

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on
Monday 19th June 2017 at 7.30pm
at The Blackbourne.

Present: Cllr Barker, Burch, Friend, Ms Indurain, Pallett (Chairman), Pratt, Schofield, Wiley

Attending: County Council Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey
District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
3 Members of the public

- 17.06.01 1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Mrs Taber who had a work commitment;
1.2 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Hawes who was on holiday;
1.3 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Edmonds who had a family commitment.

17.06.02 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2017, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

17.06.03 **Noted:**
The following when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and to note any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests;
3.1 Cllrs Burch, Ms Indurain and Friend declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 20 as they were either allotment tenants or related to an allotment tenant.
3.2 Cllr Schofield declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 14 as his wife was a member of the Trefoil Guild.

17.06.04 **Noted:**
4.1 A written report from MSDC Ward member Mrs Sarah Mansel
4.2 A written report from the BMA
4.3 An oral report from County Council Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey
4.4 Cllr Mrs Storey added her congratulations to Brian Hawes of the Elmswell Fire Crew on his having been honoured in the recent Queen's Birthday honours List.

17.06.05 **Noted:**
The following when questions or comment, including from the public, were invited, on matters raised at Agenda item 4, on related issues, or on any matter on this agenda:
5.1 A member of the public, backed by Councillors, spoke in support of Cllr Storey's congratulations to Brian Hawes.

17.06.06 **Noted:**
That there was no correspondence to this meeting not dealt with in an agenda item.

17.06.07 **Noted:**
The meeting received the Clerk's report as per Appendix A.
7.1 The Clerk confirmed that he had, with Cllr Barker, re-visited the Council's Clay field access way at Wetherden Road with reference to repeated incidents of fly tipping, and that he would be conferring with Councillors towards possible further action.

17.06.08 **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.

17.06.09 **Noted:**
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council.

09.1	0788/17	Replacement of all windows 2-4 Tudor Cottages, School Road	Refused	EPC no comment
09.2	1398/17	Erection of single storey side extension Botany Bay Farm, Grove Lane	Granted	EPC supported
09.3	3469/16	Outline Planning up to 60 dwellings Land to east of Borley Crescent	Granted	EPC objected

09.4 DC/17/02119 Erection of attached single garage and associated permeable driveway and Highway Crossing.
32 Thedwastre Close Granted EPC not consulted

17.06.10

Noted:

Planning Applications as referred by Mid Suffolk District Council for comment:

10.1 **DC/17/02404**

Notification for Prior approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development Ten-Ten, Kiln Lane

Councillors urged that Approval be withheld for the following reasons:

- 1 Evidence by way of personal testimony from long-standing members of the farming community confirm that this building has not been used as a grain store for some 60 years. The agricultural holding which it then served was sold some 50 years ago and the building has been in general purpose use, ancillary to the enjoyment of the occupiers of Ten Ten, in the intervening period. The building therefore fails the test of section Q1 (a) of the Order.
- 2 The tie bars and general structural evidence suggest that the building operations required to effect the conversion would have to go beyond those permitted under section Q1 (i) of the Order. No evidence is presented by the Applicant by way of a Structural Appraisal which might gainsay the sensible conclusion that the building is unfit for conversion without major structural modification, clearly beyond the scope of the permitted building operations under the Order.
- 3 The Application supposes no transgression of the Conditions identified under section Q2 of the Order. These include, reference (a), that consideration be given to the transport and highways impacts of the development as proposed. In its objections to recent development at Kiln Lane under MSDC ref 4767/16, Elmswell Parish Council cited the unsuitability of the Lane as an access to further development. The Highway here is single track along its whole length and carries industrial as well as farm traffic. The traffic and highways impact of this or any development serviced via Kiln Lane is such as to create a clear hazard and threat to road safety.
- 4 The red line plan furnished with the Application fails to identify any access under the Applicant's control other than directly from Kiln Lane. This is clearly impractical and stands as another factor in the clear case for the refusal to sanction this proposal by way of Prior Approval.

10.2 **1725/17**

Change of Use of existing log cabin for the purpose of running a small business 26 Eastern Way

Councillors agreed with the principle of this application but would only support approval within the following constraints:

- 1 Permission must be conditioned so as to be applicable only to the current household;
- 2 Permission must require adherence to the hours specified in the Application, being: 09.00 – 20.00 Monday – Friday
- 3 Permission must be limited to the business use as described in the Application, being: 'nail art and design'.
- 4 Permitted Development rights pertaining to outbuildings should be, henceforth, removed in order that there can be no expansion of the log cabin.

