

Minutes of Meeting on 5th August 2021
Elmstead Parish Council – New Community Centre Committee
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Mr P Beard (chairman), Mrs P Anderson, Mrs C Brock, Mr R Fairweather, Cllr John Gray, Mrs J Grotier, Mrs D Stammers, Mrs J Triscott, Cllr Martine Ward, Mrs R Valentine and Mr S Wright.

Also present: Mrs Baxter (clerk).

Not present: Cllr J Gray and Mr S Higgins

21/010 Chairman's welcome

Mr Beard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/011 Apologies of Absence

Cllr Gray and Mr Higgins sent their apologies.

21/012 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests

None.

21/013 Approval and signing of the minutes from the meeting of 4th February 2021.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 4th February 2021 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Mr Beard, Seconded: Mrs Anderson, all in favour.

Mr Fairweather asked for clarification on what is happening with the request he made at the last meeting that the 8 bungalows currently in application not be built until the community centre is started. The clerk is to check.

21/014 A report on any updates since the last Committee meeting to include

i) The status of the Charity Field development.

As of the 19th July 20 houses have been sold, 5 are occupied and 2 more will be occupied by the end of July. The remainder have been sold off plan. The first 2 of the 12 social housing buildings will be handed over to a housing association in September and the rest before Christmas.

Members were concerned that this update did not include any mention of the Community Centre, and that we have not heard from Go Homes in a long time regarding their commitment to this. It was hoped that someone from Go Homes would attend this meeting.

Mr Fairweather will contact Mr Hookway (CEO of Go Homes) and see Mike Hammond (site manager) to speak about the community centre.

ii) The status of the amended deed of variation for Charity Field.

This is waiting to be signed off by TDC legal services.

iii) The status of the Church Road development.

The adoptable road is just about to be complete. There are 9 properties complete to damp proof course level. There are 6 properties with completed roofs. The showroom is about 3 – 4 weeks away from completion. 7 – 8 properties have been sold (off plan).

21/015 New Community Centre Building

i) What still needs to be done towards the final plans for the new building?

We have agreed the shell and the basis structure but not had a conversation about how it is to be fitted out. We'll need to speak to someone and find out when they need the information.

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- ii) *At what stage will the drawing up of the new lease between the Parish Council and the Community Centre Charity need to be started?*

It was discussed that both parties will need their own solicitors. We need to find out what is happening with the community centre first though.

21/016 Outdoor sports and recreational facilities

To discuss how to research and decide a preferred package of facilities for the outdoor space to recommend to the Parish Council.

It was agreed to establish a working party to research possibilities. Mrs Triscott, Mrs Valentine, Mrs Brock and Mrs Grotier volunteered, and the clerk will speak to Mr Higgins.

21/017 A discussion on any actions to take going forward.

No extra actions.

21/018 Matters raised for the next agenda or for information only.

None.

21/019 Date of next committee meeting

Thursday 9th September was suggested.

Everyone was thanked for attending.
The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

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Date