

# **ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm**

**at The Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH**

**Present:** Cllrs Barker, Burch, Edmonds, Friend, Hawes, Ms Indurain, Pallett (Chairman), Mrs Taber, Wiley

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

18.01.01 **Noted:**

- 1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Schofield who was unwell
- 1.2 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Pratt who was unwell

18.01.02 **Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be agreed as a true record.**

18.01.03 **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 Cllr Edmonds declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 11.1 as he was a friend of the Applicant.
- 3.2 Cllr Edmonds declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 16 as he was a member of the Bowls Club.
- 3.3 Cllr Burch declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 16 as he was a member of the Bowls Club.

18.01.04 **Noted:**

That the Meeting noted:

- 4.1 A written report from SCC Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey
- 4.2 A written report from District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel
- 4.3 Cllr Storey confirmed that SCC has borrowed £21m from the PWLB towards addressing highways infrastructure problems in the County.

18.01.05 **Noted:**

The following when questions or comment was invited from Councillors on any matter reported under Agenda item 4 or on other District Council or County Council matters:

- 5.1 Cllr Storey confirmed that the response to the current home-school transport consultation exercise has been good and that the County Council is aware of the rural nature of some of the footpaths which they include in their proposed possible pedestrian routes. Cllr Storey also reinforced her personal view that there should be a pragmatic approach to the existing bus route services which might well allow for flexibility.

18.01.06 **Noted:**

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

- 18.01.07 **Noted:**  
The following correspondence to this meeting unrelated to any Agenda item;  
7.1 The Clerk drew the Meeting's attention to correspondence with the ElmsWild group and the Parish Council's Tree Officer regarding the possibility that Anglian Water might be minded to sanction unacceptably Draconian treatment of the hedge bordering the eastern edge of the Kiln Meadow wildlife site. A recent similar exercise along the southern boundary has destroyed a hedge planted by community volunteers some 10 years ago. The works seek to address the need to maintain ditches and the Clerk agreed to attend an imminent site meeting to voice Council's support for sympathetic and proportionate treatment.
- 18.01.08 **Noted:**  
The Meeting received the Clerk's report as per Appendix A:  
8.1 The Clerk detailed a letter which Highways England will circulate regarding the A14 repair works detailed in his written report. The meeting agreed that this should be published, on Council's behalf, in the Elmswell Newsletter.
- 18.01.09 **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.
- 18.01.10 **Noted:**  
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council.
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| 10.1 | DC/1703354  | Discharge of conditions – Discharge of surface water /landscaping Tudor Cottages | APPROVED                          |               |
| 10.2 | DC/17/05409 | Erection of single storey dwelling... Mulberry Farm, Ashfield Road               | GRANTED                           | EPC objected  |
| 10.3 | DC/17/04884 | Discharge of conditions at St Edmunds Drive: Travel plan                         | REFUSED / Highways access details | APPROVED      |
| 10.4 | DC/17/05984 | Tree works at Chart House, Church Road   | GRANTED                           | EPC supported |
- 18.01.11 **Noted:**  
Planning Applications as referred by Mid Suffolk District Council for comment:
- 11.1 **DC/17/05961**  
**Erection of a 2-bedroom bungalow and vehicular access**  
**The Gables, Ashfield Road**  
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 11.2 **DC/17/06276**  
**Insertion of 2 No dormer windows and single Velux rooflight to rear**  
**Glendinin, Oak Lane**  
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 18.01.12 **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.**
- 18.01.13 **Noted:**  
The following other Planning business;  
13.1 The Clerk drew the Meeting's attention to the formal registration of the Council's own Application ref. DC/17/06073 for the demolition of the Exchange Hall in the Wesley chapel grounds to provide 6 more parking spaces. It was agreed that there need not be a meeting to discuss the application further.
- 18.01.14 **Resolved:**  
**That the Trefoil Guild be thanked for their excellent stewardship of the recycling centre for 3 months up to the 24<sup>th</sup> November and that a grant of £150.00 be paid to the Group's funds.**

- 18.01.15 **Resolved:**  
**That Elmswell Parish council directs Mid Suffolk District Council to pay the sum of £123,931.00, being the Parish Council's total precept requirement for the financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.**
- 18.01.16 **Resolved:**  
**That the Clerk, Chairman and Vice chairman together with Cllr Barker be given delegated powers to agree the terms on which the Blackbourne bowls green and facilities are licensed for 2018.**
- 18.01.17 **Noted:**  
The draft pro-forma guidance for the Internal Review of Council's systems of internal control and the stewardship of the Council's finances and resources to be carried out by the Chairman, Vice chairman and Cllr Barker on 24<sup>th</sup> January and the open invitation for any additions from Councillors to the scheduled framework of inspection.
- 18.01.18 **Noted:**  
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.12.17.
- 18.01.19 **Resolved:**  
**That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.**
- 18.01.20 **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 £103,341.05.
- 18.01.21 **Noted:**  
The following when public comment or questions were invited on matters relevant to Council business;  
21.1 The Chairman pointed out that matters concerning the Elmswell Newsletter are not for Council to determine as it is published independently by the Elmswell Amenities Association. It was confirmed that the space for Council's submissions to the magazine is paid for at normal advertising rates.  
21.2 The Clerk undertook to seek advice from Mid Suffolk regarding a vehicle which is allegedly Improperly parked in a garage court at Eastern Way.
- 18.01.22 **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.
- 18.01.23 **Noted:**  
That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Blackbourne.
- 18.01.24 **Noted:**  
That the meeting closed at 8.37pm.