In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan Policies H16, SB2 & E9.

10.3 **0210/17**

Outline Planning Application for the development of up to 112 residential units with all matters reserved except for access (Further information)

Land to east of Ashfield Road IP30 9HG

Councillors agreed to support this application

17.06.11

Resolved:

That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the above Planning applications to the Professional Lead – Growth & Sustainable Planning, at Mid Suffolk District Council.

- 17.06.12 **Noted:**
The following other Planning business:
12.1 The recent receipt from MSDC of details of their Haughley Park Position Statement and Council's agreement that the Clerk should respond seeking to have a similar Strategic Planning stance with regard to the current Planning pressures at Elmswell, Thurston and Woolpit.
- 17.06.13 **Resolved:**
That the Elmswell Over 55's Club be thanked for their excellent stewardship of the Station Road recycling centre for the 3 months ending 12.05.17 and that a grant of £150.00 be made to the Club's funds.
- 17.06.14 **Resolved:**
That the Trefoil Guild be thanked for providing refreshment to the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting and that a grant of £50.00 be made to the Guild funds.
- 17.06.15 **Noted:**
The recent Completion of the Council's purchase of the Wesley chapel & halls at School Road.
- 17.06.16 **Resolved:**
That this Council enters into an Agreement with the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association as per the Heads of Agreement document, as tabled, dated 19.06.17.
- 17.06.17 **Proposal: Cllr Barker;**
That Council advertises in the next Elmswell Newsletter the post of Village Warden, based on the guidelines laid down in the paper tabled as, 'Village Warden Job Description 19.06.17'
- Seconded: Cllr Friend
- Proposal carried
- 17.06.18 **Resolved:**
That Council pays to Gobblin Wholefoods Ltd the cost of the hours worked over and above the allocated ceiling of 60 per month since 01.01 17 to date, being 368 hours @ £8.99.
- 17.06.19 **Resolved:**
That, effective from 01.06.17 the Parish Clerk's contracted hours be increased by 5 hours per week to 25 hours per week and that the ceiling of Clerical Support hours available be uplifted by 7 hrs per week to 90 hrs per month.
- 17.06.20 **Proposal: Cllr Ms Indurain;**
That the rule requiring no dogs to be brought into the Council's allotments be amended to say that, 'Dogs can be brought to allotments providing that the allotment holder is present and that they do not cause annoyance to other allotment holders due to unruly behaviour'.
- Seconded Cllr Pratt
- With the agreement of both Proposer and Seconder, this Proposal stood adjourned to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council pending the canvassing of views from current allotment holders.**
- 17.06.21 **Noted:**
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.03.17.
- 17.06.22 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 17.06.23 **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 £392,154.66.

17.06.24

Noted:

The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business was invited and any other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda was considered:

- 24.1 The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the proposals from SCC for the proposed Stopping Up, in part, of Footpaths 1,11 & 12 and the creation of alternative routes through the new housing development on the Bacon Factory site. He confirmed that this would be an agenda item at the next Ordinary Meeting when formal comment would be invited.
- 24.2 The Clerk made Councillors aware of the forthcoming Electoral review which will seek to rationalise ward boundaries in Mid Suffolk towards an evenly-spread pattern of representation in light of the move to reduce the number of District Councillors. He undertook to keep Council informed as the process moved towards a second stage when proposals would be tabled for discussion.
- 24.3 Cllr Mrs Mansel confirmed that a representative of a residents' group would be offered the chance to speak for 3 minutes at the forthcoming MSDC Planning Committee meeting to discuss applications for housing development at Wetherden Road and at Warren Lane.
- 24.4 Cllr Friend agreed to liaise with the Clerk towards addressing the long-standing problem of rubbish and maintenance materials dumped by Network Rail at the railway crossing where they present an unsightly aspect to the detriment of the efforts of Cllr Friend and the Gardening Club to keep the station clean and attractive.

17.06.25

Noted:

That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 17th July beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Blackbourne.

17.06.26

Noted:

That the meeting closed at 9.33pm.