

Minutes of Meeting on 15th July 2021
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Held at the Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Cllrs Amanda Brennan (acting chairman), Sally Fairey, Maxine Jeggo, Martine Ward and Gill Williams.

Also Present:

District Councillors Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins

Mrs A Baxter (clerk) and 7 members of the public

Absent: Cllrs John Gray and Michael Hare

21/124 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Brennan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/125 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Gray and Hare sent their apologies. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi.

21/126 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

Cllr Jeggo declared an interest in item 21/134(i) as she is on the Upmarket committee. (This was reported at item 21/134(i) as Cllr Jeggo arrived late.

21/127 Approval and signing of the minutes from 17th June 2021.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 17th June 2021 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour.

21/128 County Councillor report. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report. To include where relevant and update on the following:

- i) North Essex Garden Community*
- ii) Colchester Road Crossing*
- iii) Weight Restriction Requests on Tye Road and School Road and HGV traffic on Tye Road*
- iv) Parking outside Budgens*
- v) Bollards outside Dormers*
- vi) Market Field School speed reduction*
- vii) Footpaths from Alfells to the South Green*

Cllr Guglielmi was not in attendance. Cllr Brennan updated the council on item (ii) to say that it has been approved by the Cabinet Member Action. The feasibility study (to be paid for by Lanswood) can now go ahead.

Cllr Jeggo arrived.

It was discussed that we should write to Cllr Guglielmi to specify that we would like a puffin crossing with a sensor.

21/129 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the meeting of the Council on 17th June 2021 not covered in this agenda.

The council has still not received a new mower and we are currently having to lease our old one, which has been sold. Cllr Brennan will call Ernest Doe.

The contract for the football team on the playing field is still in process, we are receiving advice from the Essex FA.

Cllr Jeggo will call the cricket club about an event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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21/130 Public Speaking

A resident asked about the weight limit requests on Tye Road. Cllrs Brennan and Ward visited Allens Farm to speak about their plans for the Elmstead Hall reservoir. They are happy with their plans, and it was confirmed that all reservoir lorries are exiting onto Tye Road and turning left.

A resident asked if the Charity Field development could hold some kind of ceremony for the family members of those who have been named for the streets. The clerk will ask.

A resident reported that vehicles are jumping the red lights at the Bromley Road crossing and that there are quad bikes racing through the village. Cllr Ward will let the PCSO know.

21/131 District Councillor reports. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report.

See written report below.

It was also reported that there have been complaints about the number of flies, this is possibly linked to landfill sites. The environmental agency has been contacted.

21/132 Market Field School/Lanswood project

To hear from Miss N Andrews regarding plans for Market Field Farm and Market Field Grows in association with Lanswood.

Miss Andrews spoke about her role as a project manager to help the Market Field students after they leave full time education as it is difficult to find employment. She spoke about a 5.5-acre site in Elmstead (opposite the Lanswood site) with stables, a plant nursery, an event barn, farm shop, café, office, play area, forest school, orchard and flower growing. It will be green, sustainable and plastic free. It's a pilot scheme and so funding is not available for capital to deliver the buildings, but once it is built it can attract funding to run and operate.

Mr C Board (planner on behalf of Lanswood) spoke about an enabling development of possibly 100 houses to provide the £1 – £2million capital needed to deliver the buildings. A percentage would be affordable, and there would be a cross section of 2,3- and 4-bedroom houses. The houses would be on the same site as the Market Field project and the land for the project would be donated, subject to the development. Lanswood will build the houses. Councillors responded that the project sounds excellent and will be of great benefit to the students. However, as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process, the village residents have been asked about development in the village and the vast majority have said no more houses. The village has already been subject to a lot of development, nearly 50%, and more is not wanted. Members of public at the meeting felt similarly, that the project sounds really good but that the additional housing is too much.

Mr Board said that they will be making a representation as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

21/133 Neighbourhood Plan

i) An update.

Mr Gladwin updated the council that the first formal Steering Group meeting was held last week, and that Mr Carroll has been made chairman and Mr Gladwin is vice-chairman.

ii) To consider co-option of Mr M Champion on to the Steering Group.

Mr Champion has drawn up plans for affordable improvements for traffic in Elmstead. It was resolved to co-opt Mr Champion onto the Steering Group. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all in favour.

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iii) *To agree a budget for the NP Steering Group for 2021/22*
The costs for flyers in Upmarket, the second survey, the Google Workspace subscription and expenditure for Focus Groups were considered. It was resolved to delegate a £1,500 budget to the Steering Group.

iv) *To consider the communications group notes for approval. This includes channels for communication and delegating powers to the Steering Group to approve communications.*

The notes and recommendations were approved. Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Fairey, all in favour. Mrs Ward has drafted a flier for the next Upmarket.

