

Minutes 18th July 2019
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors Paul Beard (Chairman), Nick Bell, Amanda Brennan, John Gray, Mike Kirby, Stephen Walsh and Martine Ward
District Councillors: Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins
Also Present: Mrs Baxter (clerk) and 12 members of the public
Not present: Councillor Sally Fairey

19/119 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Beard welcomed everyone and thanked the councillors for their time spent on committees and meetings and thanked the District Councillors and Count Councillor for their support.

19/120 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fairey sent her apologies and Cllr Bell sent apologies in advance that he would be late. Cllr Guglielmi was away.

19/121 Co-option of Councillors

Mrs Amanda Brennan and Mr Stephen Walsh have expressed an interest in joining the council.

Mrs Brennan and Mr Walsh briefly addressed the council and were then co-opted and welcomed onto the council.

19/122 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests

None

19/123 Approval and signing of the minutes from 20th June 2019.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 20th June 2019 as true and accurate.

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

19/124 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Council on 20th June 2019 not covered in this agenda.

Mrs Baxter reported that the application to the LHP to consider speed control on Chapel Lane and Old School Lane was made but we have been informed that the form and process has changed so that our County Councillor has to submit our application for us. We'll need to wait until Cllr Guglielmi returns.

Mrs Baxter also reported that she has not heard back from Essex Highways regarding whether it would be possible to install a bus shelter on the A133 by Brook Cottages. Looking at the ECC assets map it doesn't look like it's owned by ECC but it is maintained by them.

Mrs Baxter will contact the adjacent landowner to see if it belongs to him.

19/125 Public Speaking

A resident reported that there are vehicles speeding down Bromley Road and that at night time there are large lorries and noisy motorbikes.

It was discussed that the Speedwatch team are unable to work at that location but that the PCSO has got a Trucam and does Bromley Road from time to time.

A resident reported that people are parking on the double yellow lines outside the fish and chip shop. There was a van parked on the pavement and no-one could get past. People don't use the car park. Cllr Bell will go and see the chip shop owner to see if they can help.

Cllr Scott advised that we can contact Richard Walker of the NEPP who can send people to check the parking.

19/126 County Councillor report

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19/127 District Councillor reports.

Cllr Wiggins: We called in the reserved matters application for School Road, which should come to committee at the beginning of September.
Ian Davidson enjoyed his visit to Elmstead and was touched by the hospitality.
Residents have complained about people burning rubbish.
Cllr Scott has been contacted about an oak tree with a TPO which was felled. This was in Finch Lane and the resolution from TDC has not been good. Cllr Scott is looking into it.
Weeds have been sprayed in some areas, not in others. Cllr Kirby responded that he was pleased to see the weeds had been sprayed but we now have dead weeds and that is still an eyesore. Cllr Scott reported that he sits on the resources committee and they will be discussing the future of weed spraying. He was told that they would spray twice a year.
There was an extraordinary meeting to discuss libraries. All were in favour of the changes that ECC has agreed in not closing libraries.
There is a new policy from the EU called the East Coast RAMS strategy. Developers will have to pay £132.22 per dwelling to safeguard nature sites.
TDC will have more recycling boxes at the end of the month.
The wheelie bins go out with the green recycling box.
Cllr Scott has requested a 6 month review on the recycling contract.
Cllr Wiggins attended a housing strategy meeting about buying back council houses. TDC are building properties for key workers.
Cllr Bell reported that he attended a planning meeting and that 2 of the most experienced people were not there.

19/128 New Community Centre Committee

A report from the meeting 4th July 2019, including a report of the following:

- *The visit by Mr Ian Davidson (TDC Chief Executive) to Elmstead on 10th July,*

Cllr Gray: we had a good meeting with Mr Davidson. He told us about new funding from the government from the sugar tax to attract those that don't exercise to start. £125million will be allocated to 10 local areas, 3 of those are in Essex. Mr Davidson has earmarked us for some funding. He suggested that we could have a track around Charity Field, outdoor gym equipment and storyboards of the history of Elmstead Market. Mr Davidson doesn't know the final details of the funding and will contact us.
They also talked about the new crossing for Colchester Road, Mr Davidson will look into this. The clerk will let Cllr Guglielmi know.

- *a meeting with Go Homes and TDC on the 9th July,*

Cllr Beard, Cllr Gray and Mr Fairweather attended the meeting with Gary Guiver and Matthew Lang but unfortunately Mr Tedder from Go Homes did not. TDC agreed with all the sec 106 changes. The PC asked whether we'd be able to get the £400k from the Church Road development up front but they said they can't do that. However they will keep it to prior to the 14th house being occupied in line with the sec 106 agreement for the original agreed plans. They will look into transferring the public open space contribution to the Charity Field site. Mr Tedder now need to follow up from his end.

