

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on

Monday 21st September 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: Cllr Barker, Burch, Edmonds, Friend (on-line), Hawes, Mansel, Pallett (Chairman), Shaw

Attending: District Council Ward Member Helen Geake
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
2 members of the public in person, contact details registered

20.09.01 **Noted:**

- 1.1 An Apology for absence was noted from Cllr Schofield as he was on holiday
- 1.2 An Apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Roots due to family illness
- 1.3 SCC Ward Member Cllr Storey sent her apologies

20.09.02

Proposal: Cllr Pallett;

That the draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

Seconded Cllr Shaw

Amendment Proposed Cllr Mansel;

To substitute the words, 'with an equal number of Councillors as the majority group', for the words, 'given an equality of group voting'.

Seconded Cllr Edmonds

Amendment carried

Substantive Proposal carried

20.09.03

Noted:

That when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited none were forthcoming and that there were no additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests.

20.09.04

Noted:

- 4.1 A written report from MSDC Ward Members Cllrs Geake & Mansel
- 4.2 A written report from SCC Ward member Cllr Jane Storey

20.09.05

Noted:

The following correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item:

- 5.1 From the National CLT Network re the Government's Community Housing Fund seeking general support for a new tranche of money into the scheme which, the Meeting agreed, might best be offered via letter to Jo Churchill MP which the Chairman offered to write.
- 5.2 From MSDC re road names for the forthcoming Ashfield Road development adjacent to White House Farm and the Meeting's agreement to submit the suggestions tendered by the Village Recorder having reference to the enclosure of Bottenhaugh Green on which area the site stands, the core elements being: 'Levant', 'Freedom', 'Cattlegate', 'Boten', plus a possible reference to the benefactors intending to gift land to Blackbourne as a spin-off to the development.

20.09.06

Noted:

The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.

- 6.1 The Chairman confirmed that the reaction to the recent distribution of wheelie bin stickers reminding drivers of the 30mph speed limit had been positive.

6.2 The Chairman added his thanks on behalf of full Council to Cllr Shaw for his extraordinary recent efforts in bringing the Neighbourhood Development Plan up to standard for pre-submission discussion with MSDC officers.

20.09.07

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.

20.09.08

Noted:

Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;

- 8.1 DC/20/02446 Erection of single storey rear extension
4 Coronation Bungalows GRANTED EPC supported
- 8.2 DC/20/02014 Erection of single storey dwelling...
Amberlea, Warren lane REFUSED EPC objected
- 8.3 DC/20/01718 Discharge of Conditions Application 0846/13 Condition 7
Former Grampian Harris Site, St Edmunds Drive APPROVED
- 8.4 DC/20/02513 Variation of conditions 2....
Land at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane GRANTED EPC objected
- 8.5 DC/20/01922 Erection of 1no dwelling...
Land adjacent to Marlborough, Cross Street GRANTED EPC supported
- 8.6 DC/20/01999 Erection of 1 single storey dwelling...
Land North of Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road GRANTED EPC objected
- 8.7 Cllr Burch spoke to suggest that Planning Committee members and officers at Mid Suffolk regularly failed to pay due regard to the carefully considered local input from the Parish Council.

20.09.09

Noted:

The following Planning applications as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council, and to make comment as appropriate.

- 9.1 DC/20/03650
Application for works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order T1 (Ash) – Fell. T2 (Ash) – Fell. T3 (Oak) – Reduce by 1/3.
21 Oxer Close
This application was now Granted
- 9.2 DC/19/02656
Outline Planning Application Provision of land for the extension of Woolpit Primary Academy School. Erection of up to 40 dwellings, associated works and infrastructure
Land South of Old Stowmarket Road, Woolpit
Councillors made no comment on this application
- 9.3 DC/20/03539
Erection of rear extension, erection of attached garage, alterations to roof layout to create first floor and extension of driveway (following demolition of garage and utility room) (revised scheme to that of withdrawn application DC/20/02417).
Jayance, Hawk End Lane
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;
1 The proposed ridge height of 7446 is some 2metres higher, along almost the whole of the length, than the original bungalow. Within the setting of the neighbouring row of 5 bungalows this will present a glaringly intrusive feature effectively destroying a well-established street scene along the very narrow lane which has always presented a semi-rural aspect.
2 The built mass presented in the proposal is out of keeping with neighbouring properties and will dominate the immediate outlook to the serious detriment of the established pattern of dwellings.
3 The overbearing bulk of the new house will affect the neighbouring bungalow by way of an unacceptable loss of light.
- 9.4 DC/20/03026
Outline Planning permission 4911/16 and reserved matters DC/18/01679 to vary condition 1 of the Approval of Reserved Matters (Approved Plans and Documents)
Crest Nicholson Site, Land adjacent Wetherden Road
Councillors made no comment on this application

