

Minutes 15th December 2016
Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors N Bell (Chairman), P Beard, S Beecham, R Fairweather, M Kirby, R Redding, J Routledge and M Ward
District Councillors F Nicholls and R Heaney
Also Present: Mrs Baxter (Clerk) and 16 members of the public

Cllr Bell was sad to announce that Cllr Redding has resigned from the Parish Council. Cllr Bell thanked Cllr Redding for his efforts, he was a valuable member of the Parish Council and he will be missed.

Cllr Bell also announced that this will be his last meeting as Chairman of the Parish Council and that he would be standing down at the beginning of the January meeting.

16/218 Apologies for Absence
None

16/219 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests
None

16/220 Approval and signing of the minutes from 17th November 2016
It was resolved to accept the minutes from 17th November 2016 as true and accurate.
All in favour

16/221 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meetings of the Council on 17th November 2016.
The clerk ran through these, there were no questions.

16/222 Public Speaking
Mrs Polly Lewis, who used to be a Parish Councillor, thanked Nick (Cllr Bell) for his contributions to the PC as Chairman.

16/223 County Councillor report
None

16/224 District Councillor reports.
Cllr Nicholls: We are getting closer to having a roundabout on the A120, work starts next summer.
The new ward changes have been proposed by TDC.
The garden settlement will go ahead (the Colchester/TDC fringe garden community). The boundary is open for discussion. The new link road from the top of Clingoe Hill to the A120 (by the waste station) will be built before the houses. A new medical centre will also be built before the houses, this will be for minor injuries. There will be a new primary and secondary school.
Cllr Nicholls thanked Nick for being an approachable and supportive Chairman and hoped that he would remain as a councillor. He thanked Nick on behalf of Elmstead Market.
Cllr Heaney also thanked Nick for a good job as Chairman.

16/225 Planning
An update from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th December 2016.
For the appeal for the 32 houses on Tye Road the PC voted to send their objections to the Planning Inspectorate.
For the outline application for 62 houses on School Road the PC voted to object to the application.

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16/226 Finance

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

It was resolved to accept the finance report and approve the payments for December.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr ward, all in favour

- ii) *Grants – to resolve to agree the grants for 2016 to be given out later in the meeting.*

It was resolved to agree the proposed grants for 2016. See attached FC Grant Recommendations for 2016-17.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour

16/227 Grants for Elmstead Parish Council to consider making an application for.

Cllr Beecham wishes to research potential sources of grants for upcoming projects. Cllr Beecham: The PC received £10,000 from Bluegates, there are projects that the working party have suggested that are not covered by that amount so he would like to research avenues to make up the shortfall.

16/228 Market Field

Any further updates?

The PC have been invited to attend a meeting with ECC early in the new year to discuss the new lease arrangements.

16/229 Parish Council Office

Does the Parish Council agree to the addition of a doorbell on the community centre door to ring in the PC office (enabling the front door to remain locked when the clerk is working alone in the community centre)? Also to the addition of a sign showing the office opening times.

It was resolved to agree the above. Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Kirby, all agreed.

16/230 Grants

To hand out the grants which have been awarded to the local organisations of Elmstead.

The grant cheques were presented to the village organisations and the recipients gave a brief description of how the money would be of benefit to their organisation.

16/231 Communications *Items of interest for inclusion in our February Upmarket report.*

To send to the clerk.

16/232 Items for next agenda or for information only

None

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

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

Date of next Parish Meeting: Thursday 19th January 2017

To be held in the Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead

Minuted by Mrs. A Baxter

15th December 2016

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