

## **ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parish Clerk's Report to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

- 1 The large metal paper banks at the Station Road recycling centre which were summarily withdrawn have, at last, been replaced. The new facility is managed by Mid Suffolk and comprises adapted 1100 litre wheeled bins of which we were allocated 2. The uplift is fortnightly when the household recycling collection is made. I have secured a third unit as 2 were clearly not going to cope once people realised that the banks were available again. Unfortunately, these new bins are labelled 'paper and card'. Inevitably, users are stuffing cardboard boxes in – in the first week one bin was filled with just one visit and 3 such boxes. Unless properly flattened, this will always be a problem. Mid Suffolk are persuaded to change their policy and to invite paper only. Card is to go in or with green household recycling bins. This will be advertised in the Elmswell Newsletter towards encouraging use which generates income for EPC to be passed on the volunteer groups who keep the site commendably clear.
- 2 There have been issues with neighbourhood nuisance caused by outdoor music events at the Elmswell Tavern. The Chairman and I have met with the Tenant who has subsequently given an apology and assurance of no recurrence backed up by a Method Statement and checklist governing future music at the venue. I have copied the text to Councillors against any questions directly to them from residents.
- 3 I had confirmation from BMSDC on 2<sup>nd</sup> September that they had not received a request for an election to fill the Casual Vacancy on EPC and that co-option is now an option. The Chairman has received a letter from a resident expressing interest in serving and I have copied this to Councillors. I had an email from a resident expressing interest but this has not produced further enquiry. In both cases I had forwarded a copy of, 'The Good Councillor Guide', which gives an excellent overview of procedures, roles and responsibilities.
- 4 The issuing of shares in the Elmswell Community Enterprise (ECE) project for the refurbishment of the Elmswell tavern as a community pub has been delayed by the current administrative constraints related to one aspect of the process. The new issue date will be publicised as soon as the necessary paperwork is complete. Meanwhile, I have begun to discuss with the solicitor who has advised on the current Tenancy the Lease which will govern the Council's agreement with ECE and this matter will be before Council as and when recommendations are received.
- 5 Council's submission of a request for pre-application advice regarding the concept designs for and principle of the refurbishment and new build at Elmswell Tavern has produced an extremely positive and supportive response confirming that the scheme would be likely to be acceptable and could result in the creation of a successful community hub operating for the benefit of residents of the village. An exercise to estimate costs is in hand in parallel with the floating of the shares towards an indication of the parameters for a full Planning application in due course

- 6 A reminder that councillors are invited to view the Poor's Land Trust holding at Town Field down Spong Lane, where Council has encouraged the ElmsWild volunteers to manage the area as a wildflower meadow, on Tuesday the 21st of September between 2:30 and 4:00 pm when they could help with the scattering of wildflower seeds as part of a community event.
  
- 7 The twice-postponed formal opening of Wesley is now scheduled to take place on Friday 15th of October. Jo Churchill MP, newly promoted Parliamentary Undersecretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will officially declare the facility open at 12 noon. Councillors are welcome

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