

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on Monday 21st November 2022 at 7.30pm at The Blackbourne. Elmswell IP30 9UH

Present: Cllrs Barker, Brown, Burch, Edmonds, Hancock, Hawes, Mansel, Pallett (Chairman), Roots, Schofield, Shaw

Attending: District Council Ward Member Cllr Helen Geake
Parish Clerk Peter Dow
5 members of the public

22.11.01 **Noted:**
1.1 An apology for absence was noted from County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen
1.2 An apology was noted from Cllr Hawes who might have to leave the Meeting early

22.11.02 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th October 2022, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

22.11.03 **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 Barker, Brown, Hancock, Pallett and Shaw each declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 9.2 as they were all members of Elmswell Community Enterprise Limited as is the Applicant.

22.11.04 **Noted:**
The following when reports and papers including from external bodies as appropriate were invited and the Meeting opened for questions from Councillors or the public on anything thus tabled and on any matter on this agenda.
4.1 A written report from SCC Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen
4.2 A written report from District Council Ward Members Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake
4.3 A member of the public asked that Council accept the recent decision for Refusal of Planning Permission on the footbridge site at Crown Mill and the reasoning behind that decision.

22.11.05 **Noted:**
The following correspondence unrelated to an Agenda item;
5.1 With SCC re locality budget funding for the Elmswell Food Bank
5.1.1 The Clerk confirmed that he had undertaken to act, through Council, as Banker for the initiative to address food poverty in the village as the group does not have banking facilities
5.2 From Smartest Energy Business re Rota Load Disconnection
5.2.1 The Clerk confirmed that the National Grid Winter Outlook report highlights the Electricity Supply Emergency Code whereby in the case of any shortage of electricity supply the proposed 3 hour interruptions necessary would be distributed equally and fairly nationwide.
5.3 With resident re Crown Mill footbridge site application as copied to all Councillors.
5.4 Thanks from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

22.11.06 **Noted:**
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A
6.1 The Clerk confirmed that, in line with retail hospitality trends, the Elmswell Tavern would reduce opening hours in the new year under pressure from rising costs and reduced consumer spending.

22.11.07

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.

22.11.08

Noted:

Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;

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| 8.1 | <u>DC/22/05375</u> Discharge of Conditions for DC/20/02560... | | |
| | Oakdene, Ashfield Road | APPROVED | EPC did not comment |
| 8.2 | <u>DC/22/04621</u> Erection of two storey side extension.. | | |
| | Gages, New Road | GRANTED | EPC objected |
| 8.3 | <u>DC/22/03423</u> Outline planning permission... | | |
| | Land adj. 10 Crown Mill | REFUSED | EPC supported |
| 8.4 | <u>DC/22/04309</u> Discharge of Conditions for DC/18/02146... | | |
| | Land to the North & West of School Rd | APPROVED | EPC did not comment |
| 8.5 | <u>DC/22/03998</u> Submission of details DC/20/05053... | | |
| | Land to the East of Oak Lane | APPROVED | EPC did not comment |
| 8.6 | <u>DC/22/03997</u> Discharge of Conditions for DC/20/05053... | | |
| | Land to the East of Oak Lane | APPROVED | EPC did not comment |
| 8.7 | <u>DC/22/0615</u> Discharge of Conditions for DC/22/01615... | | |
| | Land North & West of School Road | APPROVED | EPC did not comment |
| 8.8 | <u>DC/22/05283</u> Non material amendment relating to 4767/16... | | |
| | Land at Kiln Lane – Daisy’s Dream | APPROVED | EPC did not comment |
| 8.9 | <u>DC/22/04125</u> Erection of 1No dwelling.. | | |
| | Land opp. 3 Rose Lane | GRANTED | EPC did not comment |

22.11.09

Noted:

Planning applications as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council,

