

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Wednesday January 19th 2022 at 7.30pm

in

Elsworth C of E School Hall, Broad End, Elsworth CB23 4JD

PRESENT

Chairman Peter Deer (PD)
Councillors Rob Askham (RA) Alison Brolls (AB) David Pope (DP) Margaret Stevenson (MSt)
James Witherow (JW)
Clerk Mrs. E Sim (ES)
In attendance D Cllr Nick Wright
Paul Harding (PH) Village Tree Warden

2022/01-1 Apologies for absence

Victoria McNeil (Personal Commitments)
County Councillor Mandy Smith
District Councillor Mark Howell

2022/01 -2 Declarations of interest & requests for dispensations

- 2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.
- 2.2 For declarations of interest received, Councillors to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter at the agenda item prior to discussion. None.
- 2.3 Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any). None.
- 2.4 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. None.

Public Participation/Forum No issues were raised.

2022/01-3 To sign & approve the Minutes of the Council meeting dated 17th November 2021

It was proposed (JW, seconded DP) and unanimously **approved** that the Chairman sign the Minutes with no amendments.

- 3.1 Clerk's Update.
 - Closure of Brockley Road for resurfacing works had been delayed from January 5th until January 31st.
 - A planning meeting would be held on 2 Feb.

2022/01-4 Reports

- 4.1 **Cambridgeshire County Councillor.** None received.
- 4.2 **South Cambridgeshire District Councillor.** Cllr Wright reported that the District Council had signalled its intention to reject proposals for the South Cambridge station (part of the EWR project) on environmental grounds. Network Rail had responded by producing alternative proposals. Cllr Wright advised that EWR project was being driven by No 10.
Cllr Wright left the meeting at 19:45.
- 4.3 **Fardell's Lane Reserve.** To agree the following motion. Proposer PD Seconder JW
"That the Fardell's Lane Reserve Committee be disestablished following the appointment of Ms Louise Hanzi as Voluntary Reserve Warden". Councillors **agreed** unanimously.
- 4.4 **Village Tree Warden's Report.** Councillors noted the report which had been circulated to all. PH advised the council that he was looking for support to undertake work on trees that were affecting the village highways, in particular in Brockley Road, Boxworth Road and Rogues Lane. Councillors agreed that JW and Neil Kenny would assist. PH also advised the council that consideration should be given to the appointment of a new Tree Warden to replace him in the near future.

2022/01-5 Finance

- 5.1. Payment of accounts
Councillors unanimously **approved** the following payments ^(Prop DP Sec MSt)

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Donation. Royal British Legion	20.00	19/11/2021
Elsworth Sports Club Hire of Pavilion	15.00	19/11/2021
SLCC Subscription	130.00	26/11/2021
Clerk's remuneration (Nov 2021)	601.20	01/12/2021
Pendrill Publications Elsworth Times	75.00	08/12/2021
Elsworth Times	30.00	12/12/2021
Computer equipment	6.49	16/12/2021
Guava Design BT Web site hosting	30.00	05/01/2022
Clerk's remuneration (Dec 2021)	601.20	05/01/2022
BT Phone and Internet	173.91	16/01/2022
HP Inc UK LTD Computer equipment	6.49	17/01/2022
Clerk's expenses postage and mileage (April 2021 – Dec 13 th 2021)	174.20	17/01/2022
Total	1,863.49	

5.2. Receipts received. Noted.

30/11/2021	Interest Sect 106 The Causeway	0.02
30/11/2021	Interest Sect 106 The Drift	0.02
30/11/2021	Interest Wakelin donation account	0.09
30/11/2021	Interest PC savings a/c Nat west	0.14
01/12/2021	Interest Santander Account	0.17
31/12/2021	Interest Sect 106 The Causeway	0.02
31/12/2021	Interest Sect 106 The Drift	0.02
31/12/2021	Interest Wakelin donation account	0.08
31/12/2021	Interest PC savings a/c Nat west	0.13
02/01/2022	Interest Santander Account	0.18
Total		0.87

