

**Minutes of On-line Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**  
**Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council**  
**Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET**

Present: Cllr John Gray (chairman), Amanda Brennan, Sally Fairey, Maxine Jeggo, Michael Hare, Martine Ward and Gill Williams.

Also Present:

District Councillors Ann Wiggins and Gary Scott  
Mrs A Baxter (clerk) and 2 members of the public

**21/067 Chairman's welcome.**

Cllr Gray welcomed everyone.

**21/068 Apologies for Absence.**

County Cllr Guglielmi sent his apologies

**21/069 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.**

None

**21/070 Approval and signing of the minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Fairey, Seconded: Cllr Hare, all in favour.

**21/071 County Councillor report. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report.**

Not present.

Cllr Ward arrived.

**21/072 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the meeting of the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 not covered in this agenda.**

Mrs Baxter update the council that Mr Dingwall has been booked onto a chainsaw course and that she is in contact with Mr Frostick to arrange the digitisation and archiving of the minutes.

**21/073 Public Speaking**

Mr Carroll has joined the community liaison group for the North Essex Garden Community. It's a great group of people and everybody is keen on sustainability and preventing the infringement on surrounding villages.

He also reported speeding on Bromley Road, there have been 2 near misses in 2 weeks, it's very dangerous.

To add a speed limit extension on Bromley Road and Clacton Road to the next agenda.

**21/074 District Councillor reports. Written report – to take questions on the report and provide any additional information not on the report.**

In addition to the items on the report (included below) Cllrs Scott and Wiggins have been litter picking in the ditch on Bromley Road.

Cllr Brennan has done the same for Keelars Lane. It was discussed whether signs could be added to discourage littering, the local farmers could be asked if they would allow signs on their land.

To add another litter pick to the next agenda.

Lisa Hastings is the new deputy Chief Executive of Tendring District Council. The Annual TDC meeting is next week where they will elect a new chairman and vice-chairman.

Committee membership may change.

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**21/075 North Essex Garden Community and A120/A133 Link Road**

- i) *An update. A report on The Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Member Group's briefing for Town and Parish Councils held on 6th April 2021, at 7pm.*

Cllr Williams: councillors attended this meeting. It was recognised that there is a need for a green buffer for everyone, but that this would cause a greater concentration of housing. The Rapid Transport System will be a bus, but it is hoped it would become a system like the Belfast Glider. It will go every 6-7 minutes from the Garden Community and will be classed as a dedicated route. To encourage town visitors to use public transport, parking in town could be made more expensive. The speed limit on the link road will be 50mph.

- ii) **Link Road – Planning Application No: CC/TEN/31/21 Proposal:** *New link road between the existing A120 and A133 inclusive of a grade separated dumbbell junction at the A120, with new accesses to an existing petrol station (Ardleigh South Services) and Colchester Waste Transfer Station; a new roundabout at the junction with the A133; and two intermediate roundabouts along the link road. Together with other associated works and landscaping. Location: Land between the A120 and A133, to the east of Colchester and west of Elmstead Market.*

**Deadline for comments:** *15<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

*To discuss the application and determine how the council will review the information and collate a response.*

Cllr Brennan: Has read a lot of the documents and been in touch with Cllr Luxford-Vaughan of Wivenhoe Town Council. A meeting has been arranged for next week to discuss the application. It was discussed that there are a lot of technical, difficult documents to look through, why could we have not had a presentation to explain?

To consider; Is the construction in line with the National Planning Framework, will it be done in an environmentally sustainable way (it will devastate the countryside) and the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**21/076 Essex Highways/ Local Highways Panel**

*To receive an update on the following:*

- i) *Colchester Road Crossing*  
ii) *Weight Restriction Requests on Tye Road and School Road*  
iii) *HGV traffic on Tye Road*  
iv) *Parking outside Budgens*  
v) *Bollards outside Dormers*  
vi) *Potholes on Alresford Road*  
vii) *Market Field School speed reduction*  
viii) *Footpaths on Alfells/Pauls Crescent/Laurence Close*

As Cllr Guglielmi was not present an e-mail update he sent was shared. They are all in progress with no particular updates.

The footpaths on the Alfells estate have all been completed, but the footpath from Alfells to the South Green is still to do.

**21/077 Neighbourhood Plan**

*An update. To include a discussion on the Methodist Church and the GP surgery.*

Cllr Fairey: The Methodist Church is on sale for £210,000, it's 1156 square feet and in good condition. Cllr Fairey has been speaking to the practise manager at the GP surgery about the need for larger premises.

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Cllr Williams: We had an excellent environmental task group meeting with Mr Gladwin taking the lead. Mr Carroll has agreed to help with the Communication task group. The traffic group is lagging behind. We have an update presentation on the 4<sup>th</sup> May where we'll try to get more helpers, and a meeting with our consultant on the 17<sup>th</sup> May to present all the information we have so far. Cllrs Fairey and Gray are to meet with Lanswood. Cllr Fairey is contacting all the businesses in Elmstead to ask about their plans. Cllr Ward has contacted the Essex Wildlife Trust for help, but unfortunately they are working on other projects in Essex. Cllr Williams added that there is an overwhelming amount of work to do, and they need help and support.

**21/078 Clacton Road Car Park**

*To discuss recent complaints regarding the car park.*  
This was held over as no response has been received from TDC.

**21/079 Meetings after 7<sup>th</sup> May**

*The current coronavirus legislation for virtual meeting ends on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Given current information what does the Parish Council wish to do after that deadline? To also consider committees. Report provided.*  
*The following may be required to be resolved; a Temporary Scheme of Delegation (Annex 2) and the holding of the Annual Parish Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 or a risk assessment for returning to face-to-face meetings.*  
The options were discussed and as it was felt that the safest option is to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> May as a virtual meeting and to approve the Temporary Scheme of Delegation rather than to start holding face-to-face meetings in May.  
Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Fairey, all in favour.

