

Minutes of Meeting on 15th October 2020
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors John Gray (Chairman), Nick Bell, Amanda Brennan, Michael Hare, Maxine Jeggo, Martine Ward and Gill Williams.

Also Present:

District Councillors Ann Wiggins and Gary Scott

Mrs Baxter (clerk), Mr C Board (ABC Planning) and 2 members of public.

Absent: Sally Fairey

20/180 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Gray welcomed everyone.

20/181 Co-option of new councillor. The council currently has 2 vacancies.

Mr M Hare wishes to be co-opted as a councillor.

It was resolved to co-opt Mr Hare onto the council.

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

Cllr Hare was welcomed on to the council.

20/182 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Fairey sent her apologies. County Councillor Guglielmi also sent apologies.

The council has received a resignation from Cllr Charnick due to working commitments. It was also reported that this meeting would be Cllr Walsh's last meeting as he is moving out of the Parish. Cllrs Charnick and Walsh were thanked for their time on the council.

20/183 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

None.

20/184 Election of vice-chair.

It was resolved that Cllr Brennan be vice-chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded: Cllr Williams, all in favour.

20/185 Approval and signing of the minutes from 17th September 2020.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 17th September 2020 as true and accurate.

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

20/186 Approval and signing of the minutes from 8th October 2020.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 8th October 2020 as true and accurate.

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

20/187 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the meetings of the Council on 17th September 2020 and 8th October 2020 not covered in this agenda.

The clerk updated that there had been a problem with the paperwork for adding Cllr Williams as a signatory to the bank account and that she would need to call Barclays again.

20/188 Public Speaking

Mrs Lewis asked whether the names of all the families she contacted on behalf of the Parish Council have been agreed for street names for the Charity Field development. The clerk will check and get back to Mrs Lewis.

Cllr Gray reported that the search for families of the names on the war memorial is going well. He has spoken to Mr Barker for 3 names and Mrs Lewis has also been in contact with some families.

20/189 County Councillor report. Written report – a short verbal report.

The County Councillor was not present. Please see his report on the PC website at <https://www.elmsteadparishcouncil.org.uk/meeting-reports>.

20/190 District Councillor reports. Written report – a short verbal report.

Report given after later arrival.

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Cllr Scott attended a virtual All Members Briefing last Wednesday where the Government White Paper on Planning was spoken about and also the Local Government Reform which at the moment looks likely to be postponed for about two years.

Cllr Scott had a virtual Local Planning and Planning Policy Committee meeting (LPPPC) which had its agenda split into two parts due to its length. At the LPPPC Part 1 discussions were about the TDC response to the White Paper. Gary is at present at Part 2 which is discussing RAMS (Recreation Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy) and its impact on our coast and environment.

The Standards Committee meeting has been postponed.

At the Resources and Services Committee (RSC) which Cllr Scorr attended discussions were about Tendring's 'Back to Business' initiative after the pandemic, the waste contract and tourism strategy.

We attended a hybrid Full Council meeting where half the Councillors attended in person and the other half online. Cllr Scott and I went to Clacton. Covid and general council business were discussed.

Elmstead Market:

We have given out new recycling boxes and met with new residents.

A resident in Harvest Way rang to complain about bonfires which has in turn been reported to TDC.

Cllr Scott attended a meeting at Lanswood together with Cllr Gray and Mr Fairweather to discuss local issues relating to Lanswood's planning application.

The overhanging bushes/branches have been trimmed back in Oatlands by the Tendring Rangers.

New road signs are still to be installed in Meadow Close.

The street names have been agreed with the developer and TDC with regard to the site in Church Road.

20/191 Charity Field open space provision

A special motion was called by 4 councillors to reconsider the decision in Minute item 20/148 regarding the section 106 provision for the open space adjacent to the New Community Centre on Charity Field. It has previously been the aim of the New Community Centre Committee and the council to provide for a variety of sports with a provision such as a MUGA. Item 20/148 resolved to be in favour of the Lanswood planning application reference 20/00239/FUL subject to a 3G artificial pitch being included in the section 106 agreement. To discuss alternative options, including a MUGA, for the section 106 agreement.

Cllr Gray met with Cllr Scott, Mr Fairweather, Chris Board and Darrin Shakily (Lanswood) to discuss a reprioritisation of the facilities to be provided. Mr Board extended Lanswood's support for this. Lanswood will help with the process. The council needs to resolve its alternatives and get them costed. The £430k was achieved through 2 contributions, and if we don't get the alternatives properly costed some of the funds may be redirected by TDC. Sport England has given a costing of £160k for a MUGA.

Other provision that would be desirable is an outdoor gym, table tennis and play equipment for kids.

Lanswood have also written to TDC and offered up to £15k extra for the design fees for the pedestrian crossing to be installed on Colchester Road.

Lanswood would like the section 106 agreement resolved within the next 3-4 months.

Cllr Gray will ask 3 contractors to provide costings, if anyone has any other ideas let him know.

