

# **ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm  
at The Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH**

**Present:** Cllrs. Barker, Burch, Edmonds, Friend, Hawes (arrived 8.05pm), Ms Indurain, Pallett (Chairman), Schofield

**Attending:** District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel (arrived 7.55pm)  
District Council Ward Member Mr John Levantis  
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow  
5 members of the public

- 18.04.01 **Noted:**  
1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Wiley as he was unwell  
1.2 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Pratt as it was his birthday  
1.3 The absence of Cllr Mrs Taber was noted  
1.4 An apology for absence was noted from County Council Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey for medical reasons.
- 18.04.02 **Resolved:**  
**That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be agreed as a true record.**
- 18.04.03 **Noted:**  
That there were no Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items and no additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests.
- 18.04.04 **Noted:**  
The Meeting received the following reports  
4.1 A written report from Cllr Friend re SALC Area Meeting 05.04.2018;  
4.2 A written report from County Council Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey;  
4.3 A written report from District Council Ward Member Cllr Sarah Mansel;  
4.4 A written report from the BWMA
- 18.04.05 **Noted:**  
That when questions or comment from Councillors or the public on any matter reported under Agenda item 4 or on other District Council or County Council matters were invited none were forthcoming.
- 18.04.06 **Noted:**  
The following when questions or comment were invited from the public on any matter on this agenda:  
6.1 The Applicant ref. agenda item 11.2 at Hill Top Cottage spoke to suggest that the input from the District Council Heritage Team to the Application was in error.
- 18.04.07 **Noted:**  
The following correspondence to this meeting unrelated relate to an Agenda item:  
7.1 Between an Elmswell resident and Country Cllr Storey re potholes, as circulated to Councillors.  
7.2 From an Elmswell resident re Council's suggestions for traffic orders at 2 points in the village to address parking / traffic problems and other issues, as copied to all Councillors. The Meeting noted and approved the main points of a suggested draft response from the Clerk.  
7.3 Between the Chair of Wetherden Parish Council and SCC re the delays to the concrete refurbishment works on A14, copied to EPC.
- 18.04.08 **Noted:**  
The meeting received the Clerk's report as per Appendix A  
8.1 The Clerk confirmed that the quarterly CAB Outreach Review Meeting had taken place as scheduled.
- 18.04.09 **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 that the date of the next Complaints Committee meeting was not known.

- 18.03.10 **Noted:**  
 Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council.
- 10.1 DC/18/00436 Application for listed Building Consent – renovation of bedroom....Street Farm, Station Road  
 APPROVED EPC supported
- 10.2 4911/16 Outline Planning permission for the development of up to 240 dwellings...Land adjacent to Wetherden Road  
 APPROVED EPC objected
- 18.04.11 **Noted:**  
 Planning Applications as referred by Mid Suffolk District Council for comment:
- 11.1 **DC/18/01301**  
**Application for Listed Building Consent. Replacement of modern style window with stained glass privacy window, repair/reinstatement of period features to 2 No. windows, finishing of doorway and exterior painting.**  
**Street Farm, Station Road IP30 9HD**  
 Councillors agreed to support this application
- 11.2 **DC/18/01137**  
**Erection of two storey and single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and creation of a new gable.**  
**Hilltop Cottage, Church Road IP30 9DY**  
 Councillors supported this application on the understanding that Permission is conditioned so as to require the use of sympathetic period materials and treatments as outlined.
- 11.3 **DC/18/01279**  
**(1) Erection of 2No warehouses,2No offices, creation of car parking and storage yards, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system, infrastructure and highway improvements. (2) Outline Planning Application (Access and Landscaping to be considered) for erection of an office and associated car parking and storage yard.**  
**Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane, Woolpit**  
 Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons:  
 A major imposition in the countryside such as is proposed and anticipated here cannot be determined without a strategic overview encompassing the many aspects of infrastructure, residential amenity, countryside, wildlife and landscape issues which will be inevitably affected. Such a determination is beyond the process at this level of consideration.  
 The approaches recently made in principal regarding proposals for a major development at Haughley Park must be assessed in parallel with this application, with particular regard for the highway network and, specifically, routing from A14. The core planning principle at NPPF paragraph 17 requires that Planning should be plan-led with the aim of empowering local people to shape their surroundings by objectively identifying business needs against tests of area roles and character. This principle is ignored should the Application succeed.  
 The proposals are, furthermore, in clear contradiction of Local Plan policy E10 which states that industrial and commercial development in the countryside will not be permitted unless an overriding need can be demonstrated and set against the impacts, including traffic generation. Such need and the broad infrastructure implications cannot properly be evaluated without a deep and comprehensive examination of the area and of the other extant proposals for development in the immediate area of the application site.
- 11.4 **DC/18/01382**  
**Application for Listed Building Consent. Severance of existing barn to form 2 No. dwellings, minor works to building exterior.**  
**Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road IP30 9HJ**  
 Councillors agreed to support this application
- 18.04.12 **Resolved:**  
**That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the above Planning applications to the Professional Lead for Growth & Sustainable Planning at Mid Suffolk District Council.**
- 18.04.13 **Noted:**  
 Other planning business:  
 13.1 The Appeal against the refusal of Permission for a chalet bungalow at Crimond, Oak Lane, is dismissed.

13.2 The next consultation on the SCC Local Minerals & Waste Preferred Options, as circulated to Councillors, will take place between 11<sup>th</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

13.3 The Meeting agreed that applications ref DC/18/01457 for a side extension at 7 Loch Rannoch Close and ref DC/18/01446 for a relaxation of Condition 2 under 593/02 at Street Farm Nursery to allow an uplift of capacity by 5 children were not requiring of the convening of an Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

18.04.14

**Resolved:**

**That the Community Speed Watch team be thanked for their regular and efficient management of the Speed Indicator Device in the village alongside their dedication to the operation of the hand held roadside speed monitoring device for the 2 years since December 2015 and that the sum of £300.00 be granted to the Group's funds.**

18.04.15

**Resolved:**

**That the rate of pay for the Blackbourne Caretaker be adjusted to incorporate the uplift of the Sunday working premium into the standard hourly rate producing a new rate of £8.09p /hr and that the rate of pay of non-clerical Council staff be increase in line with the NJC statutory increases for hourly paid clerical staff.**

18.04.16

**Resolved:**

**That Council makes formal application to Mid Suffolk District Council for the amendment of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 Infrastructure List to allow for contributions towards the provision of improvements to highways infrastructure.**

18.04.17

**Noted:**

Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.03.18.

18.04.18

**Resolved:**

**That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.**

18.04.19

**Noted:**

The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure.

18.04.20

**Noted:**

The following when public comment or questions were invited on matters relevant to Council business:

20.1 The Clerk confirmed that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is with the Steering Group for comment on the 38 policies it contains and that an application has been made for Technical support towards a Housing Needs Assessment to back the proposals.

20.2 The Clerk confirmed that he had had no recent approaches from Elmswell Football Club regarding improvements to the Blackbourne changing rooms but that 3 shower heads had recently been replaced there at the suggestion of Elmswell Cricket Club.

18.04.21

**Noted:**

That there was no other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda.

18.04.22

**Noted:**

That the next meeting of Council was the Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May beginning at 7.00 p.m. at the Blackbourne.

18.04.23

**Noted:**

That the Meeting closed at 9.04pm.