

Minutes 20th August 2020
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors Paul Beard (Chair), Nick Bell, Amanda Brennan, Ali Charnick, John Gray (Vice Chair), Stephen Walsh, Martine Ward and Gill Williams.

Also Present: Mrs Baxter (clerk) and 1 member of public.

District Councillors Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins

County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi

Absent: Cllr Sally Fairey

20/138 Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Beard welcomed everyone and thanked councillors for all the work they do outside of the meetings.

20/139 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Fairey sent her apologies.

Cllr Charnick sent her apologies for joining the meeting late due to technical issues. Cllr Ward also had technical issue and was not present for the whole meeting.

20/140 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Personal Interests.

None.

20/141 Approval and signing of the minutes from 16th July 2020.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 16th July 2020 as true and accurate.

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

20/142 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Council on 16th July 2020 not covered in this agenda.

The clerk read through the updates.

20/143 Public Speaking.

None.

20/144 County Councillor report. Written report – a short verbal report.

Cllr Guglielmi: There is a review on Local Government Reform with a white paper due to be published in October. It is not known if Town or Parish Councils will be on there.

Cllr Guglielmi will be sending a statement of support for the Lanswood development.

For the full report see "Meeting Reports" on the website.

The bollards for outside Dormers will be delivered next year. The Local Highways Panel is meeting on the 17th September.

20/145 District Councillor reports. Written report – a short verbal report.

Cllr Wiggins: Regarding the white paper Ian Davidson (TDC) is trying to find out more information and they are getting updates on the situation.

Tending Councillors have been canvassed about going back to face to face meetings but not everybody is willing.

Cllr Scott has been contacted about the cancellation of the Manningtree School bus.

They have spoken to the Meadow Close Manager regarding lost recycling bins, corroded signs and overgrown bushes on Oatlands.

They have picked up rubbish from laybys in Elmstead.

They suggest bins for the two laybys between School Road and Sibbons.

Cllr Scott: The bus timetable is too high by the Bugdens bus shelter. Cllr Guglielmi said to e-mail him and he will deal with this.

20/146 North Essex Garden Community and A120/A133 Link Road

i) *An update from the NEGC Working Party.*

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Cllr Williams: 3 volunteers have offered to help. Cllrs Bell and Brennan went to Turnip Lodge Lane with Cllr Evans (Wivenhoe Town Council) to look from an environmental perspective. They will go back and Cllr Charnick has offered to help.

Mr Guiver has stated that there are 4 possible opportunities to get the “green gap” made an official status. The Last one will be in the Local Plan. We can also include something about the green gap in our response to the consultation on the Inspector’s modifications.

- ii) *The working party proposes to put large banners on the entrance and exit gates to Elmstead Market stating “Keep Elmstead a Village”. Quotes are supplied.*

Cllr Williams: The banners will on the main roads at the entrances to the village.

It was resolved to purchase 4 banners at a cost of £22 each.

Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Bell, 6 in favour.

- iii) *The working party proposes to write to Bernard Jenkin MP to ask him to meet with Turnip Lodge Lane and Mount Pleasant residents.*

The above was resolved.

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

Cllr Guglielmi left the meeting.

Cllr Ward joined the meeting.

20/147 REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCOPING OPINION

CC/TEN/94/20/SPO Land between the A120 and A133, to the east of Colchester and west of Elmstead Market.

EIA Scoping Opinion Request for a new link road between the A120 and A133 comprising dual two-lane carriageway; at grade junction connecting the proposed link road to the A133; two potential intermediate roundabout locations giving access between Allen’s Farm and the Garden Community development, and Tye Road (NW) and the Garden Community development; an underpass for future proposed Rapid Transit System and a diverted public right of way (PRoW); one grade separated dumbbell junction (two roundabouts linked by a single bridge) connecting the link road to the A120; new access road to Colchester Waste Transfer Station north west of the proposed A120 junction; and new two-way access to an existing petrol station west of the proposed A120 junction.

Deadline for comments 26th August 2020.

A request has been made for additional time to respond.

Cllr Gray: We have been refused additional time to respond, and there is a massive document to review. The NEGC working party are looking at it.

A member of public stated that Turnip Lodge Lane has been given a status of regional importance, which means limited potential for substitution. The emerging Local Plan states that it seeks to protect such lanes. Their properties are too close to the link road given that they are supposed to have maximum environmental protection from the road. He will draft something to send us for possible inclusion in our response.

There was a discussion on the ecology work already completed by Chance, but that some species require a second survey and that it is very seasonal with a lot of species. Cllr Charnick said that the ECC surveys will only cover a year but there should be a plan of surveys and they should be continually monitoring and surveying.