21/134 Grants

To consider the following grant/donation requests:

i) *Upmarket*

Cllr Jeggo left the meeting. It was resolved that a one-off grant of £400 be made to Upmarket to help with the financial difficulty Covid has caused. Several residents have written to the council requesting that it supports Upmarket. Proposed: Cllr Brennan, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all in favour.

Cllr Jeggo returned to the meeting.

ii) *Age Concern*

Age Concern Colchester and North-East Essex have requested a donation to continue providing vital support and life-changing services to those in later years, within our parish. It was resolved to give a one-off grant of £100. Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour.

21/135 Finance

To look through the finance report and approve the additional payments for July. See appendix 1.

It was resolved to accept the finance report and approve the payments. Proposed: Cllr Fairey, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour.

21/136 Clacton Road Gateways

It has previously been resolved for these to be positioned in front of the 30mph signs on Clacton Road as those signs include the wording "Elmstead Market reduce your speed" and Tendring Rangers have visited the site and agreed installation there. There is now a 40mph zone further east along Clacton Road. Does the council wish to consider an alternate location for the gateways, and if so whether to add any wording on to them?

As Cllr Hare was unable to attend this item was held over to next month.

21/137 Bromley Road

Following speed checks by a PCSO on Bromley Road, he suggested getting the area coloured yellow or red to highlight the speed limit change. This has been queried with Essex Highways who have suggested making a Local Highways Panel application for gateways features at the 30mph limit.

It was discussed that the verge is too narrow at this location for gateways. It was resolved to make an application to the LHP for speed mitigating features to be investigated.

Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Fairey, all in favour. District Cllr Wiggins will also support the application.

21/138 Footpath between Grange Farm, Clacton Road and Elmstead.

Complaints have been made about the bad state of this footpath. It has been suggested by Mr T Eng (Essex Highways) that we make an application to the Local Highways Panel for

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improvements to this footpath as they have started to include footway patching/resurfacing as part of an aesthetic improvement scheme.

It was resolved to make an application to the LHP for improvements to this footpath.

Proposed: Cllr Fairey, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour. District Cllr Wiggins will also support the application.

21/139 Items for the September Upmarket article

None additional.

21/140 Items for the next agenda or for information only

To let the clerk know.

21/141 Date of next meeting

19th August 2021

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance.

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District Councillors' Report – July 2021

Tendring

Cllr Scott attended the Local Plan and Planning Policy Meeting at which Section 2 of the Local Plan was discussed. There will be a further six-week consultation period taking place. The Consultation is to inform residents of the latest evidence to be submitted to the Inspector. The Chairman of the Committee Cllr Nick Turner is confident that the Local Plan will be agreed by the end of the year. He told the meeting that it had taken over 10 years to get to this point and that the Committee had been helped by several officers to achieve this current situation.

Cllr Wiggins attended a Resources and Services Committee Meeting for GS where housing voids and S106 were spoken about as well as the previous year's work plan and also the future Work Plan for 2021-2022.

Both attended Full Council the Chairman spoke about fundraising for his charity which is CVST. Clacton will be 150 years old on the 18 July and preparations are in place for a celebration and we were able to look at a display of old photos.

Cllr Talbot spoke about the future of recycling which will eventually change the way we do it – this will be countrywide. Cllr Scott asked about textiles, shredded paper and fly tipping in Tendring, and he also asked a report written by Cllr Everitt could be revisited. There will be a major consultation on recycling in 2023/24 which may cost TDC £1.2m for dry recyclables. There was a question about single use plastics from TDC residents.

Cllr Ivan Henderson asked a question about weeds and grass cutting having a negative visual impact on Tendring District – so does this mean that ECC are underfunding. Cllr Mark Stephenson put forward a motion with regard to a memorial to Covid this will be sent to Cabinet for more discussion.

There were three questions submitted to Full Council – one about Council Housing, one about upgrading CCTV at Dovercourt Lifestyles and one about dog fouling.

Cllr Wiggins attended her first Group Leaders meeting for Cllr Scott where issues included that there are quite a few Officers self-isolating and a couple with Covid. Rubbish on the A120/A120 and elsewhere in the District due to lorries not being netted.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Elmstead

We continue to give out recycling boxes and meet new residents.

We were contacted about a light out – this was reported to the clerk and has now been fixed.

The Chase, Alresford Road, has been refused planning permission.

Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins – District Councillors for Elmstead – July 2021