

Minutes of Meeting on 18th August 2022
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Cllrs Amanda Brennan (Chairman), James Chable, Sarah Donaldson, Adam Gladwin, Michael Hare and Maxine Jeggo.

Also Present: District Councillors Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins and 8 members of the public
Mrs Baxter – clerk.

Absent: Cllrs Sally Fairey, Martine Ward and Gill Williams.

22/167 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Brennan welcomed everyone.

22/168 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Sally Fairey, Martine Ward and Gill Williams sent their apologies. Cllr Guglielmi also sent his apologies.

22/169 Co-option of councillor/s

To consider any applications for co-option.

No applications put forward.

22/170 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

None.

22/171 Approval and signing of the minutes from 21st July 2022.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 21st July 2022 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Gladwin, Seconded: Cllr Chable, all in favour.

22/172 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the meetings above not covered in this agenda.

The license for the playing field is still outstanding.

Cllr Guglielmi did arrange a meeting with James Drabwell (Essex Highways) to go through all the Elmstead issues.

The Jubilee plaque for the North Green has been given to our handyman but not yet installed.

The other 2 cannot be installed until the commemorative tree and beacon have been installed.

A letter was sent to the Tendring/Colchester Border Garden Community Joint Committee with our complaints about the consultation and engagement process for Elmstead.

The clerk has not yet researched the option of a standpipe or bowser for watering the south green.

22/173 Public Speaking

Residents of Pauls Crescent are very worried about the banks on the development field, particularly about the fire risk with the recent heat. The seeds and dust are a health hazard and are damaging properties. Cllr Scott will contact the TDC enforcement officer and report back to the residents.

22/174 County Councillor report. To include where relevant an update on items in progress.

Cllr Guglielmi was not present.

22/175 District Councillor reports. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report.

Cllr Scott read through the written report (see the council website for written reports).

Cllr Scott added that there are only two properties left to be occupied on the development adjacent to Meadow Close. He has delivered recycling boxes there and to new residents at Chattowood.

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Cllr Scott asked about the delivery of two bins onto the laybys off the B1027. The clerk responded that a request for dog waste bins made over a year ago to TDC has still not replied to. The clerk is to forward the request to Cllrs Scott and Wiggins for them to look into.

22/176 Neighbourhood Plan

An update from Cllr Gladwin.

Cllr Gladwin reported that the consultation is underway. An event was discussed to be held on the North Green, with the Community Centre as a bad weather back up. The clerk is to check dates with Mr Fairweather for the first 2 weekends in September. Cllr Gladwin will let the clerk know which materials to send to the printer for the exhibition.

22/177 New Community Centre and environs

i) Any updates?

We are waiting for but haven't yet received information from Go Homes about the costings for the community centre.

ii) Risk assessment for football pitch – an update.

Cllr Brennan has contacted people around the UK and 2 companies are interested and will come back to us. We've got Mike Carron from TDC coming to view the site.

Paul's Crescent residents were concerned about where the boundary would be at the back of their properties and how close the facilities might be.

It was discussed that the council wants facilities for everyone. A concern was raised that if the format for the football pitch is changed it might not justify the funding being received. The clerk is to share the s106 arrangements for the council's information.

22/178 Elmstead book swap

To discuss the provision of a book swap, the building and location of a container. Any signage required?

Cllr Jeggo reported that there has been a good response to the idea.

It was resolved to provide a book swap and to contact Mr Fairweather about whether it can be located in the community centre environs.

Proposed: Cllr Jeggo, Seconded: Cllr Donaldson, all in favour.

22/179 Upcoming events

i) Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Brennan expressed the council's condolences at hearing of Eugene Horgan's passing. He did a lot for the Royal British Legion in Elmstead.

Cllr Jeggo will get in touch with Mr Gray about planning the ceremony. Cllr Wiggins can provide wreaths if required. Cllrs Jeggo and Donaldson will start a working party for events, other councillors can also join. Halloween was also discussed with suggestions of a decorate your house competition and a trail.

ii) Christmas events.

Carols on the green was suggested for 17th December, with a switch on of some lights. The working party are to discuss further. It was also suggested that the council participate in the Christmas tree festival at the church.

iii) Quiz event – any update?

This will be left for now as other organisation are also organising quizzes.

22/180 Finance

i) To look through the finance report and approve the payments for August. See appendix 1.

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

ii) *To review any requests for overtime to be paid in August.*
There were no requests.

- 22/181 Essex County Council Minerals and Waste Pre-Planning Application**
ESS/75/22/TEN/PRE - Land at: Elmstead Hall, Elmstead, Colchester, Essex. Proposed Borrow Pit Extension to the Irrigation Reservoir Approved under Planning Permission Reference ESS/105/21/TEN dated 4th February 2022. Deadline for comments 22nd August 2022.
It was discussed that the required road will go from the farm to the link road, it won't generate traffic on the roads. The borrow pits by the side of the link road will be holes, this extension will fill them. Cllr Gladwin suggested that this is preferable to having the borrow pits. The application will only be approved if the road builder accepts the offer.
It was resolved not to make any comments at this stage as there are no current objections. This application is for pre-application advice, the council will have an opportunity to respond later to the application for the extension to the reservoir.
Proposed: Cllr Brennan, Seconded: Cllr Gladwin, all in favour.
- 22/182 Colchester Road Crossing**
An update.
Cllr Brennan and Mrs Baxter had a meeting with Cllr Guglielmi and James Drabwell (ECC Highways officer). They are pushing ahead with it and have made some headway.
- 22/183 Items for the October Upmarket article**
To check when the next litter pick is.
Information about Halloween.
- 22/184 Items for the next agenda or for information only**
Speedwatch – a resident asked what had happened with the names given as potential volunteers. To check with Cllr Ward.
The VAS at the entrance to the village is not working. The council did report it through Cllr Guglielmi but has not heard anything back. Cllr Scott will ask someone at TDC who has a link at ECC.
There is an overhanging tree blocking the top of the VAS. The clerk will follow up with the handyman.
- 22/185 Date of next meeting**
15th September 2022

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.
There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance.
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