

# ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
at 7.30pm at The Blackbourne.

Present: Cllrs Burch, Edmonds, Friend, Hawes, Ms Indurain, Pratt (Ch.), Mrs Taber

Attending: District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel  
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow  
4 members of the public

17.04.01

**Noted:**

- 1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Pallett as he had a work commitment;
- 1.2 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Barker who had a holiday booked prior to taking office;
- 1.3 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Schofield who had a holiday booked prior to taking office;
- 1.4 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Wiley as he had a work commitment.

17.04.02

**Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.**

17.04.03

**Noted:**

That there were no Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items and no additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests.

17.04.04

**Noted:**

The Meeting received the following reports:

- 4.1 A written report from SCC Ward member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey;
- 4.2 A written report from District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel;
- 4.3 A written report from the BMA

17.04.05

**Noted:**

That when any questions or comment were invited on matters raised at Agenda item 4, none were forthcoming.

17.04.06

**Noted:**

The following when public comment or questions were invited on any item on this Agenda;

- 6.1 Cllr Mrs Mansel confirmed that a recent meeting between MSDC & SCC Officers and Ward Members, together with Elmswell Parish Councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, had been called by MSDC and had discussed strategies towards as full as possible an assessment of the issues related to recent Planning applications for considerable tranches of housing in the village, outside of any Plan, towards a proper and reasonable way forward.
- 6.2 The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Committee meeting to be called on 04.05.17 to discuss applications including for 240 houses at Wetherden road and 38 houses at Warren Lane will be properly posted and that extra Day-Glo notices advertising the meeting had already gone on all noticeboards, in the Memorial Library, local shops, at Blackbourne and on the website.
- 6.3 Cllr Mrs Mansel confirmed that she will pursue concerns regarding activities at Ten – Ten on Kiln Lane where there is considerable activity following the recent granting of Planning permission for industrial use.

17.04.07

**Noted:**

That there was no correspondence to this meeting.

17.04.08

**Noted:**

The Meeting received the Clerk's report as per Appendix A.

- 17.04.09 **Noted:**  
That when any Complaints Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited none was forthcoming and that the date of the next Complaints Committee meeting was not known.
- 17.04.10 **Noted:**  
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council.
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| 10.1 | 0165/17 | Re-roofing 1-4 Tudor Cottages replacing cedar shingles with clay pantiles<br>Tudor Cottages, School Road | Granted | EPC supported  |
| 10.2 | 0692/17 | Erection of detached dwelling<br>Hill Farm Barn, Ashfield Road   | Refused | EPC supported  |
| 10.3 | 0167/17 | Boundary wall<br>Tudor Cottages, School Road   | Refused | EPC supported  |
| 10.4 | 0166/17 | New vehicular access<br>Tudor Cottages, School Road  | Refused | EPC supported  |
| 10.5 | 0919/17 | Tree works<br>21 Oxer Close  | Granted | EPC no comment |
- 17.04.11 **Noted:**  
Planning Applications as referred by Mid Suffolk District Council for comment:
- 11.1 **1134/17**  
**Removal of flat roof and extend roof over existing ground floor shower room to form en-suite for first floor bedroom. Remove existing flat roof and construct pitched roof The Willows, Warren Lane**  
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 11.2 **0788/17**  
**Replacement of all windows 2-4 Tudor Cottages, School Road**  
Councillors agreed to support any view on this proposal given by the Suffolk Preservation Society whose advice the Clerk undertook to seek.
- 17.04.12 **Resolved:**  
**That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the above Planning applications to the Professional Lead – Growth & Sustainable Planning, at Mid Suffolk District Council.**
- 17.04.13 **Noted:**  
The outcome of a meeting called by MSDC towards a cohesive approach to Planning in the short and medium term for Elmswell, as referenced *ibid* 6.1. Cllr Pallett confirmed that all agencies are aware and concerned about the pressures under which Elmswell and other communities suffer from large off-plan speculative development proposals and that MSDC will continue to work towards bringing the relevant landowners involved to the table to seek a way towards mutually beneficial progress.
- 17.04.14 **Noted:**  
The following when any other Planning business was invited for discussion:  
14.1 The Clerk confirmed his intention to call a Planning Committee meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> May, as previously discussed.
- 17.04.15 **Noted:**  
The calling of the Annual Parish Meeting for 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall at Blackbourne.
- 17.04.16 **Proposal: Cllr Burch;**  
**That a grant of £300.00 be made to the Christians Together in Elmswell group towards their annual Children's Holiday Club at Blackbourne.**
- Seconded: Cllr Edmonds**
- Proposal carried**

- 17.04.17 **Noted:**  
The Clerk confirmed that progress towards the Council's purchase of the Wesley chapel and halls continued at a slow pace dictated by the vendors but that there seems to be no bar to the process succeeding eventually.
- 17.04.18 **Proposal: Cllr Friend;**  
**That Messrs Waterman Infrastructure & Environment Ltd be contracted to carry out traffic and level crossing surveys, as outlined in their email of 24.04.17, and as directed by the Clerk in consultation with Cllrs Pallett & Schofield, for a sum not to exceed £7,925.00 net of VAT.**
- Seconded: Cllr Edmonds**
- Proposal carried**
- 17.04.19 **Noted:**  
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview to 31.03.17.
- 17.04.20 **Resolved:**  
**That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.**
- 17.04.21 **Noted:**  
The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure of £370,236.79.
- 17.04.22 **Noted:**  
The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business was invited:  
22.1 A member of the public spoke in appreciation of the job Councillors were doing and in support of their decision to engage professionals in the matter of a traffic survey, given the importance placed on such figures in recent Planning applications.  
22.2 The Clerk declined to give any assurance that the completion of the Wesley purchase was, 'imminent', given the history of the process thus far.
- 17.04.23 **Noted:**  
That there was no other Council business for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda.
- 17.04.24 **Noted:**  
That the next meeting of Council is the Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May beginning at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. at the Blackbourne.
- 17.04.25 **Noted:**  
That the Meeting closed at 8.17pm