

Minutes of Meeting on 19th August 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, Michael Hare, Maxine Jeggo, Martine Ward (arrived late) and Gill Williams.

Also Present:

County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi

District Councillors Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins

Mrs A Baxter (clerk) and 3 members of the public

Absent: Cllr John Gray

21/142 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Brennan welcomed everyone.

21/143 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr John Gray sent his apologies.

21/144 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

None.

21/145 Approval and signing of the minutes from 15th July 2021.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 15th July 2021 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Fairey, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all those in attendance of the meeting in favour.

21/146 County Councillor report. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report. To include where relevant an update on the following:

- i) *North Essex Garden Community*
- ii) *LHP applications; Colchester Road Crossing, Parking outside Budgens, Bollards outside Dormers, Market Field School speed reduction, Weight Restriction Requests on Tye Road and School Road*

Cllr Guglielmi: The crossing has been approved by a cabinet member. Lanswood has been linked to Essex Highways to agree the next step for the feasibility study. He has noted our request for a puffin crossing but it will depend on the funds available.

Action: Cllr Guglielmi will chase Mr T Eng to see if Lanswood are using their own people for the feasibility study.

The bollards outside Dormers are to be delivered this year.

Cllr Ward arrived.

Cllr Guglielmi has submitted a scheme to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) for them to analyse the road and parking issues outside Budgens. There is a potential to make it parking for delivery only which would be up to the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) to do.

Regarding the verge at the entrance to Tye Road, Cllr Guglielmi has been in contact with Entity Power who say that they will be reseeding the verge in Autumn.

A water company dug up the South Green, it has been confirmed that this was without a permit.

Cllr Guglielmi has had no response to e-mails he sent about the footpath near Alfells and the Oatlands bus shelter.

Action: Cllr Guglielmi to chase.

Cllr Guglielmi has had no response to an e-mail sent about Finch Lane.

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He has submitted 2 schemes to the LHP: one to improve the footway on Clacton Road past Lanswood and one to look at speed mitigation on Bromley Road. He has asked Mr T Eng to do a review of the signage there.

The scheme for reducing speed outside Market Field School is in validation. The school has suggested rumble strips. The signage there is minimal so could be improved.

The travel plan for the lorries accessing the Sunnymead gravel extraction site says that they are not to use School Road.

Cllr Fairey asked about a meeting to discuss the flooding in Chapel Lane.

Cllr Scott reported that a resident is concerned about there being a blind spot for pedestrians trying to cross at the traffic lights on the Bromley/Clacton Road junction.

Actions: Cllr Guglielmi will look at the blind spot when he meets Cllr Fairey for the flooding.

The clerk is to send the report number and photos of the flooding to Cllr Guglielmi.

21/147 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the meeting of the Council on 15th July 2021 not covered in this agenda.

Cllr Ward will check with the PCSO regarding the reports last month of vehicles jumping red lights at Bromley Road, and quad bikes driving around the village. A resident reported that he has also seen the quad bikes, the riders are not wearing helmets and look young.

21/148 Public Speaking

The PC were thanked for the grant they made to Upmarket.

A member of Speedwatch reported that he is concerned about the verbal abuse the volunteers are getting. Cllr Guglielmi suggested writing to Martin Richards, the Commander of Tendring and will send the clerk his contact details. Cllr Brennan will draft a letter.

A Bromley Road resident reported dangerous driving outside his house, with vehicles overtaking on the wrong side of a traffic island and feels a police presence is needed. The resident will check if there is a pattern. Cllr Ward suggested getting a Special Constable.

21/149 District Councillor reports. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report.

See written report below.

Cllr Scott added that a Taylor Wimpey application for 120 houses near Wivenhoe Football Ground has been called in by Cllr Cory. Cllr Scott asked if he could speak for highways improvements on that junction.

21/150 Queens Platinum Jubilee

To be held June 2nd – 5th 2022 with an extra bank holiday. Ideas to discuss:

- i) *Diamond Jubilee Beacons – does the council wish to take part in the lighting of beacons? To discuss locations, what type, temporary or permanent beacon, and cost of beacon. Also, to discuss the ceremony to go with it.*

Cllr Jeggo reported that there are 3 different types of beacons, 2 temporary beacons that are gas filled and can be packed away and one permanent beacon. The temporary ones are £490, the permanent ones require someone to build. It was discussed that we would need to look into planning permission for a permanent structure, insurance and that we would need to find a crier to read out a proclamation. The ceremony will be held at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June. Cllr Scott was suggested for the crier.

The preference was for a permanent structure. Cllr Brennan will draft a letter to ask developers and landowners for sponsorship and contact Go Homes to see if they will build the structure as they have offered to give back to the community. Cllr Scott will make enquiries with someone in Brightlingsea who may be able to make the metal basket.