**21/080 Speed Limit on Alresford Road**

*The speed limit is 60pmh, however the speed limit for the new dual carriageway link road will be 50mph.*  
With gravel lorries and buses driving through, and no footpaths it's really dangerous. There has already been a fatality. There was a speed survey but it could be seen that cars were slowing down for it. The bridge is too narrow for the speed to be safe. It was discussed that we could put up speed awareness signs and ask a farmer if we can put them on their land. It was resolved to pursue a site visit in conjunction with Alresford Parish Council and Tom Eng (Essex Highways). There are going to be road closures around the location so it will have to wait until they are open.  
Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour.

**21/081 Dog waste bins**

*There have been reports that dog waste bins are filling up more quickly between being emptied. To look at the options of more frequent emptying or additional bins.*  
It was discussed that the 2 weekly collections are not adequate for some of the bins, which fill up more quickly. However, it is not all bins that would need increased collections. The clerk has not heard back from TDC regarding current prices but the price per bin per year for emptying every 2 weeks was £66.26. If this was increased to weekly it is likely be in the region of £1,400 per annum for the 10 dog waste bins.  
6 locations have been suggested for additional bins; on Church Road near the gate through to the cricket field, on the North Green, on the footpath between Alfells and the South Green, on Colchester Road between Tye Road and the village sign, on the track off Alresford Road at the entrance to Cockaynes, and on PROW 19 off Alresford Road before

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the footpath goes through Sunnymead Farm. If we purchase the same bins as previously, they are £230 each with a base post, or £202 if the base post is not needed. It was resolved to purchase 6 bins for the locations suggested, subject to approval from TDC for the installation of the dog waste bins at those sites and any other site considerations.

Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Brennan, all in favour.

**21/082 Committees**

*We have the following vacancies on our committees:*

- i) Planning – 1 full member and 1 substitute member*
- ii) Personnel – 2 full members (1 is necessary to be quorate)*
- iii) Finance - 1 full member and 1 substitute member*

The following was resolved: For Cllr Jeggo to join the planning committee and for Cllr Ward to be a substitute member. For Cllr Gray to be a substitute member of the personnel committee. For Cllr Brennan to change from being a substitute member of the Finance Committee to a full member.

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

Membership of the New Community Centre Committee is to go on the next agenda.

**21/083 Training**

*Reports of councillor training; planning.*

Cllr Gray attended a brilliant planning training and has 108 pages of course notes. The clerk is to book Cllr Jeggo on to the next planning training.

**21/084 Finance**

*To look through the finance report and approve the payments for April. See appendix 1.*

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

**21/085 Church Road signage**

*To discuss the need for signage at the entrance to Church Road to say, “No through Road”, “Do not follow SatNav” or similar to reduce the number of lorries having to turn around or reverse.*

Cllr Scott advised that the Church Road sign could be changed to show that it is a no through road, but it was pointed out that there is access to Holly Way which is a through route. Cllr Scott will make enquiries at TDC. The clerk will check with Essex Highways. It was resolved to pursue the installation of a sign subject to the legality and cost advice from TDC and Essex Highways.

**21/086 Items for the next agenda or for information only**

Cllr Hare: Mr Bell has passed the Speedwatch onto him and he is waiting for training. He looked at the signage with Mr Bell and thinks that the entrance gate should go nearer to Beth Chatto.

The speed sign isn't working.

Traffic is fast outside Winterbourne Gardens; it would be good to see the 30mp limit extended further.

Cllr Gray gave an update on building developments in the village. The 8 bungalows on Charity Field have not yet been passed. TDC are behind with their planning applications. The first occupants of the main site will be in at the start of May.

We are still waiting for TDC to process the amended deed of variation, and the same goes for Lanswood.

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We've had complaints about the dust and mounds at Church Road. Cllr Gray has visited the site and the mounds look stable and not too big. There is no sign that they are watering down. He'll keep an eye on it as it will get worse in drier weather. Cllr Gray offered to meet the resident that Cllr Fairey has been in communication with.

**21/087 Items for the June Upmarket Article**  
No additional items.

**21/088 Date of next meeting**  
This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> May for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**  
**There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance.**  
**Minutes written by Mrs. A Baxter**  
**Contact: 01206 827139**

**District Councillor Report - Elmstead Market Parish Council – April 2021**

**Tendring**

There are new grants for businesses which were available from TDC starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Ann attended the pre Resources and Services Committee meeting which she attended on Gary's behalf due to a meeting clash. Andy White spoke about council owned buildings.

We attended an All Members Briefing on TDC's Freeport East status. Freeport East will bring jobs, growth and many opportunities and potential for the local area. Also we had a talk from Pam Green CCG on Covid, mental health and suicide rates.

**Elmstead Market**

Litter picking has been taking place on the A133 and A120.

We have been contacted about the bottle banks on the Clacton Road as well as fly tipping.

Gary has been asked for 'The Chase' to be called in. The Officer replied to Gary's email that the decision maybe decided under delegated powers for refusal.

We had a call regarding a broken smart meter.

Alresford PC are putting in a response to ECC with regard to the Mineral Extraction Extension to Sunnymead Farm – will Elmstead Market PC be doing the same (as it is in the Parish) the deadline is the end of April?

We have been contacted about the emptying of dog poo bins and the possibility of more bins for the village.

*Gary and Ann Councillors for Elmstead Market – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

Signature .....

Date .....