- 20.09.10 **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.
- 20.09.11 **Noted:**
The situation whereby the decision to grant Outline Planning Permission ref. Application DC/19/01876 for the erection of 2 single-storey dwellings and vehicular access at Hedgerows, Grove Lane was quashed as a result of Judicial Review allowing re-consideration of the Application and an opportunity for additional comment to be made. The Clerk was asked to reiterate Council's original objections emphasising the errors of fact presented by the Planning Officer as justification for the original Refusal.
- 20.09.12 **Noted:**
To note the following other Planning business;
12.1 Regulation 16 Notice of publication of the Sustainability Appraisal Post-Adoption Statement of the Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan.
12.2 Notice of an appeal by inquiry starting 11.09.2020 against Refusal ref DC/19/02605 for Outline Planning Permission for 120 dwellings as amended from DC/18/03592 at Haughley Park.
- 20.09.13 **Resolved:**
That Council grants £150.00 to the 2020 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- 20.09.14 **Noted:**
That the position regarding the Wesley scheme was as outlined in the first paragraph of the Clerk's Report. The meeting noted that applications for coffee shop staff have been invited.
- 20.09.15 **Resolved:**
That Elmswell Parish Council backs the Local Electricity Bill by seeking the agreement of Jo Churchill MP to support Parliamentary colleagues sponsoring the Bill and confirms this with the campaign organisers, Power for People.
- 20.09.16 **Noted:**
That the position regarding the Railway Tavern site was as outlined in the Clerk's Report.
- 20.09.17 **Resolved:**
That this Council formally approves and accepts the External Auditor's Certificate and Report for the year ended 31st March 2020, signed off by Messrs PKF Littlejohn LLP, noting that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with proper practices, that no matters gave cause for concern, that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met, and that the Auditors found no other matters affecting their opinion to be drawn to Council's attention.
- 20.09.18 **Noted:**
That the position regarding the extension to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne was adequately covered in paragraph 7 of the Clerk's report.
- 20.09.19 **Resolved:**
That the Trefoil Guild be thanked for their excellent stewardship of the Station Road recycling facility for the 3 months to 29th August and that a grant of £150.00 be made to that organisation's funds.
- 20.09.20 **Noted:**
That the position regarding the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan was as detailed in paragraph 3 of the Clerk's Report.
- 20.09.21 **Resolved:**
That Council notes and authorises the schedule of revisions to the pay rates of all current Council employees as scheduled in Appendix F to the published Agenda for this meeting.

- 20.09.22 **Resolved:**
That Council extends thanks to the organisers of ElmsFest for a grant of £2,000.00 towards the provision of an outside drinking water fountain at Blackbourne and that the Clerk be asked to make arrangements for the siting and installation of an appropriate facility.
- 20.09.23 **Noted:**
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.08.20.
- 20.09.24 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 20.09.25 **Noted:**
The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure.
- 20.09.26 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions were invited on matters relevant to Council business;
26.1 Cllr Geake confirmed that residents of Woolpit have stated their intention to require a Judicial Review of the recent decision to allow the development of 300 houses in their village.
- 20.09.27 **Noted:**
The following when any other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk were invited for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
27.1 The Chairman confirmed that he was engaged with the installers of the Speed Indicator Devices (SID) towards modification to allow blue-tooth downloading of the traffic data and that he was exploring the feasibility of a third site for a SID at Wetherden Road.
27.2 The Clerk confirmed that he was in touch with various agencies, including most recently the Police, regarding problems caused by the siting of the burger van at Station Road.
- 20.09.28 **Noted:**
That the next meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday 19th October 2020 beginning at 7.30 p.m. either on-line or at the Blackbourne as circumstances allow.
- 20.09.29 **Noted:**
That the Meeting closed at 9.12pm.