Wivenhoe TC has not been consulted and could ask for an extension. Cllr Brennan will contact them tomorrow.

It was resolved that the NEGC working party will draft a response to the above request which will then be circulated for review.

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

20/148 Planning Application

20/00239/FUL | Hybrid planning application comprising Outline Application for up to 10,000sqm of new mixed use (B1, B2, B8) commercial space and 14 houses, and Full

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Permission for 71 houses. Existing access amended and new residential access to Clacton Road. | Ground Floor 1 Lanswood Park Broomfield Road Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7FD

Cllr Beard: The original application was for 72 houses. Cllr Beard spoke to TDC and Lanswood to see if we could get funding having checked informally with the planning committee if they agreed with this approach. It has been agreed that they will provide £430,000 for a 3G artificial grass pitch for the new Community Centre open space. It will have floodlights and cater for netball, football, rugby and hockey. You can't play tennis on it. In order to fund the provision an additional 13 houses have been added to the application. The need for the additional houses was discussed. With the original 72 houses the profits were being used to fund the utilities that are needed to be brought in for the commercial development. The 72 houses would have provided a £100,000 contribution which is not enough.

Councillors were concerned about the additional houses, that the plots sizes have been reduced and whether the 3G pitch would cater for girls.

It was discussed that the village does not need another 85 houses but that the increased employment will weigh very heavily in their favour.

It was resolved to be in favour of the application subject to the section 106 provision as stated in the letter dated 21st July 2020 from ABC Planning to Alison Newland.

Proposed: Cllr Beard, Seconded: Cllr Gray, 3 in favour, 5 abstentions.

20/149 Neighbourhood Plan

- i) An update from the NHP Working Party.*

Cllr Walsh: The working party had its first meeting and started a dialogue with TDC. Cllr Walsh will write an introduction to the plan to start the process with TDC.

- ii) Does the council approve the border of the Parish as provided in the map from Tendring DC as the area to designate for the Neighbourhood Plan area by application to TDC?*

It was resolved to approve the above. Proposed: Cllr Ward, Seconded: Cllr Walsh, all in favour.

Cllr Walsh will advise Tendring of this.

20/150 Parish Council Meetings

To discuss the general length of the meetings, that updates should be brief and to the point and important items are listed first.

Cllr Brenann: On our training courses we were the only council with 3 hour meetings. Important things are getting missed.

Cllr Williams: The last meeting was exceptional, with Gary Guiver. Sometimes important items should go higher up the agenda. By the end of the meetings it's information overload. There was a discussion around this, that it's difficult to shorten the meetings with the hefty stuff on the agenda but it's hard to maintain attention for that long. We don't want to stifle debate but there should be a balance. Cllr Beard explained that when he took on the responsibility he thought a lot about how he would chair the meetings, and wanted to encourage the public to speak. He explained the process of the agenda and how it's not always possible to have items near the start. He will think things through.

20/151 Tendring District Council Street Naming Consultation

- i) Does the council have any comments to make on the street names allocated to the new development in Church Road?*

It was resolved that the council is in favour of the cricket theme for the development.

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

- ii) It is proposed to name streets/roads on other developments after the service men from the village who died in WW1 and WW2. Their names are all on the war memorial.*

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Cllr Gray suggested this as you can't ask people to do more than give their lives for their country. There are 28 names for WW1, with 4 sets of brothers so 24 names in total. We need to find out if there are any living relatives and contact them.

The above was resolved. Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Ward, 4 in favour.

It was also proposed that we do not get involved in street naming any more. This proposal also received 4 votes but the chairman's casting vote went to the first proposal.

iii) *Further names have been proposed for future consideration by the Elmstead history group; Bill Powell, Andrew Chatto, Sonia Grantham and Len Parrish.*

This was held over for the time being.

20/152 Finance

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

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

20/153 Committee and Working Party membership

To discuss an additional member or a substitute member for the personnel committee and the NHP working party.

There were no volunteers.

20/154 Planning Committee update

To receive a short update of the planning committee meeting held on 11th August 2020.

Cllr Gray: The new community centre was discussed and there were 4 small issues that are being dealt with. Cllr Gray needs to speak to Mr Tedder to see if the changed toilet facilities in the changing rooms still meet FA requirements.

We commented on the change of use for Autumn House to a children's home to say that additional vehicles should be directed to the Clacton Road car park and that the management should be responsible for this.

20/155 Items for the next agenda or for information only

A litter pick.

20/156 Items for the October Upmarket Article

An article regarding contacting the relatives of the people named on the war memorial.

A request for Speedwatch volunteers.

20/157 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 17th September 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

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

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