

# **ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm  
at The Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road IP30 9UH**

**and simultaneously on-line  
via the Zoom internet video conferencing facility**

*as authorised by and in accordance with  
The Local Authorities (Coronavirus)  
(Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020*

Present: Cllrs Barker, Burch, Edmonds, Friend (on-line), Hawes, Mansel, Pallet (Chairman), Shaw.

Attending: District Council Ward Member Helen Geake  
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow

- 20.10.01 **Noted:**  
1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Roots due to family illness  
1.2 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Schofield as he had a work commitment
- 20.10.02 **Resolved:**  
**That the draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.**
- 20.10.03 **Noted:**  
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.
- 20.10.04 **Noted:**  
4.1 A written report from SCC Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey  
4.2 A written report from MSDC Ward Members Cllrs Geake & Mansel
- 20.10.05 **Noted:**  
The following correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item;  
5.1 From the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- 20.10.06 **Noted:**  
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.
- 20.10.07 **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.
- 20.10.08 **Noted:**  
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;  
8.1 DC/20/03604 Discharge of Conditions Application 4911/16 – Condition 7 (materials)  
Land adjacent to Wetherden Road APPROVED  
8.2 DC/20/03539 Erection rear extension...  
Jayance, Hawk End Lane GRANTED PC objected  
8.3 DC/19/01876 Erection of 2 detached single storey...  
Hedgerows, Grove Lane GRANTED PC objected
- 20.10.09 **Noted:**  
Planning applications as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;  
9.1 DC/20/04326  
**Erection of a two storey rear extension, application to render and replacement of roof tiles to dwelling and garage (amended scheme to that approved under DC/19/05924 to include 2no. additional dormers).  
Ten Ten, Kiln Lane  
Councillors agreed to support this application**

- 9.2 **DC/20/04285**  
**Erection of a two storey rear extension**  
**The Links, Church Road**  
Councillors made the following comment;  
There is insufficient detail on the plans to allay fears of overlooking the adjacent property, Brindles. Accordingly, EPC wishes to register a holding objection until sufficient contextual information is provided for an informed view.
- 9.3 **DC/20/04375**  
**Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved, access and layout to be considered). Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Erection of 6 No dwellings.**  
**White House Barns, Ashfield Road**  
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;  
The principle of residential development is not in question, but the density of this Proposal is unsuitable for the site.  
Given the inevitably crowded nature of the layout, no account can be taken of the very close proximity of the Blackbourne community facility which generates noise from its legitimate activities often well into the evening hours. A less congested layout would allow for sensible distancing from the SE boundary and reduce the chance of nuisance to the new dwellings.  
A further undesirable aspect of the proposed overcrowding is the difficulty in providing safe pedestrian connectivity with Ashfield Road. Further, SCC Highways comments are noted suggesting that 6 further dwellings would require a lower standard of acceptability for the visibility play parameters than is normally acceptable for safe access.  
There is no constraint in this application regarding house types, although there is a suggestion of the possibility that 2 storey dwellings might be considered. In the context of the existing White House Barns development, any re-submission should be conditioned so as to allow single or 1½ storey housing.

- 20.10.10 **Resolved:**  
**That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the Planning Applications on this Agenda to the Chief Planning Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council.**
- 20.10.11 **Noted:**  
The following other Planning business.  
11.1 Details from Cllr Jane Storey on progress in ratifying the situation at the highway exit on to A1088 from Bunkers Hill  
11.2 Notice of application to SCC for amendments to the operation at Lawn Farm Quarry which the Clerk would discuss with the Case Officer towards determining whether a meeting of EPC is necessary.  
11.3 That MSDC Development Control Committee 'B' are to meet on 28<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the resubmission of the application for a further 65 dwellings at the Bacon Factory site, ref. DC/20/01677 and that the Clerk will attend to reinforce the Parish Council's position in urging rejection.
- 20.10.12 **Proposal: Cllr Barker;**  
That Elmswell Parish Council makes a grant of £150.00 to each of East Anglian Air Ambulance, Headway, Magpas, and Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.  
**Secoded Cllr Burch**  
Proposal carried
- 20.10.13 **Noted:**  
That the position regarding the Wesley scheme was as per the Clerk's Report.
- 20.10.14 **Resolved:**  
**That the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Roots be given joint delegated authority to appoint staff for employment in running the Wesley coffee shop.**
- 20.10.15 **Noted:**  
That the position regarding the Railway Tavern site was as per the Clerk's report.
- 20.10.16 **Resolved:**  
**That Heelis & Lodge be asked to conduct the Council's Internal Audit for the year to 31.03.2021.**

- 20.10.17 **Noted:**  
That the position regarding the extension to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne was as per the Clerk's Report.
- 20.10.18 **Resolved:**  
**That Council contracts with Messrs Westcotec to upgrade the Speed Indicator Devices at Church Hill and at Ashfield Road to allow wireless access to data and to install a similar solar powered unit with wireless download facility at Wetherden Road for a sum not to exceed £5,000.00 net of VAT.**
- 20.10.19 **Noted:**  
That the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan is with Mid Suffolk officers for a pre-submission appraisal.
- 20.10.20 **Noted:**  
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 30.09.20.
- 20.10.21 **Resolved:**  
**That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.**
- 20.10.22 **Noted:**  
The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure.
- 20.10.23 **Noted:**  
That when any comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business were invited none were forthcoming.
- 20.10.24 **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 was invited;  
24.1 The Chairman confirmed that his liaison with Anglian Water confirmed that frequent problems with water pressure are due to shortcomings in the booster pump capacity.  
24.2 The Clerk confirmed that the works order for the upgrading of 4 street lights had been with SCC for many months and that he would pursue the matter.
- 20.10.25 **Noted:**  
That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 beginning at 7.30 p.m. either on-line or at the Blackbourne as circumstances allow.
- 20.10.26 **Noted:**  
That the meeting closed at 9.17pm