

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday March 20th 2024 at 7.30pm
in
Elsworth Sports Pavilion, Broad End, Elsworth CB23 4JD**

PRESENT

Chair Peter Deer (PD)

Councillors Tim Hegan (TH), James Howell (JH), Lawrence Seifert (LS), James Witherow (JW)

In Attendance C. Cllr Mandy Smith (MS)

2024/3 -1 To receive and approve apologies for absence

D. Cllr Mark Howell (leave of absence)

D. Cllr Peter Sandford (SCDC 50th Anniversary celebration)

Mrs E. Sim (family commitment)

Richard Hyde (holiday?)

Margaret Stevenson (holiday)

Public Participation No items

2024/3 -2 To receive declarations of interest & requests for dispensations.

- 2.1 To receive 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 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any). None.
- 2.4 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. None.

2024/3-3 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Council meetings dated 17th January 2024

It was proposed (JW, seconded TH) and unanimously approved that the Chairman sign the Minutes.

2024/3-4 Reports

4.1 Cambridgeshire County Councillor

MS reported

- The deadline for the consideration of bids for 20 m.p.h. speed limits had been extended.
- The deadline for A428 legacy funding bids was 1 May.
- CCC Civil Enforcement Officers can now issue fixed penalty notices for parking offences; noted that this may be particularly useful where part parking on footpaths occurs in the village.
- The yellow lines outside the School would be refreshed.
- JW commended the work done recently by the CCC flood team in Fardell's Lane, but indicated that they had not had time to also work on Broad End; MS undertook to enquire about this.

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- MS's attention was also drawn to the problems at the junction of the Avenue Park service road and Smith Street and the pot hole outside the school.

4.2. South Cambridgeshire District Councillors

Noted from PS's monthly report

- Michael Gove's Cambridge 2040 Vision foresaw the establishment of a development corporation to oversee house and lab building
- With regard to the problem of water resources, PD indicated that the March issue of *Civil Engineer* had published details about a new £2.2 billion reservoir to be built just north of Chatteris with construction starting by 2029
- EWR's statutory consultation was being split into two stages, during the first more detailed and new information would be provided and in the second a single proposal for the whole route would be put forward.

4.3. Chairman's update

PD reported

- Along with PS, he had attended the EWR Local Representatives Group meeting on zoom on 28 February at which the proposal to split the statutory consultation into two stages had been discussed
- EWR was sending a questionnaire to landowners and property owners who might be affected by the proposals for the rail link; this sought personal information on matters such as mortgages
- He would attend a zoom meeting on 26 March organised by Cambridge Approaches regarding EWR and would report back any matters of interest
- He had again contacted UK Power Networks regarding the trimming of the trees along Fardell's Lane and received further apologies for the delay in any action.
- He had sought updates from Planning on the mushroom container and the extension of the Brockley Road footpath which was a condition of the planning permission for the Food Park, but still awaited a response
- The Flood Group's bid for CCC funding for the relief channel behind the School had been unsuccessful
- The head had asked that the School's thanks be passed on to TH for his involvement in making the bid for a 20 m.p.h. speed restriction throughout the village.

4.4. Clerk's Update

With regard to ES's written report

- Noted that LS had removed the graffiti on the play equipment
- A response was still awaited from Planning about building works at Elm Lodge to which a parishioner had drawn attention at the last meeting.

2024/3-5 Finance

5.1. To approve payment of accounts

The following accounts were approved unanimously (proposed JW, seconded LS)

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2024	Payments				
Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
02/01	Clerk's remuneration	Parish Council	676.35		676.35
16/01	Phone and Internet	BT	179.08	35.82	214.90
18/01	Computer equipment	HP Ink UK	17.49	3.50	20.99
26/01	General Village Maintenance	The Handyman Contractor	889.59		889.59
26/01	General Village Maintenance	B & Q	82.67	16.54	99.21
01/02	Clerk's remuneration	Parish Council	676.35		676.35
12/02	Elsworth Times	Andrew Pope	30.00		30.00
14/02	Elsworth Times	Design by Lee	75.00		75.00
17/02	Computer equipment	HP Ink UK	8.32	1.67	9.99
19/02	Delivery of Information leaflets	Andrew Pope	30.00		30.00
19/02	Data Protection Fee	Information Commissioners Office	35.00		35.00
		Total	2,699.85	57.53	2,757.38

5.2. Notice of receipts received

Noted.

	Receipts				
02/01	Santander	Interest			19.02
31/01	Nat West	Interest			25.29
02/02	Santander	Interest			18.98
29/02	Nat West	Interest			20.19
		Total			83.48

5.3. To review the amount of the Parish Council's donation of £75 per issue for the Elsworth Times publication and, if thought fit, consider a revised amount.

Noted that an invoice for £82.50 had been received and that, as well, the PC also met distribution costs of £30 per issue. Agreed that an increase in the amount of the donation should be made subject to RH establishing that the advertising revenue did not fully cover the costs of production.

2024/3-6 Planning

6.1. Applications Considered

6.1.1 24/00139/LBC. 38 Boxworth Road Elsworth. Installation of secondary glazing to rear of property to mirror front secondary glazing to mirror line of existing windows.

PC recommendation Support

6.1.2. 24/00289/PRIOR. Boxworth Farming Co Ltd Rectory farm Brook Street Elsworth. To replace an existing out of date lean-to building with a larger lean-to building on the same site. *PC recommendation: Support.*

6.1.3. 24/0265/TTCA 31 Smith Street Elsworth Cambridgeshire CB23 4HY
T1 Leylandii - cut back to the height of the neighbouring trees/native hedging by 3m. T2 Leylandii - cut back to the height of the neighbouring trees/native hedging by 2m

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PC recommendation Support.

6.2. Applications determined/closed by SCDC

- 23/1309/TTCA 20 Brook Street Elsworth Cambridgeshire CB23 4HX
Non-Determination
- 22/04843/CONDA Dears Farm Fardell's Lane Elsworth Cams CB23
4JE *Condition Discharged in Full*

6.3. To Consider the Parish Council's response to the government consultation on "Changes to permitted development rights".

- Noted that these changes concerned improvements and enlargements to homes, the upward extension of buildings, the demolition of buildings and their rebuilding as homes, the installation of equipment for charging electric vehicles and the installation of air source heat pumps
- Agreed that the PC had no comments to make.

Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2024.

May 15th Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting
July 17th Parish Council Meeting
September 18th Parish Council Meeting
November 20th Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business to conduct the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:02.

Signed _____ (Chairman). Date _____