It was resolved for Cllr Gray and other volunteers to look into areas of need for the provision.

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

20/192 Land opposite Millfields School (Dene Park)

Wivenhoe Town Council proposes to add ecological value to this land by requesting that it is not mown until early Autumn. This is with a view to re-wild this green space. They are

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looking into machinery to cut it, and intend to collect the hay from the Autumn cut. Does council agree with their proposal?

Held over as Wivenhoe Town Council are still looking into it.

20/193 North Essex Garden Community and A120/A133 Link Road

1) An update from the NEGC Working Party to include; a report of the meeting held with Wivenhoe Town Council and Ardleigh Parish Council, a report of the meeting between Sir Bernard Jenkin MP and Elmstead residents and an update on asking residents of Colchester Road to display banners.

Cllr Williams: The working party had a meeting with Wivenhoe Town Council and Ardleigh PC. It seems that the NEGC won't affect Ardleigh until 2033.

Cllrs William, Ward, Brennan and Bell spoke to residents on Colchester Road and got 13 agreements to display banners with possibly 2 more.

Cllr Bell suggested contacting estate agents to see if they would do signs. Mr Fairweather reported that Town and Country have been helpful in the past, also that we could put information in an A-frame on the North Green. Cllr Williams asked if we could put it at the end of Bromley Road, and will check if there is something there that it can be chained to.

Cllr Brennan: The meeting with Bernard Jenkin was good. He will arrange a meeting with ECC for the two residences and come and look at the location, hopefully next month.

2) To discuss the details of the protest to be held on 7th November on Colchester Road. A risk assessment is needed.

It was agreed to postpone this as Essex moves to tier 2 of Covid restrictions.

3) To discuss writing a letter to Gary Guiver regarding reports that the master plan for the Local Plan is being worked upon.

Cllr Luxford-Vaughan from Wivenhoe TC has been in contact with Alan Lyndsey (ECC) who has said that master planning is going on in the background. We were asked to write to Gary Guiver (TDC) to ask what master planning is going on.

It was resolved to write a letter to be drafted by Cllrs Brennan and Williams. Also to copy Bernard Jenkin MP and Cllr Guglielmi.

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

4) To approve a press engagement policy.

It was resolved to approve the above.

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

District Councillors Ann Wiggins and Gary Scott arrived.

20/194 The Planning White Paper Consultation

Deadline 29th October 2020

Consultation on proposals for reform of the planning system in England. The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed.

To decide the approval of a response via e-mail.

RCCE will be presenting information regarding this consultation on the 22nd October.

Councillors are to stay on-line after the meeting to discuss who will do what.

20/195 LHP application for additional funding for the Colchester Road Crossing

The total cost for an upgraded crossing is likely to be around £150k to £160K, plus around £10k for the design, and other necessary admin works. The LHP has suggested that the council considers whether it would pay for the design? Then the top up request to the LHP will not be so high, and the Panel may be more willing to fund the rest.

Cllr Gray reported that the cost of the design, up to £15k, will be added to the sec 106 agreement for Lanswood. It was discussed that it is a concern that there is no guarantee

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that the LHP will authorise the additional funding. There will be more traffic going through the village and it will be necessary for safety.

It was resolved to spend the Lanswood funding for the design of a full lights controlled pedestrian crossing. Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour
Cllr Gray will follow up with Chris Board regarding when the money will be available.

20/196 Neighbourhood Plan

Any updates?

It was thought that the boundary has been agreed by TDC, the clerk is to check.
Cllr Scott reported that Gary Guiver is helping Parishes with their NHPs. The working party will write to Mr Guiver to request assistance.

20/197 Weight Restriction Requests

The council previously requested weight limits on Tye Road and School Road. Is there any update?

The clerk reported that the applications have been sent in twice before but have still not been registered by the LHP. They have been sent again.

It was discussed that the roads break down which is dangerous for cyclists. Keelars Lane has a weight restriction. If a road has a weight restrictions there is more money available for maintenance.

20/198 Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's society

The council has been asked if they will make a donation in addition to the funds raised on this walk on 20th September. The walk was organised in honour of Ellen Chubb.

It was resolved to donate £100 to the Alzheimer's Society. (LGA 1972, s.137(3) contribution to a charity providing a public service on a non-profit making basis.)

Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded; Cllr Brennan, 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

20/199 Finance

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

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

20/200 Planning Committee update

To receive a short update of the planning committee meeting held on 8th October 2020.

Cllr Gray: the committee objected to the repositioning of a garage on Bromley Road and the building of 5 dwellings on Clacton Road.

20/201 Items for the next agenda or for information only

Cllr Bell – the Colchester Road crossing. Cllr Hare – knows a company that could make up the boards for the Colchester Road signs and will send details to Cllr Williams. Cllr Ward – the weight limits on Tye Road and School Road.

20/202 Items for the December Upmarket Article

Cllr Jeggo volunteered to write the council's Upmarket report from next month.

20/203 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 19th November 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.09pm.

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

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