

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on

Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm

at The Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH

Present: Cllrs Barker, Burch, Edmonds, Friend, Hawes, Ms Indurain, Pallett (Chairman), Pratt, Schofield, Wiley

Attending: Suffolk County Council Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey
District Council Ward Member Mr John Levantis
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
4 members of the public

17.10.01 **Noted:**

1.1 An apology for absence was noted from District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel as she was on holiday

17.10.02 **Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September 2017 be agreed as a true record.

17.10.03 **Noted:**

The following when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests noted:

3.1 Cllr Burch declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 11.1, Planning Application at 21 Wetherden Road, as he was a near neighbour.

17.10.04 **Noted:**

4.1 A written report from SCC Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey

4.2 A written report from Mid Suffolk Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel

4.3 A written report from the BWMA

4.4 An oral report from MSDC Ward Member John Levantis giving a brief overview of the Suffolk Planning Infrastructure Framework.

17.10.05 **Noted:**

The following when questions or comment from Councillors on any matter reported under Agenda item 4 was invited:

5.1 Cllr Mrs Storey confirmed that the speed restriction at the Rougham turn-off on A14 should be due for removal imminently and that problems where the lack of white lining is seen to be causing highways hazard should be reported as a safety concern via the County Council website, as outlined in her written report.

5.2 Cllr Levantis confirmed that the problems reported in the Press relating to the MSDC move to Endeavour House had been resolved.

17.10.06 **Noted:**

That when any questions or comment was invited from the public on any matter on this agenda, none were forthcoming.

17.10.07 **Noted:**

Correspondence to this meeting unrelated to an Agenda item:

7.1 From BMS confirming Stopping Up / Creation Orders re public footpaths through the new housing development at Bacon Factory as per the statutory notice duly posted.

17.10.08 **Noted:**

The meeting received the Clerk's report as per Appendix A.

17.10.09 **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.

- 17.10.10 **Noted:**
 Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council.
 10.1 DC/17/04223 Single storey rear extension...
 Devoran, Warren Lane Granted EPC no comment
- 17.10.11 **Noted:**
 Planning Application as referred by Mid Suffolk District Council for comment:
 11.1 **DC/17/04812**
Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
21 Wetherden Road
 Councillors agreed to support this application.
- 17.10.12 **Resolved:**
That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the above Planning application to the Professional Lead for Growth & Sustainable Planning at Mid Suffolk District Council.
- 17.10.13 **Noted:**
 The following other Planning business:
 13.1 The Secretary of State's decision re EPC's request to call-in Planning Application ref 4909/16 on land east of Warren Lane and confirmation from Jo Churchill MP.
 13.2 Enforcement action re site at Kiln Lane ref Planning permission ref 0950/16 was noted.
 13.3 Notice of an Appeal (written representations) against Refusal ref. 0692/17 erection of detached dwelling at Hill Farm Barn, Ashfield Road was noted.
- 17.10.14 **Proposal: Cllr Barker**
That Council makes a grant of £100.00 to each of the following charitable bodies: British Legion Poppy Appeal; Children With Cancer UK; East Anglian Air Ambulance; Fresh Start; Lighthouse; Suffolk Accident Rescue Service; Suffolk Age UK.
Seconded: Cllr Schofield
Proposal carried
- 17.10.15 **Resolved:**
That Council makes a Planning Application and seeks Building Regs. Approval for the demolition of the Exchange Hall at School Road and restoration of the building footprint area as car parking space.
- 17.10.16 **Proposal: Cllr Barker;**
That the draft letter from the Clerk to Suffolk County Council Children's Services, Education & Skills regarding their home to school transport draft proposals be accepted as a fair reflection of the Council's view and duly despatched.
Seconded: Cllr Friend
Proposal carried
- 17.10.17 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
That Council makes a Planning Application and seeks Building Regs. Approval for an extension to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne as per drawings by Messrs Poole & Pattle Chartered Architects ref. 3749.
Seconded Cllr Wiley
 With the agreement of both Proposer and Seconder, this Proposal stood adjourned pending further discussion with the architect.
- 17.10.18 **Resolved:**
That this Council formally approves and accepts the statutory Annual Return on its activities for the year ended 31st March 2017, including the External Auditor Certificate and Report signed off by Messrs BDO LLP, together with the Issues Arising Report, noting that future PWLB balance outstanding figures will reflect payment by equal instalments in principal for the Wesley loan and that amendments to the Annual Return accurately reflect the proper position.

- 17.10.19 **Noted:**
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 30.09.17.
- 17.10.20 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 17.10.21 **Noted:**
The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure of £152,037.59.
- 17.10.22 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business was invited:
22.1 It was confirmed that a recent petition seeking to have MSDC refuse to grant Outline Planning Permission for up to 250 dwellings at School Road, ref. DC/17/03853, had attracted some 1100 signatures.
- 17.10.23 **Noted:**
The following when any other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited:
23.1 It was noted that the grass at the cemetery has, recently, been well tended and the contractor is to be commended.
23.2 The Clerk confirmed that the first 3 weeks of the Village Warden's employment had been taken up on learning the caretaking basics at Blackbourne and 2 weeks of holiday cover for the caretaker.
23.3 Cllr Wiley undertook to prioritise the proposed street light upgrades so that prices can be sought for the necessary works.
23.4 The Chairman and Clerk undertook to further pursue an approach made through the Chief Executive of Network Rail towards having the unsightly bags of saturated ballast removed from the area of the railway crossing at Station Road and to press for further improvements in the appearance of the site.
- 17.10.24 **Noted:**
That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 20th November beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Blackbourne.
- 17.10.25 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 8.35pm.