

# **ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm  
at The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH**

- Present: Cllr Barker, Brown, Burch, Edmonds, Hancock, Hawes, Mansel, Pallett (Chairman), Roots, Shaw
- Attending: County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen  
District Council Ward Member Helen Geake  
Parish Clerk Peter Dow  
1 member of the public
- 22.01.01 Noted:  
1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Schofield due to his long-term illness.
- 22.01.02 **Resolved:**  
**That the draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.**
- 22.01.03 **Noted:**  
That there were no Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items and no note any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests.
- 22.01.04 **Noted:**  
4.1 A written Report, as tabled and circulated, from MSDC Ward Members Cllrs Sarah Mansel & Helen Geake  
4.1.1 Cllr Mansel confirmed that MSDC have cancelled many scheduled meetings until the end of February in favour of virtual events which might then inform officer-delegated decisions.  
4.2 A written report, as tabled and circulated, from SCC Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen
- 22.01.05 **Noted:**  
That here was no further correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item.
- 22.01.06 **Noted:**  
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.
- 22.01.07 **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.
- 22.01.08 **Noted:**  
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;
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| 8.1 | <u>DC/21/06240</u> Erection of single storey side extension<br>20 Rowan Green                        | GRANTED  | EPC supported  |
| 8.2 | <u>DC/21/05976</u> Erection of 3No single storey dwellings...<br>Hedgerows, Grove Lane               | GRANTED  | EPC objected   |
| 8.3 | <u>DC/21/06595</u> Discharge of Conditions DC/18/04264...<br>Land South of Field View, Ashfield Road | APPROVED | EPC no comment |

- 22.01.09      **Noted:**  
The following Planning application as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;  
9.1      **DC/22/00144**  
**Following grant of Planning Permission DC/20/05871 for variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) in order to reposition one of the approved buildings to avoid a gas main**  
**Land at Stage café, Old A45, Woolpit**  
Councillors agreed to make no comment on this application
- 22.01.10      **Resolved:**  
**That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the Planning Application on this Agenda to the Chief Planning Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council.**
- 22.01.11      **Noted:**  
The following other Planning business;  
11.1      The Clerk undertook to represent Council's views, as expressed, should either applications ref DC/17/02349 – petrol filling station and restaurants at A14 or ref DC/21/06379 – 19 dwellings at Ashfield Road / Grove Lane, come before a Development Control Committee.
- 22.01.12      **Resolved:**  
**That Council follows the 3 Recommendations made by the Places4People Planning Consultancy in their Briefing Note dated 31.12.2021 that:**  
**i          the contents of the document are noted**  
**ii        the proposed revised policy content of the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan is endorsed**  
**iii       the revised consultation arrangements for the Neighbourhood Plan are agreed**
- 22.01.13      **Noted:**  
The possibility of an initiative to mark the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee and that Cllrs Brown & Shaw would join the Clerk together with representatives of the EAA, BWMA and ECE in pursuing the matter.
- 22.01.14      **Resolved:**  
**That, in the case that an Application for Planning Permission is submitted to Elmswell Parish Council for comment with a consultation deadline which does not fit into the schedule of monthly meetings, then, providing that it does not propose development which is outside of Policy or Statute and that the Chairman of Council and the Clerk adjudge it to be minor in nature, it can be circulated to all Councillors with an invitation for any one of them to require that it be called in for discussion at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council and that, failing any such calling-in the Clerk is delegated to make a formal comment of No Objection to the Planning Authority.**
- 22.01.15      **Resolved:**  
**That a Task-and-Finish group be established comprising the Chairman and Vice-chairman of Council together with Cllrs Root and Shaw to assess the current and future workload of the Clerk's office and to make recommendation as necessary towards ensuring that future pressures of growth can be accommodated without a drop in standards of service.**
- 22.01.16      **Noted:**  
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.01.22.

- 22.01.17      **Resolved:**  
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 22.01.18      **Noted:**  
The Balances as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.
- 22.01.19      **Noted:**  
That when any public comment or questions were invited on matters relevant to Council business none were forthcoming.
- 22.01.20      **Noted:**  
The following when any other Council business was invited from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
- 20.1      The Meeting noted that the frequent failures to repair the long standing problem light unit 102 in New Road was a matter of record and that it remained as a Report on the SCC system reinforced by enquiries made by Cllr Mellen.
- 20.2      The Chairman agreed to look on site at the proposal for pedestrian access to be provided from Rose Lane into the Wesley car park to allow a safer pedestrian route from Rose Lane to the Wesley entrance at School Road.
- 20.3      The meeting noted that a physical safety restriction is now in place at the Norton bridge on A1088 and that the necessary repairs will take 18 months. It was agreed that the resumption of normal use might offer the opportunity for the removal of the weight limit which currently sends heavy traffic through Elmswell.
- 22.01.21      **Noted:**  
That the next Ordinary Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 22.01.22      **Noted:**  
That the meeting closed at 8.44pm.