- *attendance at the Elmstead Primary School fete on Friday 28th June*

Cllr Gray: We had a gazebo at the fete with a display, to try and encourage people to see the plans. About a dozen people visited the stand. They also spoke to one or two people who were potentially interested in becoming councillors.

- *The new community centre exhibition*

The committee decided that this would be on Thursday 26th September between 3 and 8pm. A flier will be put into the September Upmarket.

19/129 Finding New Councillors

An update on new councillor interest and the need to organise a recruitment event.

There were three people attending who are interested in joining, so we'll see how that goes and review the situation in a couple of months to see how many vacancies we have then.

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19/130 Planning

Applications

19/00933/OUT - Land to The North of Bromley Road Elmstead Essex CO7 7BX. Erection of up to 45 affordable residential units.

It was discussed that it's not clear what is meant by affordable housing. There was a discussion regarding protected species and that the habitat survey is not valid as it is out of date. The reasons that the original application was refused at appeal are still valid. The open space could become a problem in that location.

It was resolved to object to the application with the same objections given originally and referring to other recent appeal decisions for the up to date referencing.

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

19/131 Planning Committee

Any changes to the committee membership?

It was resolved to remove Cllr Beard and add Cllr Brennan. Proposed: Cllr Beard, Seconded: Cllr Bell, all in favour.

19/132 Litter pick

Report of litter pick. To decide when and how often to repeat the event.

Cllr Gray – 13 people attended and collected 18 bags of rubbish from 4 roads. They also found some fly tipping and informed TDC. It was suggested that next time we have someone pick up the bags in a truck. Thank you to the public for their help and Cllr Ward for organising the equipment from TDC.

It was resolved to hold another litter pick on Sunday 29th September 10am-12pm.

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

19/133 Elmstead Playing Field

Colne Athletic football club has requested permission to use the field for training every Thursday evening during the summer months.

It was resolved to agree to the above. Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded: Cllr Beard, all in favour.

19/134 School Road Parking Restrictions

A report from the site visit by Ian Taylor. Any other updates?

Cllr Gray: Cllr Gray and Ron Fairweather met Ian Taylor (Head of Public Realm), Cllr Michael Talbot (portfolio environment representative for the NEPP), Andy Neapon (operations officer) and 2 enforcement officers. There were 4 cars parked and a lot of heavy traffic. They all agreed it was busy and dangerous. They want double yellow lines all the way down both sides of the road and additional signage for the school. They are also concerned about the developments. They will have a meeting with Gary Smith (Market Field School) to try to come to an amicable conclusion. Mr Taylor said that zigzags would not do the job.

They also said they would look into a possible reduction to the speed limit to 20mph.

19/135 Alresford Road

Any update on the speed survey previously requested and a request for verge cutting.

Cllr Beard: We have the speed survey results which show that the average speed is less than 60mph. We could look at asking for a lower speed limit. Cllr Brennan said that it's worse along that road for walkers now with more HGV traffic. It was suggested that Cllr Brennan tries to meet with Carlo Guglielmi at Alresford Road.

Cllr Scott added that Alresford PC has been writing to Bretts etc. to ask their drivers to have care and consideration. Companies are then informing the drivers. They need to be aware of local issues.

19/136 Finance

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

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

- ii) *To consider instigating a petty cash float to enable the purchase of items by employees and councillors within an agreed limit without having to use their own funds to do so. Alternatively the council could apply for a credit card with a spending limit for specified people.*

It was resolved to apply for a credit card with a spending limit of £100. Proposed: Cllr Walsh, Seconded: Cllr Brennan, all in favour.

- iii) *To discuss the installation of an intercom or camera device for the clerk to hear and/or see who is calling before the door is opened.*

Cllr Gray is concerned when the clerk is alone in the building. She doesn't know who is ringing the bell. He's had a quick look at options and seen some for about £200. He'll get some figures together for the next meeting for costs and installation.

19/137 Communications *Items of interest for inclusion in our September Upmarket report in addition to the report of meeting.*

To have the litterpick as a separate article.

19/138 Items for next agenda or for information only

Cllr Beard reminded the councillors that any of them can add something to the agenda.

**There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance.
The meeting closed at 9.37pm.**

**Date of next Parish Meeting: Thursday 15th August 2019
To be held in the Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead
Minute written by Mrs. A Baxter
Contact: 01206 827139**

Signature

Date