

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 J Francis  
Cllr B Bidgood  
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

No members of public  
CCC Cllr M Smith  
SCDC Cllr P Sandford

**29. Apologies.**

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

**None**

**30. 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**

**31. Minutes.**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**Resolved:** That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Pinner 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour.

**32. Public Forum**

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

**None**

**33. District and County Councillor Reports**

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillor.

CCC M Smith advised that she now has a contact name for the legacy fund for the A428.

Cross path: how is this being taken forward. Cllr Ellis advised that the working party had met (see item 36.8) and funding any project will be a challenge.

Weeds on the highway. In April the County Council stopped spraying and this has resulted in a lot of complaints. There is a petition for signing if Council so wish. Clerk agreed to send it around by email.

Cllr Pinner asked that the verge between the village and the A428 be cut. Cllr Smith agreed to look into the matter.

Clerk asked for an update on the peat-based roads report. Cllr Smith summarised but stated there are no roads affected in the area.

SCDC Cllr Sandford:

SCDC have reverted to manual removal of weeds, but this is not such a major task as that faced by CCC.

Changes to bin collection letters have now been sent out.

EWR-Next meetings later this month will be physical rather than virtual as has previously been the case.

Greater Peterborough partnership has put the congestion charge for Cambridge on hold.

Foxton travel hub development – on hold.

Cllr Sandford asked if the buses still visit the village. It was agreed that they did but regularly failed to stop.

Cllr Pinner asked if there will be any “free trees” this year. Cllr Sandford had no information but hoped that there would be.

### **34. Clerks Report**

To receive written report.

Clerks report 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Items to report.

- AED registered with The Circuit 29/8/23
- Meeting dates 2024/25 attached.
- All allotment rents now received.

### **Noted**

### **35. Members reports**

- (i) Parish Forum  
**Nothing to report.**
- (ii) Village working party.  
Cllr Pinner reported that the session was attended by 4 residents but that the work in the pocket park had been productive.  
The next meeting will be in the autumn when tree works will be carried out and the paths in the pocket park dressed.  
Cllr Smith asked if there were still problems with riparian rights and work on the ditches. It was agreed that CCC would supply a letter for residents for publishing on the website.
- (iii) Parish plan survey.  
Cllr Pinner reported that the printing of the summary document remained outstanding.
- (iv) Speedwatch.  
Cllr Pinner reported that the group is not able to meet due to a lack of volunteers.  
Plan to start the sessions as soon as possible.  
Cllr Weldon volunteered to join the group.  
It was agreed to place a plea for more volunteers in the next newsletter.
- (v) Carbon neutral projects.  
Cllr Ellis appraised the members of the wildflower project this season. Based on the success suggested that the same approach is taken next year.  
The trees planned 3 years ago near the church are still alive.  
Cllr Ellis also reported that he is looking to borrow a thermal imaging camera for the purpose of surveying any resident who requests a visit, a property scan to highlight heat loss.
- (vi) Play area/RoSPA report  
Cllr Pinner has spoken to installers who have said it would be uneconomic for them to come out to repair of the matt surface. However, instructions have been given as to how the work should be done so it was agreed that a working party would do the work.  
Cllr Steveson reported that the damage to the bar of the equipment can only have been done by a mower. Cllr Pinner will liaise with the contractor and the Clerk will write regarding the damage.

A discussion took place regarding anti-social behaviour in the play area and around The Cade. Surveillance cameras were suggested, and it was agreed these would be looked into. The Clerk advised caution in respect of the need for data protection and filming in public places.

(vii) A428.

Cllr Steveson spoke to say that he thought the Council should aim high and push for the junction at the St Neots end of the village to be altered as it is a high accident spot. CCC Cllr Smith agreed to arrange a meeting with the highways officers to see if the County Council can apply on behalf of the Parish to the legacy fund.

(viii) Peace tree lights

Cllr Pinner advised that 5m tree would cost in region of £150.

It was suggested that the lights given to the Cade may be used for decorations Cllr Stevenson to check.

A location between the Cade and the Peace tree was agreed

A date was set for the Christmas party of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 unless it clashes with, the school fete in which case it will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Weldon to check availability of the Cade. Clerk to organise invitations.

Details of the day to be agreed at the November meeting.

(viii) Bus shelter.

Cllr Stevenson reported that the benches are now installed.

Project is completed, congratulations and thank you to all involved on a good job were expressed.

### 36. Finance and Risk

36.1 To approve the accounts for payment for period from 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023- 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Resolved:** That payments totalling £4213.39 be approved. (Prop Cllr Weldon 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pinner) All in favour.

36.2 To note the bank reconciliation as at 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Noted.**

36.3 To note the budget report dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Noted.**

36.4 To note the conclusion of audit 2022/23.

**Noted.**

36.5 To consider quotes for tree survey of Parish Trees.

Clerk confirmed she has contacted 3 contractors only 1 quote received.

It was agreed that more quotes should be sought and then brought back to next meeting.

36.6 To consider quotes for renewal of Insurance policy 2023/24.

Clerk confirmed that Council is in the second year of a 3-year agreement.

**Resolved:** That the quote for £1432.50 be approved and invoice paid, (Prop Cllr Pinner 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Ellis) All in favour.

36.7 To review the August market update from Gibbs Denley re Council investment.

**Noted.**

36.8 Bollards Cross path -To consider working party findings and agree next actions.

### 37. Correspondence.

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

(i) To consider letter from solicitors relating to Manor House Caxton End Eltisley. Taken at end of meeting – see confidential minutes.

(ii) To note the procedure for applying for affordable housing.

**Noted.**

(iii) To note letter advising Gibbs Denley is now part of Progeny Asset Management Ltd.

- (iv) **Noted.**  
To note Flood Groups Conference – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – St Ives.  
**Noted.**
- (v) To note letter from combined authority: Defibrilators - ensure they are registered on the national database  
**Noted.**
- (vi) To consider Community gritting scheme 2023/24.  
Members did not wish to join the scheme.  
**Noted.**
- (vii) To note invitation to Cambs Acre AGM and agree attendance  
**Noted.**

### 38. Items to report.

- Cllr Weldon reported that she has registered Council for D-DAY celebrations and requires a logo. Cllr Ellis agreed to help.
- Cllr Stevenson asked members to start using their new Councillor email addresses.
- Clerk reported the price increase for the unmetered supply to the bus shelter. Clerk also reported a letter received from the bluebell nursery regarding the pond. Cllr Stevenson agreed to speak to the manager. Clerk also reported the Action on Energy Autumn event to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Resolved:** That the meeting be closed due to the confidential nature of the items to discuss (Prop Cllr Pinner 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Weldon) All in favour

*Meeting closed 8.45pm*

- (viii) Item 37.1 To consider letter from solicitors relating to Manor House Caxton End Eltisley.

*Meeting reopened 9.12pm*

Being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13 pm

Chairman

Date