- 9.1 **DC/22/05091**
Erection of stables and hay store, continued use of land for the keeping of horses and construction of new vehicular access
Land off Ashfield Road
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;
The intensification of the use from the informal grazing and riding of horses to the establishment of stables will inevitably give rise to potential odour nuisance given that the buildings are proposed to be sited adjacent to the dwellings on the northern boundary of the proposal site.. The recent proliferation of accesses on to this busy section of Ashfield Road presents increased hazard to through traffic. This site is well served by one such recently established new access. Given the nature of the traffic generated in terms of horse boxes and large hay transporters, this existing access would present an adequate and preferable option. Further, the proposed layout does not present adequate parking or turning provision with reference, again, to the size of many of the vehicles to be expected servicing stable.
- 9.2 **DC/22/05326**
Erection of Workshop and garage
Silver Birches, Church Road
Councillors agreed to support this application on the understanding that Permission is conditioned by a restriction requiring that the approved buildings are to be used only for purposes incidental to and ancillary to the host dwelling, Silver Birches.

22.11.10

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.

22.11.11

Noted:

The following other Planning business;

- 11.1 The Clerk tabled a written report on the MSDC consultation event held on 17th November re their proposed housing development at School Road on the site favoured by EPC for a new primary school. Cllr Mansel confirmed that she and colleagues would try to arrange a meeting with MSDC Cabinet members to bring to their attention the relevant factors which had contributed to the proposal being called in for scrutiny.

- 11.2 There was discussion regarding the MSDC decision to refuse Planning permission for development on the village's footbridge site at Crown Mill and the following ensued:
Proposal: Cllr Barker;
That the Clerk is authorised to instruct Messrs. Ben Elvin Planning to lodge an Appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government against the refusal of outline planning permission by Mid Suffolk District Council relating to document DC/22/03423 for the erection of 1 No. 1½ storey dwelling and construction of a new vehicular access on land adjacent to 10, Crown Mill, Elmswell IP30 9GF.

Seconded Cllr Hancock

Proposal carried

- 11.3 The Clerk confirmed re the following Planning Enforcement issues:
11.3.1 The file on the property in Wetherden Road which has been the subject of concern and enquiry for some years is closed as the officer cannot establish any breach of Planning control.
11.3.2 MSDC are undertaking a visit to a site in Rose Lane where local residents have suggested unauthorised development might be in progress.

- 22.11.12 **Noted:**
The invitation from BMSDC to consider an appropriate name for the development at Hedgerows, Grove Lane and the Meeting's agreement that the ancient term, 'Hulver', meaning holly, which references the common local hedge species be incorporated into the designation.
- 22.11.13 **Resolved:**
That Elmswell Parish Council meets the cost of hiring the Blackbourne Jubilee Hall in the sum of £153.00 for the Christmas Gift event organised by Elmswell food bank on December 10th.
- 22.11.14 **Resolved:**
That Janet Spencer of Farm Meadow be appointed Tree Officer to the Council until further notice.
- 22.11.15 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
That Messrs W Jarvis and Son be contracted to carry out re-shaping of the stand of crack willow and poplar trees on Council land adjacent to Nos 30 & 34 Thedwastre Close as agreed with the Council's tree warden and in liaison with UKPN for a sum not to exceed £2,300 net.
Councillors agreed to defer this proposal
- 22.11.16 **Resolved:**
That Dave Crimmin of Newton, Sudbury, be re-engaged to undertake the Council's annual Internal Audit for the financial year 2022 / 2023 to review and to report on the adequacy of the systems of control undertaken and in place.
- 22.11.17 **Noted:**
The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and indicative financial overview as at 31.10.22.
- 22.11.18 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
- 22.11.19 **Noted:**
The Balances as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.

- 22.11.20 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions were invited on matters relevant to Council business;
20.1 The decision to Appeal the Refusal for Planning permission for a house on the Council's footbridge site at Crown Mill was questioned. No action was determined.
- 22.11.21 **Noted:**
The following any other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
21.1 Cllr Hancock sought clarification of the position regarding overgrowth from a hedge obscuring waymarking posts and it was confirmed that, in the circumstances outlined, he could, as the Council's Footpath Officer, trim it back.
- 22.11.22 **Noted:**
That the next Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 19th December 2022 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 22.11.23 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 9.10pm