

Minutes of Meeting on 21st July 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, Martine Ward and Gill Williams

Also Present: District Councillors Gary Scott and 9 members of the public (including 2 members of the New Community Centre Committee). Mrs Baxter – clerk.

Absent: Cllrs Sally Fairey and Maxine Jeggo.

22/147 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Brennan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/148 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sally Fairey and Maxine Jeggo. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi and District Councillor Ann Wiggins.

22/149 Co-option of councillor/s

To consider applications for co-option.

After hearing from Mrs Donaldson, it was resolved to co-opt her onto the council. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all in favour.

After hearing from Mr Chable, it was resolved to co-opt him onto the council. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Gladwin, all in favour.

22/150 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

None.

22/151 Approval and signing of the minutes from 16th June 2022.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 16th June 2022 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Gladwin, Seconded: Cllr Ward, 5 in favour (others abstained as not present).

22/152 Approval and signing of the minutes from 5th July 2022.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 5th July 2022 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Gladwin, 4 in favour (others abstained as not present).

22/153 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 is to arrange a meeting with James Drabwell (Essex Highways) to go through all the Elmstead issues.

The Jubilee plaques were purchased and the one for the North Green has been given to our handyman for installation. The other 2 cannot be installed until the commemorative tree and beacon have been installed.

There is no update on the Budgens junction LHP application.

Colne Athletic were informed they had permission to practise football on the playing field as requested and a token contribution was asked for.

22/154 Public Speaking

Members of the public reported speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road and motorbikes particularly on Bromley Road and the A133. The council was asked if it could lease the speed camera from Alresford PC.

An update on the crossing was requested. Cllr Brennan responded that it is very frustrating, the PC has been working on it ever since she joined the council and for a long time before. There needs to be a feasibility and design survey in order to complete the application for additional funding. We have requested a meeting with Cllr Guglielmi for an update.

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A member of public asked what TDC is using to spray the edges of the road, as it has blown in their open windows. Cllr Scott responded that it would be environmentally friendly.

- 22/155 County Councillor report. To include where relevant an update on items in progress.**
Cllr Guglielmi was not present.
- 22/156 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 all at TDC opposed the pylons scheme.
Cllr Scott spoke at the Garden Community meeting about the lack of consultation and advertising for Elmstead.
- 22/157 Neighbourhood Plan**
An update from Cllr Gladwin.
Cllr Gladwin reported that we are on the final stages. The consultations for the NP and the Neighbourhood Development Order will start on the 1st August. Cllr Brennan added that we will have an event on the Green during the consultations to provide information.
- 22/158 New Community Centre and environs**
i) *An update including a report from the last committee meeting.*
It was reported that there are **12 occupations on the Church Road development**. The committee has not received costings for the new community centre yet.
ii) *Risk assessment for football pitch.*
It was resolved to get an independent assessor to do a risk assessment to see if it is viable to have a football pitch on the open space. Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour. This is required for insurance purposes, and the council wishes to ensure that it will be safe.
It was also resolved to hold a meeting between the council and the committee to have an open and transparent dialogue after questions from the committee members asking about why the PC had taken over the plans for the outside facilities when it was the PC's understanding that the committee had decided to give this to the PC. Proposed: Cllr Gladwin, all in favour.
- 22/159 Tendring/Colchester Border Garden Community**
A report from the Tendring/Colchester Border Garden Community Joint Committee meeting - Monday, 18th July 2022 6.00 pm.
Cllrs Gladwin and Brennan attended, and Cllr Brennan thanked Cllr Gladwin for speaking on behalf of Elmstead PC and raising very good questions. Cllr Gladwin spoke of the high density of the housing. 60% of the GC is in Elmstead Parish and Elmstead is getting the pressure from other areas. We might end up having 1 field between us and the Garden Community. It's 412 yards from the Church wall to the business park. Cllr Gladwin felt we should feedback that the consultation was a failure. Cllr Scott added that he asked TDC for an all day consultation, and their reply was that the PC could organise an event. There will be another consultation and we can ask for an all-day event then.
It was resolved to send a letter to the GC committee with our feedback on the consultation event. Proposed: Cllr Gladwin, all in favour. Cllr Gladwin will draft and circulate the letter.
- 22/160 Parish Council Plan**
To continue the "think tank" on what it is the council would like to achieve in the next 12 months. Ideas to be put on future agendas.
Cllr Brennan spoke about the need to do more, for example contacting the residents who live on the outskirts of the Parish.

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There was a discussion about the Budgens junction, that there are a lot of accidents and some traffic calming and restricted parking is required for safety reasons.
Speedwatch was also discussed, and several members of public volunteered to help.

22/161 Upcoming events

- i) *Remembrance Sunday.*
- ii) *Christmas events.*
- iii) *Quiz event – any update?*

Held over as Cllr Jeggo was not able to attend the meeting.

22/162 Finance

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

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

- ii) *To review any requests for overtime to be paid in July.*

It was resolved to agree 5 hours of overtime for the handyman for July. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all in favour.

22/163 Water for the South Green

To discuss the possibility of installing a standpipe.

It was resolved for the clerk to research the options of a standpipe or bowser.
Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Brennan, all in favour.

22/164 Items for the September Upmarket article

Speedwatch and litter pick.

22/165 Items for the next agenda or for information only.

There is some information about Gigaclear to share. The council has no issues with the sharing of the purchase of a bin with Alresford PC on the Parish border. The expenditure to be authorised by the clerk and chairman under the financial regulations.
A resident brought up that the playing field gate is not latching properly and that there is glass near the entrance. Cllr Chable will look into it.

22/166 Date of next meeting

18th August 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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

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