

Minutes of Meeting on 16th December 2021
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Cllrs John Gray (Chairman), Amanda Brennan, Sally Fairey, Adam Gladwin, Michael Hare, Martine Ward and Gill Williams

Also Present: District Councillors Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins and 2 members of the public

Absent: Cllr Jeggo

21/219 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the clerk was absent due to her husband testing positive for Covid. Mrs Baxter would be trying to attend the meeting by zoom.

21/220 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr M Jeggo and County Councillor C Guglielmi.

21/221 Co-option of councillor

Mr Adam Gladwin has expressed an interest in joining the council.

It was resolved to co-opt Mr Gladwin. Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Brennan, all in favour.

21/222 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

None.

21/223 Approval and signing of the minutes from 18th November 2021.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 18th November 2021 as true and accurate. Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour.

21/224 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the meeting of the Council on 18th November 2021 not covered in this agenda.

Cllr Brennan will send the information on Special Constables to the clerk. The clerk reminded councillors that they have been sent the wording they need to use to apply to TDC for their addresses to be removed from the PC website and DPI forms.

21/225 Public Speaking

A member of public raised the issue of the crossing for Colchester Road. Cllr Gray suggested he wait for Cllr Guglielmi's report.

The zoom link failed, and the clerk was unable to attend the meeting any longer.

21/226 County Councillor report. Written report. To include where relevant an update on items on appendix 1.

Cllr Guglielmi was not present. Cllr Gray explained the history of the crossing and the current funding situation. There was a discussion about the current position of developments in our area as to when S106 monies were due to be handed over to TDC. Cllr Gray said that he would contact all developments to check on the progress to date. Cllr Gray is also going to follow up with Tendring District Council to see whether we can transfer £40,000 due to be allocated to bus stops to the crossing instead.

21/227 District Councillor reports. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report.

Cllr Scott gave us a rundown of the report (see below) and advised that Tendring had purchased 4 mobile CCTV cameras to combat fly tipping, two of which are to be placed in

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rural situations. Climate change was also reported on and the aim to protect all conservation areas and stop further development.

21/228 COVID-19

A reminder of the requirements for the High Consequences Infectious Disease Policy to be activated. This will enable the council to continue to function, should it be necessary to activate before new legislation is made allowing a return to virtual meetings, should the situation require it.

Cllr Gray went through the activation process if required.

21/229 New Community Centre Committee

i) An update from the meeting held on 2nd December 2021.

Cllr Gray gave an overview of the meeting with input from Cllr Gladwin. There were concerns over timescales as building is planned to start later this year. However, it was thought important that we get the specifications right as there were a number of issues raised.

ii) To discuss and consider approval of the detailed specification for the new Community Centre.

The specification was put on screen, some councillors had had a brief look but found it difficult to understand with the format and the late arrival of plans. A number of issues were raised including:

- Concerns about kitchen work surfaces – it was thought that the main kitchen needs to be commercial
- Concerns that no fire safety consulting has been done
- Concerns about the excessive use of magnolia
- General concerns about the lack of infrastructure spec – heating, solar panels etc
- Concerns about a lack of forward thinking in design, especially regarding new regulations around design and efficiency
- Concerns about a lack of costing on the specification
- Further concerns began to be raised but there was not the time to give an in depth response.

It was proposed but not resolved to approve the specification.

It was resolved that the council take an in depth look at the specification and return its comments to the committee at the start of January. Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Gladwin, all in favour.

21/230 Neighbourhood Plan

An update. To include a request from Strutt and Parker to attend a (preferably virtual) meeting to discuss 2 potential development sites and whether there is scope for working with the NP to meet local aspirations and future-proof the NP.

Cllr Gladwin gave brief update and thanked everyone for their efforts on the survey. He felt that the meeting with Strutt and Parker was a priority. Cllr Gray suggested it would be best at the next council meeting, Cllr Gladwin felt that it should be as soon as possible.

21/231 Queens Platinum Jubilee

Any updates.

Cllr Brennan has ordered the beacon. Cllr Jeggo was not present for any other updates.

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21/232 TDC Local Plan

Consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Draft Section 2 Plan. The Council has published an accompanying revised Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and updated Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) to support the proposed modifications and responses on these documents are also requested.

Deadline for comments 5pm on 24th January 2022.

Councillors had not had time to read the consultation. They will do so and return comments to be compiled into a response if necessary at the next meeting.

21/233 Finance

To look through the finance report and approve the additional payments for December. See appendix 2.

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

21/234 Items for the February Upmarket article

None.

21/235 Items for the next agenda or for information only

Cllr Ward will postpone the litter picking event until the Covid situation is clearer.

21/236 Date of next meeting

20th January 2021

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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

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Tendring

Part Two of the Local Plan has been passed and will now go to Cabinet and then to Full Council at the end of January 2022.

AW attended Constitution Working Party where Meeting times and how meetings are run were discussed.

AW and GS attended Full Council the week before last. Councillors debated TDC's grounds maintenance which after much talk was passed 19 votes to 18 with 4 abstentions.

Cllr Talbot gave his report on Climate Change – he talked about the climate action plan within TDC area which arose from a meeting on the 17th November. Also at this meeting items that were discussed were energy audit, electrical charging points, climate training for Staff and carbon reduction. There have been discussions with North Essex Parking Partnerships about electrical charging points within the District.

Cllr Guglielmi spoke about mobile CCTV cameras being deployed in quiet remote areas where fly tipping is an issue and also antisocial behaviour. He added that there has been a meeting which consisted of Officers, Essex Police and other interested groups.

Cllr Honeywood said that long term empty private properties would have to pay the maximum in Council Tax. Letters have been sent out in advance of this statement. There will no change in the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23.

Cllr Coley put forward a motion with reference to applying for Article 4 Direction in respect of appropriate conservation areas, industrial estates and commercial/retail centre in the District of Tendring. We both supported this motion.

Full Council agreed to the Joint Committee for the Garden Communities – Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community (TCBGC).

Cllr Stephenson put forward a motion with regard to a Covid memorial. This would most likely be made up of all parties to discuss this further.

The Chairman passed on the fact that the Remembrance Day Service was well attended and also to remind Members that if they wanted to take part in the Santathon they would be more than welcome!

GS together with other members of the Resources and Services Committee visited Brightlingsea and Harwich Sports Centres.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Elmstead

GS and AW continue give out boxes and visiting new residents.

GS and AW attended a meeting with Gary Smith of Market Field School.

AW updated a resident on the current situation with The Chase, Alresford Road.