airport.

SCDC are following up this issue with Luton airport. A review of the flight paths will be undertaken in February 2023.

Cllr Pinner spoke to say that aircraft over Eltislely was never discussed in consultation, and he urged all residents to collect as much data as possible. He will include this in his ramblings.

(ix) Bus shelter.

Cllr Stevenson spoke to say that in his opinion PVC was not the solution as it would not be robust

enough to withstand wear & tear.

A discussion took place around the quotes already received and the options.

Cllr Stevenson agreed to provide a full report including quotes and timescales for decision at the November meeting.

(x) Play area & lighting.

Cllr Pinner advised that he had approached 7 companies and only received 2 replies. Neither of those companies were prepared to come to site and discuss. Further enquiries are being made.

Need to be mindful of a balance between light and safety of the equipment users.

(xi) Trees.

Mr Linger had provided a quote of £1800 plus VAT to carry out the works. Global trees services have confirmed that they cannot quote for the works.

Resolved: That the quote from Mr Linger be accepted (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour.

41. Clerks Report

To receive written report.

8th September 2022 Clerks report

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 8th November 2022

Items to report

- Clerk attending CAPALC conference 9th September 2022
- Jubilee bench on order (8/9/22) delivery – 5 to 7 days

42. Finance and Risk.

42.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

Salaries July £413.26

Salaries August £413.46

HMRC July £78.80 August £78.60

Newton Primary School £14.00

Mijan Ltd £75.00

Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council £216.25

Bradgate Ltd £432.00

Drax £2.56

NGF Play Ltd £138.00

Clerk advised of 2 further invoices Littlejohn £369.00, The Cade £15.00

Cllr Pinner advised that he will be asking for reimbursement for 2 invoices – Wreath for HM Queen and postcrete for installation of Tommy sign.

Resolved: That with the additional amount the invoices be approved for payment (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

42.2 To note the bank reconciliation as 8th September 2022

Noted

42.3 To note the budget report dated 8th September 2022

Noted

42.4 Audit

(i) To note the internal audit report for y/e 31st March 2022

Noted

(ii) To appoint an internal auditor for 2022/23.

Clerk provided details of 2 options. CAPALC who are local and come to site. The other option being a remote service.

Resolved: That CAPALC be appointed internal auditor for 2022/23 (Prop Cllr Ellis 2nd Cllr Stevenson) All in favour

(iii) To consider the Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

Resolved: That the Council do not opt out of the central external audit scheme. (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

42.5 To consider reimbursement of Cade buildings insurance.

Clarification was given that this was a request to cover the cost of the building insurance only.

Resolved: That the request be approved and a cheque for £1434.84 be issued. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2nd Cllr Lines) All in favour.

42.6 To review insurance renewal documents and approve renewal at a cost of £1,346.84.

Clerk advised that she had raised a query with the brokers. As the policy expires on 30/9/22 it was agreed to delegate the payment of the premium to the Clerk & Chairman.

Resolved: That the policy be renewed (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Weldon) All in favour.

43.Planning

(i) To note correspondence relating to Notification for 20/05300/CONDA [SCDC] & Notification for 20/05301/CONDA [SCDC]

Noted

(ii) To receive an update on planning matters – Manor Farm.

Clerk advised that she had tried to contact 3 firms of solicitors but had only been successful with Surrey Hills. They suggest 2 hours work to give a steer on the way forward in the matters of concern at a cost of £275/hour plus VAT.

Resolved: That the quote be accepted, and the findings be brought tot the next meeting (Prop Cllr Lines 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

44. Christmas 2022.

(i) To agree date and venue for 2022 Christmas party.

Agreed for the event to be held on 3rd December 2022 at The Cade. Clerk to check availability and book Venue. Clerk to write to the W.I am asking if they will make mince pies.

Arrangements to be finalised at the November meeting.

(ii) To approve hire of equipment for peace tree lights.

Cllr Stevenson agreed to test the lights. It was agreed that the cherry picker could be hired if required.

(iii) Carols Christmas Eve.

Cllr Pinner to place details in the next newsletter.

Informal gathering around the Peace tree. Council to pay donation for electricity to The Cade.

45.Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

(i) To note the Cambridgeshire Flood group Conference 22nd September 2022

Noted

(ii) To note the TTRO 22/694 - Various Roads, West Division

Noted

(iii) To note Cambridgeshire ACRE's Annual General Meeting 2022 and agree representation.

Noted

(iv) To note the Fens reservoir project and receive any feedback from the webinar held on 25th August 2022

Noted

(v) To note the invitation to Policing South Cambs 2022- Local Policing profile.

Noted

(vi) To note Free entry to Wimpole for community groups.

Noted

(vii) To consider the Community Gritting Scheme applications for Winter 2022 - 2023

46. items to report

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman

Date: