

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on
Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm
at Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH**

Present: Cllrs Barker (Ch), Burch, Edmonds, Hawes, Mansel, Roots, Shaw

Attending: County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen
District Council Ward Member Helen Geake
Parish Clerk Peter Dow
5 members of the public

- 21.10.01 **Noted:**
- 1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Schofield due to his long term illness
 - 1.2 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Pallett as he was on holiday
 - 1.3 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Hancock as he was on holiday
 - 1.4 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Brown due to Covid isolation
- 21.10.02 **Resolved:**
That the draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th September 2021, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.
- 21.10.03 **Noted:**
The following when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and to note any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests;
- 3.1 Cllr Roots declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 14 as she was employed by one of the scheduled applicants.
- 21.10.04 **Noted:**
- 4.1 A written Report, as tabled and circulated, from MSDC Ward Members Cllrs Mansel and Geake
 - 4.1.1 Cllr Mansel added to her report in relation to the controversial application to enlarge Elmswell Community Primary School suggesting that the objection on the part of Elmswell Parish Council and others to the allocation of CIL funding is unusual but that it has her support.
 - 4.2 A written Report, as tabled and circulated, from County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen
 - 4.2.1 Cllr Mellen confirmed his support for the Parish Council's move to deny a CIL contribution towards the SCC proposal for expanding the Elmswell Primary School facilities on an already overcrowded site in light of the suggestion that there are viable alternatives for sites offering proper accommodation and scope for the inevitable further expansion in the future as housing development continues.
- 21.10.05 **Noted:**
The following correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item
- 5.1 To BMSDC re CIL bid towards expansion at Elmswell Community Primary School
 - 5.1.1 **Proposal: Cllr Shaw**
That this correspondence be copied to Jo Churchill MP , drawn to the attention of the Inspectors currently assessing the BMSDC Joint Local Plan and reproduced in the Elmswell Newsletter.
Seconded; Cllr Roots
Proposal carried
 - 5.2 With SCC Highways re speed limits

- 21.10.06 **Noted:**
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.
- 21.10.07 **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.
- 21.10.08 **Noted:**
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;
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| 8.1 | <u>SCC/0054/21MS</u> Extension and alteration school buildings... Elmswell Primary School, Oxe Close | GRANTED | EPC objected |
| 8.2 | <u>DC/21/04346</u> Erection two bay car port Stanley House, Spong Lane | GRANTED | EPC supported |
| 8.3 | <u>DC/21/05020</u> Non-material amendment DC/19/05810... Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane | APPROVED | EPC not consulted |
| 8.4 | <u>DC/21/04470</u> Severance of garden and erection 1no dwelling... Silver Birches, Church Road | GRANTED | EPC supported |
| 8.5 | <u>DC/21/03409</u> Dropped kerb... Magnolias, Church Road | GRANTED | EPC supported |
- 21.10.09 To discuss the following Planning applications as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council, and to make comment as appropriate:
- 9.1 **DC/21/05414**
Erection of single storey side/rear extension and conversion of garage to additional living accommodation Stanbury, Warren Lane
The Meeting agreed to support this application
- 9.2 **DC/21/05406**
Conversion and extension of barn to form 1no. dwelling and erection of 2no. dwellings with associated works, including; creation of access and provision of landscaping The Old Granary at Ten Ten, Kiln Lane
The Meeting objected to this application for the following reasons:
The site is in the countryside clearly outside of the Development Envelope of Elmswell. To permit further encroachment of housebuilding into Kiln Lane would run counter to Local Plan Policy SB1 and there is no mitigating factor presented to support intrusion which is, clearly, against the overriding principal of protecting the countryside for its own sake. The setting is currently rich in biodiversity, as reflected in the proximity of the adjacent Kiln Meadow wildlife reserve managed by the ElmsWild community volunteers and accessed by the well-used Elmswell Footpath 16 ROW which borders the site.
Kiln Lane is a single-track country lane with no footpath along its entire length. It is already at capacity as the village expands and traffic seeks ways around the increasingly busy main through routes. This Proposal, therefore, runs counter to Local Plan policy T10 which requires that existing roads giving access to a proposed development should be suitable in terms of the safe and free flow of traffic and pedestrian safety. The disingenuous suggestion that this byway has a 60mph speed limit and does not feature in accident statistics is to mis-represent the situation. This meandering road of variable width has no passing places. It serves the industrial access to the Anglian Water facility and the HGV traffic servicing CG Finch. The creeping introduction of more domestic vehicular traffic must, at some point, be stopped. That point is reached with this proposal.
The Application goes against NPPF policies of sustainability. In its strictures on promoting sustainable transport, it argues for an awareness of potential impacts on transport networks [para 102(a)], focussing on locations which can be made sustainable through limiting the need to travel [para 103] and for attention to the impacts from a proposal on the transport network [para 108(c)]. This is a proposal for a dwelling along a narrow country road situated almost a mile from the village facilities. In NPPF terms it is unsustainable.

