

Minutes of Meeting on 13th April 2023
Elmstead Parish Council – New Community Centre Committee
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Mr P Beard (Chairman), Mrs C Brock, Mr R Fairweather, Cllr Adam Gladwin, Mrs D Stammers, Mrs J Triscott, Cllr Martine Ward, Mrs R Valentine and Mr S Wright.

Also present: Mrs Baxter (clerk) and 7 members of public

Not present: Mr S Higgins and Mrs J Grotier.

23/024 Chairman's welcome

Mr Beard welcomed everyone and announced that Mrs Anderson has resigned from the committee. Mrs Anderson was thanked for her time and efforts over the years.

23/025 Apologies of Absence

Mr S Higgins and Mrs J Grotier.

23/026 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests

None.

23/027 Approval and signing of the minutes from the meeting of 9th March 2023.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from the meeting of 9th March 2023 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Mrs Stammers, Seconded: Mrs Brock, all in favour.

23/028 Public Speaking

A request was made for public speaking to be moved to the end of the meeting.

23/029 A report on any updates since the last Committee meeting to include if relevant:

i) The status of the Charity Field development.

There were no updates.

ii) The status of the Church Road development.

They have 16 occupancies, the trigger for the contribution is 20.

iii) An update on the status of s106 payments.

An updated spreadsheet was shared. The clerk is to send it to the committee and those members of the public who requested it.

23/030 Building of New Community Centre:

To hear back from the working party regarding their initial discussions with builders.

Mr Fairweather reported that the working party had contacted 7 local builders, and those that responded all said the same thing, that we need to get the land in the council's name before they will consider looking at proposals. Three are interested. Mrs Triscott reported that those 3 all have their own architects and engineers, and that they felt that the roof was overcomplicated.

The working party were thanked for their time and efforts.

23/031 Exclusion of press and public for private and confidential matters

The public and press were excluded under Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s.1(2). All public left.

23/032 New Community Centre Deed of Variation Terms

i) Any update received from TDC on the legal situation regarding the terms of the Deed of Variation for Charity Field?

The latest communicated legal advice was considered but there were still many questions unanswered.

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ii) *To discuss a meeting with the TDC head of planning.*

After a discussion it was resolved to write to TDC and ask for clarification on which landscape planning drawing is correct. Proposed: Mr Fairweather, Seconded: Cllr Gladwin, all in favour.

It was also resolved to request a meeting with the head of planning to discuss the questions we have around landscaping, timing, commencement of build, a new planning application and transfer of the land. Once we have the results of that meeting it will be decided what to do next.

Proposed: Cllr Gladwin, Seconded: Mr Beard, 6 in favour.

23/033 Matters raised for the next agenda or for information only.
The 6 month attendance rule.

23/034 Date of next committee meeting
11th May.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Minuted by Mrs A Baxter

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