

# **ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm**

## **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, Edmonds, Hancock, Hawes, Mansel, Pallett (Chairman), Roots, Shaw

Attending: County Council Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey  
District Council Ward Member Mrs Helen Geake  
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow  
2 members of the public

21.03.01 **Noted:**  
1.1 An Apology for absence was noted from Cllr Burch  
1.2 An apology for absence as accepted from Cllr Schofield due to IT failure

21.03.02 **Resolved:**  
**That the draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.**

21.03.03 **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.

21.03.04 **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  
4.3 Cllr Mansel reported on further progress towards BMSDC developing the Gateway 14 site adjacent to A14 at Stowmarket and a possible beneficial link with the proposed Freeport East  
4.4 Cllr Mansel confirmed that the Locality Budget allocated to herself and to Cllr Geake had been distributed, including £4,265.72 to EPC towards the fencing and hedging of the new 6 acres of land at Blackbourne.  
4.5 That input was invited from the public and that none was forthcoming.

21.03.05 **Noted:**  
There was no correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item.

21.03.06 **Noted:**  
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.

21.03.07 **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.

21.03.08 **Noted:**  
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;  
8.1 DC/21/00024 Erection of two storey rear extension  
11 Farm Meadow GRANTED  
8.2 DC/21/00844 Discharge of Condition 7 (materials)  
Land adjacent to Wetherden Road APPROVED  
8.3 DC/20/05740 Erection of one, part single storey and part two storey dwelling...  
Bennetts Farm, Ashfield Road REFUSED  
8.4 DC/18/04267 Discharge of Condition 3 (hedgehog friendly fencing)  
Land to the east of Borley Crescent APPROVED

8.5 DC/21/00596 Discharge of Condition 19 (Archaeological Works)  
Land to the east of Borley Crescent

- 21.03.09 **Noted:**  
Planning applications as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council:  
9.1 **DC/21/00916**  
**Erection of front porch extension (following demolition of existing porch)**  
**The Brindles, Oak Lane**  
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 21.03.10 **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.**
- 21.03.11 **Noted:**  
There was no other Planning business.
- 21.03.12 **Proposal: Cllr Mansel;**  
**That Elmswell Parish Council makes its views known to Mid Suffolk District Council on Planning Application DC/21/01132, being a Reserved Matters Application having to do with the proposed provision of a new Primary School at Woolpit scheduled to serve Elmswell pupils.**  
**Seconded Cllr Shaw**  
12.1 The Meeting noted that the essence of these views related to the potential problems for Elmswell pupils having to access the new school and that, having made known their strong views against the policy which favours the daily transport of up to 100 young children by road over A14 where there is little prospect of safe pedestrian or cycle access in the short or medium term, it seems, from the indicative layout thus far provided, that there is little encouragement towards sustainable transport for Elmswell children should they, one way or another, brave Church Hill and the A14 bridge on foot or on a bicycle.  
Further, even the inevitable car journey shows only circuitous access from the estate roads into the school site, and there seems to be no provision indicated for the parking which inevitably ensues outside primary schools.  
In addition, there were fears expressed that the enabling s106 Agreements and subsequent due process will mean a delivery on site well beyond the need of the burgeoning population in Elmswell, leaving a gap in provision in the interim which shortcoming would be overcome by bussing the children even further afield for the duration of the shortfall in places locally.
- 21.03.13 **Resolved:**  
**That the Trefoil Guild be thanked for their excellent stewardship of the Station Road recycling centre for the 3 months ended 26<sup>th</sup> February and that a grant of £150.00 be made to the Trust's funds.**
- 21.03.14 **Noted:**  
The Clerk's Report at paragraph 2 representing an update on progress made by Elmswell Community Enterprise Limited towards redeveloping the Railway Tavern as a community pub to be known as Elmswell Tavern.
- 21.03.15 **Noted:**  
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 28.02.21.
- 21.03.16 **Resolved:**  
**That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendices D, be authorised.**
- 21.03.17 **Noted:**  
The Balances as per Appendices E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.

- 21.03.18      **Noted:**  
The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business were invited:  
18.1      It would be fair to assess the daily traffic from Elmswell to the proposed new school at Woolpit at 100 vehicles and that this increases the already dangerous situation faced by pedestrians or cyclists trying to traverse this route. The A1088 roundabout is already flagged up by SCC Highways as being problematic and there is no timeline or detailed plans for the cycleway mentioned as being a possible s106 requirement.
- 21.03.19      **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;  
19.1      The Clerk confirmed that there are plans for a formal 'farewell' gathering to mark the end of the current 18 year tenure at the Mace shop when current restrictions on such congregation are lifted and that he would, in the meantime, convey Council's appreciation of their community service to Steve and Paul.
- 21.03.20      **Noted:**  
That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 beginning at 7.30 p.m. either on-line or at the Blackbourne as circumstances allow.
- 21.03.21      **Noted:**  
That the meeting closed at 8.14pm.