- 9.3 **DC/21/05172**
Erection of single storey side link extension between existing bungalow and detached garage 51 Blackbourne Road
 The Meeting agreed to support this application
- 9.4 **DC/21/05504**
Erection of rear extension to form 2 No holiday apartments (renewal of consent granted under DC18/02982) Kiln Farm Guest House, Kiln Lane
 The Meeting agreed to make no comment on this application
- 9.5 **DC/21/05305**
Application for works to trees subject to a Tree preservation order WS312: Reduce 1no Sycamore Maple (T1) directly behind house up to 4m and reduce laterals by up to 2m, to the best appropriate growth point available, to reduce the effects of wind. Hurstmere, 4 Grange Meadows
 Councillors agreed to make no comment on this application

21.10.10 **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.

21.10.11 **Noted:**
 The following other Planning business;

- 11.1 The Clerk confirmed correspondence with MSDC Planning Enforcement regarding complaints of unauthorised business activity from a domestic dwelling in New Road.
- 11.2 The Clerk reported on pre-application notification of an impending Planning application, as previously discussed, for the development at the A1088 / A14 roundabout of a service station including 2 restaurants. The Meeting rejected the offer of consultation in advance of the formal application process.

21.10.12 **Resolved:**
 That Council grant aids the ElmsWild group in the sum of £252.00 towards the maintenance costs at Town Field.

21.10.13 **Noted:**
 The widespread neighbourhood concerns regarding MSDC housing allocations at Manns Court where the dwellings once reserved for elderly residents requiring sheltered accommodation are currently housing individuals whose problem behaviour is requiring frequent attendance of emergency services. Cllr Mansel undertook to secure assurances from Officers that appropriate attention is accorded to the situation and that proper consideration is given to the propriety of the current allocations policy.

Cllr Roots, having declared a Disclosable pecuniary Interest in the following item left the Meeting at this point.

21.10.14 **Proposal: Cllr Barker;**
That £150.00 be granted to each of the following charities: East Anglian Air Ambulance, Headway, Magpas, Royal British legion Poppy Appeal, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, EACH, Brain Tumour Research Centre.
Seconded Cllr Shaw
Proposal carried

Cllr Roots re-joined the Meeting at this point

- 21.10.15 **Noted:**
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 30.09.21.
- 21.10.16 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendices D, be authorised.
16.1 The Chairman confirmed that, at line 15, the Tavern Architect's fee represented part payment of the professional fees previously agreed [ref. 21.06.13].
16.2 The Chairman confirmed that, at line 38, the figure represented the wages paid to all Council employees for the month of September.
- 21.10.17 **Noted:**
Balances as per Appendices E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.
- 21.10.18 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business was invited;
18.1 The Clerk agreed to forward to the BWMA the suggestion that access be allowed from Rose Lane into the Wesley car park so that pedestrians could visit the Wesley facility and the Elmswell Tavern without having to traverse School Road for the section that has no pavement along its southern edge.
18.2 The Chairman advised that a timed log of antisocial behaviour events would be an essential step towards confirming the scope and scale of the current problems for onward transmission via Ward Members to Officers at Mid Suffolk.
- 21.10.19 **Noted:**
The following other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
19.1 There was discussion regarding the triggering system which governs the down-time of the railway crossing gates from which no action was determined.
- 21.10.20 **Noted:**
That the next Ordinary Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 15th November 2021 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 21.10.21 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 9.01pm