

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on
Monday 21st October 2024 beginning 7.30pm
at The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH**

Present: Cllrs Brown, Burch, Edmonds, Hancock, Hawes, Pallett (Chairman), Shaw

Attending: District Council Ward Member Jen Overett
Parish Clerk Peter Dow

24.10.01 **Noted:**
1.1 Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs Barker, Mansel, Roots and Schofield each

on the basis on family and / or medical commitments

1.2 An apology for absence was received from County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen

24.10.02 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th September 2024, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

24.10.03 **Noted:**
That there were no Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items and no additions or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests.

Proposal without notice under SO 10 (vi)

Proposal; Cllr Pallett;

That the Order of Business be varied so that Agenda item 9 be brought forward to follow Agenda item 3

Seconded Cllr Edmonds

Proposal carried

To discuss the following Planning application as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk:

9.1 **DC/24/04207**

Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of DC/21/01132 dated 21/01/2022 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Reserved Matters for Erection of up to 300 dwellings, construction of a new spine road, land for a new primary school, burial ground extension, village car park and associated infrastructure. - To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to allow amendments to alter house types for 40 of the homes as per revised details submitted.

Land off Bury Road

Councillors made the following comments on this application:

Councillors have concerns that the proposed variations might adversely affect key elements of the original Permission with specific regard to:

- The ecological profile of the new dwellings falling short of the energy efficiency standards required of the original units
- The loss of the original cohesive overall estate design to the detriment of the street scene with particular reference to the proposed introduction of randomly varied roof lines
- The potential loss of previously agreed standards of biodiversity and effects on wildlife

Until these matters are considered and the relevant concerns addressed regarding the potential loss of the integrity of the permitted scheme, Councillors would recommend a Holding Objection.

- 24.10.04 **Noted:**
 4.1 A Written Report from County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen
 4.2 A written Report from BMSDC Ward Members Cllrs Jen Overett & Sarah Mansel
 4.3 Cllr Burch spoke to warn of the possible nuisance from smell should SCC proceed with its intention, as stated, to set up a new contract for anaerobic digestion of food waste collected under the proposed changes to re-cycling and waste policies.
 4.4 The Clerk undertook to reinforce, as appropriate, the urgency for SCC to attend to any uneven and pitted pavement at Jubilee Terrace.
- 24.10.05 **Noted:**
 The following correspondence unrelated to an Agenda item;
 5.1 The Clerk read from a letter sent by the perpetrator of the recent criminal damage at Blackbourne admitting stupidity and careless and senseless behaviour and enclosing £25.00 in recompense for damage done.
- 24.10.06 **Noted:**
 The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.
 6.1 The Clerk confirmed that the recommendations from BWMA regarding the expenditure of capital sums transferred across to Council are in no way binding.
 6.2 The Clerk confirmed that the identification of the section of Turners' Field land at Blackbourne to be reserved for informal recreation and maintained so as to encourage biodiversity has, thus far, been, 'Conservation Field,' but that this merely serves to differentiate it from the areas to be levelled, drained and seeded for sports activities.
 6.3 There was discussion regarding the lack of options whereby affordable homes might be provided on the School Road site and any Right-to-Buy or Right-to-Acquire avoided. No actions were determined beyond the due process already engaged.
- 24.10.07 **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.
- 24.10.08 **Noted:**
 Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;
 8.1 **DC/24/03309**
 Discharge of Conditions...
 Land adjacent to Elmtree Business Park APPROVED EPC no comment
 8.2 **DC/24/03112**
 Discharge of Conditions...
 Land off A14 REFUSED EPC no comment
 8.3 **DC/24/03936**
 Tree works...
 36 Oxer Close GRANTED EPC supported
 8.4 **DC/24/03665**
 Erection of two storey self build...
 Jamita, Oak Lane GRANTED - conditions EPC objected
 8.5 **DC/24/03718**
 Single storey rear extension...
 Blackbird Cottage, St Johns Close GRANTED EPC supported
 8.6 **DC/24/03363**
 Discharge of Conditions...
 Land on Bacon Factory site APPROVED EPC no comment
 8.7 **DC/24/03911**
 Convert garage to living accommodation...
 Lukes View, St Johns Close GRANTED EPC supported
 8.8 **DC/24/04130**
 Discharge of Conditions re biodiversity etc... GRANTED EPC made no comment
 Land off Ashfield Road (Stable & Hay Store)
- 24.10.09 **Noted:**
To discuss the following Planning application as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk:
DC/24/04310
 Application for Advertisement Consent - Construction and display of internal and external illuminated signage as detailed within application form and P-SD11080-01 REV E
Eg On The Move, Kiln Lane (Petrol filling Station)

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;
Councillors object to this Application which seeks to impose a suburban result in this rural location.
The standards of height and illumination are ill-suited to the site which, away from the overbearing effect of A14, is characterised by rolling arable farmland within clear site of the 2 listed churches at Elmswell and at Woolpit.
There are specific concerns regarding installation 22 which would seem, as proposed, to pose a threat to pedestrian safety.

- 24.10.10 **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 as appropriate.
- 24.10.11 **Noted:**
That there was no other Planning business
- 24.10.12 **Proposal; Cllr Shaw;**
That all applications made to Council for grant aid from external bodies in the year to date from 17th October 2023, confirmed as: Headway, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Lighthouse Women's Aid, Communities Together, Mid Suffolk CAB, be granted £175.00 each.
Seconded Cllr Edmonds
Proposal carried
- 24.10.13 **Resolved:**
That Heelis and Lodge be commissioned to carry out the Council's Internal Audit in April 2025.
- 24.10.14 **Noted:**
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C.
- 24.10.15 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 24.10.16 **Noted:**
The Balances as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.
- 24.10.17 **Noted:**
That there was no public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business
- 24.10.18 **Noted:**
The following other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
18.1 The Clerk agreed to report to SCC 2 streetlights in Church Road & Cooks Road currently obscured by vegetation and ineffective.
18.2 The Clerk confirmed that he was scheduling various hedges for flail cutting and that the works would be instructed within the advisory seasonal deadline.
18.3 The Clerk agreed to seek out the result of the Stage III Safety Audit regarding the School Road scheme resulting from the Bloor Homes development.
- 24.10.19 **Noted:**
That the next Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 18th November 2024 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 24.10.20 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 8.33pm.