

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**An Ordinary Meeting of full Council will take place on
Monday 16th December 2024 beginning 7.30pm
at The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH**

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

Attending: County Council Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen
District Council Ward Member Cllr Jen Overett
Parish Clerk Peter Dow

- 24.12.01 **Noted:**
1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Schofield due to family health issues
- 24.12.02 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th November 2024, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.
- 24.12.03 **Noted:**
The following Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items, any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests and any Dispensations:
3.1 Cllrs Burch and Hancock each declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 12 as they were allotment tenants
3.2 Cllr Mansel declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5.1 as she was Chair of the Police and Crime Prevention Panel
- 24.12.04 **Noted:**
4.1 A written Report from County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen
4.2 A written Report from BMSDC Ward Members Cllrs Jen Overett & Sarah Mansel
4.3 Cllr Mellen confirmed that he had received several complaints regarding the safety of the newly instituted access arrangements at the petrol filling station off the A1088 roundabout and added comments from Councillors towards seeking to identify the best approach towards securing remedial action to address the clear hazard currently presented
4.4 Cllr Mansel confirmed progress towards addressing the unsafe and unsatisfactory surface to the newly created pedestrian /cycle path linking Blackbourne with the new houses on Ashfield Road. Officers from BMSDC and SCC Highways are to liaise with the Clerk and seek a practical solution.
- 24.12.05 **Noted:**
The correspondence unrelated to an Agenda item;
5.1 Noted – a Consultation on draft Police & Crime Plan from PCC
5.2 Noted – a Consultation on East West Rail proposals
- 24.12.06 **Noted:**
The Clerk's report as per Appendix A.
6.1 It was noted that the 20% increase in the Bowls Club membership fee was the first in 5 years.
- 24.12.07 **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.
- 24.12.08 **Noted:**
The Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council;
8.1 **DC/24/04310**
Advertisement consent...(petrol filling station)
Eg On The Move, Kiln Lane REFUSED EPC objected

- 8.2 **DC/24/04764**
Discharge of Conditions re DC/21/05976 (3 dwellings)...EV charging / access & boundary details
Hedgerows, Grove Lane APPROVED EPC no comment
- 8.3 **DC/24/04709**
Discharge of Conditions...
Blackbird Cottage, St Johns Close APPROVED EPC no comment
- 8.4 **DC/24/04510**
Discharge of Conditions re DC/22/03966 (65 dwellings)...photovoltaic panels
Land adjacent to Elmtree Business Park, Station Road Industrial Estate
APPROVED EPC no comment

24.12.09

Noted:

The following Planning application as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk and to make comment as appropriate:

- 9.1 **DC/24/05140**
Application for works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order (MS100/A1) - (T1) Ash - Reduce overall crown by 1m; (T2) Oak - Reduce overall crown by 1m; (T3) Ash - Reduce overall crown by 2.5m; (T4) Black Pine - Remove dead wood; (T5) Horse Chestnut - Prune in lateral growth on Western side crown by 1.5m; (T6) Black Pine - Remove dead wood; (T7) Ash - Fell tree to ground level; (T8) Ash - Reduce overall crown by 1m.
36 Ozer Close
Councillors agreed to make no comment on this application
- 9.2 **DC/24/05165**
Erection of single storey side extension
The Bracken, Oak Lane
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 9.3 **DC/24/05355**
Submission of Details (Reserved Matters) Application relating to DC/19/03851. Appearance, Layout and Scale of 2no buildings for development comprising a mixture of B1/B2/B8 uses.
Plot 4, Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane, Woolpit
Councillors objected to this application which seeks to increase HGV traffic movements to the Lawn Farm industrial complex by 60 movements in either direction each day. The well documented and continuing problems caused by such traffic on the old A45, particularly given the specific hazards caused by the Lawn Farm Quarry operation, are such that any further intensive use such as proposed here, is unacceptable. The employment benefits of the application site can be realised without having to accept heavy goods vehicle traffic on this scale.
- 9.4 **DC/24/04890**
Erection of a Class E(g) commercial building
Land at Stag Café, Old A45
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons:
1 The proposal is for a very large building speculatively provided and, consequently, with no indication as to the scale or nature of the eventual use within the broad Class E umbrella.
2 The site is already over-full in terms of industrial use and 3 food catering outlets. The car parking is stretched to accommodate all of the retail visits which consequently renders access and manoeuvring of HGV and other commercial traffic difficult and dangerous.
3 The single site access is from the A14 eastbound slip at 47a. The proximity to the access means that traffic is often travelling at and in excess of 60mph. Overflow parking from the application site reduces visibility and exacerbates the hazard of slow-moving traffic emerging into a fast traffic stream.
4 The application makes no reference to the economic or employment benefit which might justify consideration of an unnecessary further burden on an already overcrowded site.