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- ii) *The Queens tree canopy – plant a tree for the Jubilee. Does the council wish to take part in this?*

Cllr Jeggo reported that a Parish Council is entitled to a free tree with a plaque. This could possible be planted at Charity Field between October and March.

It was resolved to get a tree, with the location still to be decided. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Fairey, all in favour.

It was suggested that there could be the names of a young person and someone the Queen's age on the plaque.

- iii) *A fun day to be held at the cricket club on Sunday 5th June. To discuss a budget, particularly for items that will need to be booked soon.*

It was discussed that the school and the church are also interested in being involved. The interested people need to get together to discuss it. A request for volunteers is to be made and we are to look for sponsorships. This will be included in Cllr Brennan's letter.

- iv) *Plaque, bench, flower display, footpath or road naming.*

These were not discussed.

21/151 Neighbourhood Plan

An update.

Mr Carroll, Chairman of the NP Steering Group, reported that a lot of tasks have been completed. We are able to get a housing needs survey done. Mr Gladwin has done a draft Green Infrastructure report which everyone on the Steering Group needs to look at to answer questions and fill in gaps. They can access it on the Google Drive and make comments on the document.

We are missing the climate change task; we may need to get a draft policy from O'Neill Homer.

The clerk is to check if Mr Carroll received the draft policies. A meeting is to be held to discuss them.

Mr Carroll also reported on the Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting for the Garden Community (GC). The Chairman of the Wivenhoe NP is part of the group and has offered to help us with our NP. The GC survey is live, and they are hoping to reach a lot of people. The Garden Community will be issuing a draft masterplan in the next couple of weeks that will be the draft Development Plan Document (DPD). This will be assessed by the CLG first before being shared in a public consultation, with a target date of October. They aim to get it approved before the end of the year, and adopted at the latest by March. Once approved it's a set of guidelines and policies for the Garden Community. The public consultation is a legal process, and all feedback has to be considered.

Mr Carroll added that a key point of concern is that the boundaries may be redrawn with almost all of the GC inside Colchester, rather than Tendring.

Cllr Scott added that there is a White Paper regarding changing all councils to Unitary councils and that Colchester, Tendring and Braintree could become one Unitary Council.

21/152 Street lighting for School Road development

Hills Building Group has contacted the council to ask whether it is happy to have streetlights on this development, as it is on the edge of the settlement and could be a sensitive area. If the preference is to omit them, they are willing to discuss the matter. The lights would be the responsibility of ECC.

It was resolved that the council is in favour of streetlights as the residents will need lighting. Proposed: Cllr Ward, seconded: Cllr Fairey, all in favour.

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21/153 Finance

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

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

21/154 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?

Cllr Hare recommended that the gates should be further along Clacton Road as 2 new homes have been built by the 30mph sign now.

It was agreed for Cllr Hare to investigate with the Tendring Rangers whether there is a location further along Clacton Road that would be suitable for the gateways. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all in favour.

The clerk is to send Cllr Hare the contact details.

21/155 Playing Field

An update on the arrangements with Reed Hall Sentinels Football Club.

Cllr Brennan reported that the arrangements are still in progress. There was an issue with where the container would go but we invited a representative from Essex County Council to come and view the field and that has now been sorted.

21/156 Report from TDALC meeting held on 28th July.

Cllr Hare reported that there were internet problems and he couldn't attend the meeting. He will send the minutes to the clerk for circulation.

21/157 Items for the October Upmarket article

Cllr Brennan will ask the Reed Hall Sentinels to write something about the football club. Cllr Ward will write something about Speedwatch.

A request for volunteers for the Queen's Jubilee activities.

21/158 Items for the next agenda or for information only

Cllr Wiggins reported that the Chase, Wivenhoe Road has had a stop notice put on it at the moment. There has not been an appeal notification yet, Cllr Wiggins will check.

21/159 Date of next meeting

As a number of councillors will be absent on the 16th September 2021 it was discussed that the next meeting would be held on the 22nd September instead.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

Minutes written by Mrs. A Baxter

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District Councillors' Report

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Tendring

The A120 has been litterpicked again and we are told that it is a vast improvement. TDC have had positive feedback from the public with regard to the Seafront Team. Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Elmstead

Cllrs Scott and Wiggins continue give out boxes.

Cllr Scott has met with new residents on the 'Victory' site and the new bungalows in Meadow Close.

Terry Wiseman, Manager of the older part of Meadow Close asked whether the area could have a 20 mph speed limit.

Residents from Hatchcroft Gardens spoke to AW about soil on the footpath around the reservoir. Cllr Wiggins visited the footpath and found that it was quite narrow in parts and there were brambles which need cutting back – we are happy to do this.

Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins District Councillors for Elmstead Market – August 2021