- 5.3. **Precept.** Two proposals for the precept request for the financial year 2022-23 were put forward. "That the Council request a precept of £23,000.00" (Prop DP sec AB). Voting -3 in favour 3 against.
"That the Council request a precept of £24,000.00" (Prop JW Sec RA). Voting 3 in favour 3 against. **Carried:** Chairman's casting vote. 4 in favour 3 against.
Councillors proposed a review of the level of reserves that the Parish Council holds.
- 5.4. **Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.** A proposal for the village celebrations and possible gifts for the children of the parish would be put to the council at the March Parish Council meeting for consideration. MS and JW would liaise with organisations in the village.
- 5.5. **Grant** - Request from Elsworth Sports Club for a donation towards the cost of cleaning the pavilion. PH reported that a volunteer bookings manager and a cleaner for a couple of hours a fortnight had been appointed. Councillors welcomed this development and agreed to continue discussions with the sports club.
- 5.6. **Exclusion of the public.** To resolve to exclude the press and the public from the meeting for Agenda Item 5.7. as defined in Schedule 12 of the Local Gov Act 1972. **Councillors resolved unanimously to exclude the press and public.**
PH left the meeting at 21:05
- 5.7. **Play equipment.** Three quotations for the supply and installation of play equipment had been received. MS and RA had circulated their recommendations on the items of play equipment, the preferred supplier (NGF) and their assessment of the siting of the play area to councillors for review. Councillors **agreed** unanimously. RA advised that additional costs would be incurred for

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the removal and disposal of the existing equipment, although a working party could be convened to dismantle the majority and landscape the ground surface in preparation for the installation of the new equipment. Some local companies were being approached for possible free assistance. A meeting with NGP would be arranged to progress the project further.

2022/01-6 Planning

6.1. Planning Applications considered.

- 21/05368/HFUL& 21/05369/LBC 15 Cotterells Lane Elsworth CB23 4JR Repair works to and replacement of roof finish of existing barn. Works to also incorporate roof lights within roof. *PC recommendation Support*
- 21/05155/FUL & 21/05156/LBC 54 Boxworth Road Elsworth CB23 4JQ Replacement of existing plastic sheet roof lights in boot room with 3 No. conservation style roof lights, dry-line, plaster and paint the interior of the two external boot room walls, lay new natural flag stone floor covering on the existing painted concrete screed in boot room and undertake other necessary sensitive repairs to make good generally. *PC recommendation Support*
- 21/05189/LBC 3 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX Repair floors, replacing joists and installing structural plywood diaphragm. *PC recommendation Support*
- 21/04671/PRIOR Browns Farm Boxworth Road Elsworth Cambridgeshire Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 2 No. Dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversation. *Prior Approval Given on 17 December 2021*
- 21/05136/CL2PD Carpenters Broad End Elsworth Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the installation of 24 No. solar panels on the south facing roof.

6.2. To note the following Planning Application received FIO

- S/1955/19/CONDD Pittdene Farm Rogues Lane Elsworth Submission of details required by condition 6 (Drainage) of prior approval S/1955/19/PA. FIO

6.3. Applications for Works to Trees in a conservation area/ protected by a TPO

- 21/1637/TTCA 15 Brook Street PC recommendation no comment about felling the spruce but recommends replacing with oak, small leaved lime or hornbeam or a fruit tree. No objection

6.4. Applications determined/closed by SCDC

- 21/1395/TTCA. No objection.
- 20/05352/CONDA 15 Cotterells Lane Elsworth CB23 4JR. Discharge Condition in Full

Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2022.

March 16 th .	Parish Council Meeting
May 18 th	Annual Parish Council Meeting
July 20 th	Parish Council Meeting
September 21 st	Parish Council Meeting
November 16 th	Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:15.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____