24.12.10

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.

- 24.12.11 **Noted:**
The following other Planning business;
11.1 The Meeting noted the recent Adoption of the BMSDC Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Intensive Livestock and Poultry Farming SPD.
- 24.12.12 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
That the annual Tenancy fees for the council's allotments be uplifted from 01.01.2025 becoming:
400 sq. yd. plots £38.00 pa state pensioners £27.00
220 sq. yd. plots £25.00 pa state pensioners £20.00
and that a 7% increase, rounded, be automatically applied annually on 1st January from 01.01.2026.
Seconded Cllr Barker
- Amendment: Proposed Cllr Barker;
To substitute for the words, 'state pensioners' the words, 'those entitled to Pension Credit'
Amendment Seconded Cllr Mansel
- Amendment Carried
- Amendment: Proposed Cllr Barker;
To substitute the figures '£48.00' for '£38.00', '£40.00' for '£27.00', '£38.00' for '£25.00', '£30.00' for '£20.00', and the figure 10% for 7%.
Amendment Seconded Cllr Roots
- Amendment carried.
- Substantive Proposal carried**
- 24.12.13 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
That Elmswell Parish Council directs Mid Suffolk District Council to pay over the sum of £249,150, being this Parish Council's total precept requirement for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025, or, in the case of a variation in the Tax Base from the published figure of £1,982.51, to pay such other sum as may be required to ensure that the level of Band 'D' annual requirements be maintained at £125.67, being a 5% uplift on last year's levy.
Seconded Cllr Barker
- Amendment: Proposed Cllr Burch;
To substitute the words, 'of £249,150, being this Parish Council's total precept requirement for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025, or, in the case of a variation in the Tax Base from the published figure of £1,982.51, to pay such other sum as may be required to ensure that the level of Band 'D' annual requirements be maintained at £125.67', with the words, 'produced by uplifting the amount levied on a Band D household by 1%.'
Amendment found no Seconder and fell
- Substantive Proposal carried.
- Cllr Burch asked that his vote against this Proposal be Minuted.
- 24.12.14 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett**
That, in light of the commercially confidential nature of the business about to be discussed, the public and Press be excluded from this Meeting.
- The public left the Meeting*
- 24.12.15 **Resolved:**
That, in light of the intention, herby confirmed, that a Contract be placed for the refurbishment and new-build project at the Elmswell Tavern, a Letter of Intent be issued in favour of the Preferred Contractor including the authorisation of expenditures on their part of up to £50,000.00 by way of preparatory works.
- The Meeting was re-opened to the public*
- 24.12.16 **Noted:**
Authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C.
- 24.12.17 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.

- 24.12.18 **Noted:**
The Balances as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figures.
- 24.12.19 **Noted:**
That there was no public comment or questions on matters relevant to Council business
- 24.12.20 **Noted:**
The following other Council business from Councillors or the Clerk for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda;
20.1 The Clerk undertook to remain aware of funding needs and opportunities related to consultations as and when published, with immediate reference to the East-West Rail proposals and the Police and Crime Plan as previously noted.
- 24.12.21 **Noted:**
The next Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 20th January 2025 beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 24.12.22 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 9.11.