

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on

Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30pm

at The Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road IP30 9UH

Present: Cllrs Barker, Burch, Mansel, Osborne, Pallett (Chairman), Roots, Shaw

Attending: County Council Ward Member Jane Storey
District Council Ward Member Helen Geake
Parish Clerk Peter Dow
1 member of the public

- 19.10.12 **Noted**
12.1 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Friend who was on holiday
12.2 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Hawes who had another commitment
12.3 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Edmonds who was on holiday
12.4 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Schofield who had another commitment
- 19.10.13 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2019, as tabled, be agreed as a true record
- 19.10.14 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2019, as tabled, be agreed as a true record
- 19.10.15 **Noted:**
The following when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests noted;
15.1 Cllr Roots declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 27, grants to external bodies, as she was an employee of one of the applicants.
15.1 It was confirmed that Cllrs Edmonds, Hawes & Pallett had lodged updated Declarations with BMSDC.
- 19.10.16 **Noted:**
16.1 A written report from SCC Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey
16.2 A written report from MSDC Ward Members Cllrs Geake & Mansel
- 19.10.17 **Noted:**
The following when any questions or comment were invited from Councillors or the public on any District Council or County Council matter or on any matter on the Meeting agenda:
17.1 Cllr Storey Confirmed that she was following up complaints of dangerous car parking at the Hawk End Lane / School Road junction but she held out little hope that the HGV restriction on A1088 might be lifted in the course of the promised SCC Highways HGV routing plan. The suggestion that Locality Budget funding might be available to help with installing the new speed indicator devices in the village was referred to March / April 2020 when spending commitments will be clearer.
17.2 Cllr Mansel confirmed that waste collection problems, following a recent reorganisation, seem to be solved and that she shared concerns expressed by the Chairman regarding the losses and administrative charges incurred by the BMSDC CIFCO initiative to borrow money for investment, particularly given the types of investment currently favoured by the fund's advisers.
- 19.10.18 **Noted:**
The following correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item;.
18.1 Confirmation from BMSDC of removal of the Wesley chapel & halls from the list of Assets of Community Value on 10.12.2019.

- 18.2 Copy letter of objection from Suffolk Preservation Society to Planning Applications ref. DC/19/04135 & DC/19/04242 at Mulberry Farm, Ashfield Road, broadly echoing EPC Objections.
- 18.3 From a resident re flooding at Oak Lane junction with Ashfield Road *Copied to Councillors*
- 18.4 From SCC confirming FP13 over the level crossing at Parnell lane will be closed 7th – 9th December for track relaying.

19.10.19

Noted:

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

19.10.20

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.

19.10.21

Noted:

Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council

21.1 DC/19/04459 Prior Notification of Agricultural Development...

...erection of barn for storage of straw & machinery

Land East of Warren Lane

FORMAL APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED EPC no comment

19.10.22

Noted:

That there was no other Planning business.

19.10.23

Resolved:

That the ElmsWild Group be thanked for hosting the Council's Greene King Consultation exhibition at their Apple Day on 21st September and that a grant of £25.00 be made to the Group's funds.

19.10.24

Noted:

An approach on behalf the Elmswell Gardening Club towards the possible siting of a Christmas tree at Crown Mill in 2020 which, in light of the detailed grasp of the issues involved which had been demonstrated, Councillors were minded to support.

19.10.25

Resolved:

That the Council adopts the NALC Model Standing Orders 2018 (England) together with the NALC Model Financial Regulations, both as customised by the Clerk.

Seconded: Cllr Shaw

Under Standing Order 40.2 this Resolution had stood adjourned without discussion until this meeting.

Proposal carried

19.10.26

Noted:

That the discovery of an old well along the line of the foundations of the new-build structure at Wesley had put the project back by some 3 weeks, although mitigation is entirely possible given that the work is now out of the ground when fewer unknowns can be expected. Further issues regarding the removal of the partition wall in the chapel and the storm water drainage are well in hand and the project remains within budget.

19.10.27

Cllr Roots left the Meeting before discussion began on the following proposal.

Proposal: Cllr Barker;

That a grant of £125.00 be made to each of the following charitable bodies who had made application to the Council:

East Anglian Children's Hospices, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Suffolk Age UK, The Voluntary Network

Seconded Cllr Burch

Proposal carried

Cllr Roots returned to the Meeting at this point

- 19.10.28 **Resolved:**
That Council instructs the Co-operative Bank to pay a monthly Direct Debit from the Council's Community Directplus account ending 0710 in favour of the Council's Barclaycard Business account ending 3132 in a sum representing payment in full of the outstanding monthly Barclaycard balance, such payment to be noted at every Ordinary Meeting of Council as an authorised payment made.
- 19.10.29 **Noted:**
The Chairman's confirmation that the Council's bid of £805,000.00 for the freehold of the Greene King site at School Road had been accepted.
- 29.1 Proposal: Cllr Mansel;**
That the Chairman of Council, Vice chairman and Clerk be delegated to negotiate as necessary towards a Contract to purchase the Greene King site at School Road on which the Railway Tavern stands, such Contract to come to Council for ratification.
- Seconded: Cllr Shaw
- Proposal carried
- 29.2 Proposal: Cllr Shaw:**
That Elmswell Parish Council seeks Approval from the Secretary of State for borrowing of £805,000 for the freehold purchase of the Greene King site at School Road comprising some 0.5 Ha. and on which the Railway Tavern stands.
- Seconded: Cllr Mansel
- Proposal carried
- 29.3 Proposal: Cllr Mansel;**
That Messrs Burnett Barker, Solicitors, be retained in the matter of the drawing up of a Contract for the purchase by the Council of the Greene King site at School Road on which stands the Railway Tavern.
- Seconded: Cllr Shaw;
- Cllr Barker declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Proposal as he has previously been a Partner in this practice*
- Proposal carried
- 19.10.30 **Resolved:**
That, from 01.11.2019, Glengene Hull of Blackbourne Road be employed as Weekend Caretaker at Blackbourne.
- 19.10.31 **Noted:**
The Clerk's confirmation that progress has been made in identifying CIL and other funding towards the proposed extension to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne providing increased storage facilities, more office space, a Village Archive room and improved ventilation in the hall proper and the Meeting's agreement that this should be firmed-up for presentation as a Proposal at the next meeting.
- 19.10.32 **Noted:**
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 30.09.19.
- 19.10.33 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.

- 19.10.34 **Noted:**
The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure.
- 19.10.35 **Noted:**
That when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business were invited none were forthcoming.
- 19.10.36 **Noted:**
The following when any other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
36.1 The Clerk confirmed that there was no further progress on the Planning Enforcement issues at 10 Wetherden Road beyond those recently copied to Cllr Burch and that a letter has gone to a resident at Coronation Bungalows regarding their overgrown hedge.
36.2 The Clerk undertook to contact SCC Highways regarding the obscuring by dense overgrowth of the, 'Give Way', sign at School Road approaching the Church Road junction.
36.3 the Chairman confirmed that he is currently in dialogue with the Highways Agency regarding the dangerous loss of visibility through rampant overgrowth on the A1088 / A14 roundabout.
- 19.10.37 **Noted:**
That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 18th November 2019 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Blackbourne.
- 19.10.38 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 9.01pm.