

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on Monday 17th April 2023 at The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH

Present: Cllrs Barker, Brown, Burch, Edmonds, Hancock, Hawes, Mansel, Pallet (Chairman), Roots, Schofield, Shaw

Attending: County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen
Parish Clerk Peter Dow
2 members of the public

23.04.01 **Noted:**
1.1 An apology for absence was noted from Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member Helen Geake

23.04.02 **Resolved:**
That the draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th March 2023, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

23.04.03 **Noted:**
the following when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests noted;
3.1 Cllr Brown declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 9.3 as the applicant was personally known to him.
3.2 Cllr Barker declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda items 9.3 and item 9.7 as he was a near neighbour to both applications.
3.3 Cllr Shaw declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 9.3 as the applicant was personally known to him.

23.04.04 **Noted:**
4.1 A written report from District Council Ward Members Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake
4.2 A written report from SCC Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen
4.3 Cllr Mansel expressed disappointment and a sense of shame regarding the recent very poor performance at MSDC regarding the posting of Persons Nominated and subsequent notification of contested elections. She confirmed that she would be supporting a robust analysis of the failed systems towards ensuring no recurrence of what were very serious shortcomings in the statutory process.
4.4 Cllr Mellen spoke in support of wide public criticism of the outcome of the recently delivered road widening and related works at School Road required as part of the developer package for the new 86 dwelling development there. This view was supported by the Meeting and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification from SCC Highways as to how, despite considerable input from the Parish Council and others, Highways Officers had failed to seize the opportunity to mitigate a serious and dangerous hazard.

23.04.05 **Noted:**
That there was no correspondence unrelated to an Agenda item.

23.04.06 **Noted:**
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A
6.1 The Clerk added that he now had the Consultation document including proposals for the Main Modification to the BMSDC Joint Local Plan and that it was available to Councillors on request.
6.2 Councillors agreed, in relation to paragraph 3 of the Report, that it would be reasonable to consider underwriting the costs of a trial Taxi-Minibus service into Bury St Edmunds and that arrangements could go ahead to be ratified at the May meeting.

23.04.07

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 the date of the next Complaints Committee meeting was not known.

23.04.08

Noted:

Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;

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| 8.1 | DC/23/00540 Demolition of fire damage two storey cottage
Half Acre, Grove Lane, Elmswell | APPROVED | PC No comment |
| 8.2 | DC/23/00401 Erection of rear garden room
15 Jubilee Terrace, Elmswell | APPROVED | PC Objected |
| 8.3 | DC/23/00360 Variation of conditions...
Holly Lodge, Elmswell | APPROVED | PC No comment |

23.04.09

Noted:

The following Planning applications as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;

- 9.1 **DC/23/01582**
Erection of first floor extension over existing garage with front & rear dormers. 56 Eastern Way.
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 9.2 **DC/23/01454**
**Erection of single storey rear/side extension (following the removal of existing extension).
20 Oxe Close**
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 9.3 **DC/23/01302**
**Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension (following demolition of outbuildings)
Linden Cottage, Hawk End Lane, Elmswell**
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 9.4 **DC23/01407**
**Application for permission without compliance of conditions...Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) re DC/20/01999 dated 21.07.2020 – demolition of existing structures and erection of 1 No. single storey dwellinghouse.
Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road.**
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 9.5 **DC/23/01326**
**Application for approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Hybrid Planning Permission DC/22/01224 dated 31/05/2022 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, layout and Scale of Erection of no1 detached dwelling.
Holly Lodge, Cross Street**
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;
This application seeks to place the largest dwelling of the original concept on the smallest plot. A 4 bedroomed house of some 3,500 sq. ft presents an unacceptably imposing mass to the neighbouring properties in Warren Lane. It would be out of proportion in the context of the immediate neighbourhood and the traffic generated poses a hazard given that the access would be serving 4 large households.
Councillors had regard to Local Plan policies GP1, H15, H16, H13 & T10 as well as the Well-Designed Places paragraphs of NPPF.
- 9.6 **DC/23/01172**
**Erection of two storey rear extension. Insertion of two new dormer windows to the front of the property. Rebuilding of a single-storey rear extension to garage.
Robins Nest, (formally Sterndale) New Road.**
Councillors agreed to support this application

- 9.7 **DC/23/01358**
Construction of 4 No. dormer windows and 4 No. roof-lights in conjunction of loft conversion.
Hawk Green, Elmswell
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;
It seeks to facilitate a considerable expansion of the accommodation up to what could be, effectively, 7 bedrooms. The Application suggests that the proposal would produce either 5 or 6 bedrooms. Whatever is the case, given the constraint of the site shared with 2 other dwellings, and designed as a piece, there is not the flexibility to accommodate a 50% increase in potential occupancy and subsequent car parking requirement of the proposal site.
Councillors had regard to Local Plan policy H18 in considering this proposal.

- 23.04.10 **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.
- 23.04.11 **Noted:**
The following other Planning business;
11.1 Councillors agreed to delegate to the Clerk, in liaison with the Council's Tree Officer, a decision on whether or not to make comment on the technical proposals for works to trees at Felicia, Church Road and at 20 Oxer Close.
- 23.04.12 **Proposal: Cllr Barker;**
That the recommendations, as tabled at Appendix F, towards street naming on the extended Bacon Factory site be forwarded to MSDC as being appropriate for allocation as Officers see fit.
Seconded Cllr Hancock

Proposal carried
- 23.04.13 **Noted:**
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.03.23.
- 23.04.14 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 23.04.15 **Noted:**
The Balances as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.
- 23.04.16 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business were invited;
16.1 A member of the public spoke as a frequent attender of the Council's meetings to thank Councillors for their calm and efficient execution of business over the past 4 years.
- 23.04.17 **Noted:**
The following Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
17.1 The Clerk and Chairman brought the Meeting up to date regarding progress in liaison with Elmswell Community Enterprise regarding the Elmswell Tavern project.
- 23.04.18 **Noted:**
That the next Meeting of Council is the Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday 15th May 2023 beginning at 7.00 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 23.04.19 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 9.08 pm