

ELMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Thursday 18th October, 2012

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Bell, Cllr Sly, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Gray, Cllr Brock, Cllr Mason, Cllr Lloyd

Clerk: Mrs Baxter

District Councillor Nicholls, District Councillor Heaney

Public: Mr K Coleman, Mr M Jordan, Mr I Mitchell, Mr D Feldman, Ms M Wexler, Ms D Stammers, Mr R Redding, Mrs P Redding, Mr S Beecham, Mrs K Pugh, Mr J Pugh, Mr R Fairweather, Mr A Brumpton, Mr B Mason, Mr T Vaughan, Mr R Bond and other members of public

Meeting Chaired by Cllr Bell – Chair

Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Snowden

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3 RESIGNATION OF CLERK

Cllr Bell announced the resignation of Shona Tyler.

4 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Cllr Bell introduced the new Clerk, Angela Baxter and welcomed her to the Parish Council.

5 RESIGNATION OF CLLR HINCHCLIFFE

6 RESIGNATION OF CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Bell announced the resignations of Cllrs Hinchcliffe and Phillips which they notified at the previous estates meeting, 27th September 2012. Cllr Bell mentioned that there had been an unpleasant tone to the previous meetings.

6A COUNCIL MATTERS

Due to Cllr Philip's resignation the council does not have a Vice Chair.

It was proposed that Cllr Lewis act as Vice Chair until the end of 2012.

Proposed: Cllr Bell Second Cllr Lloyd Carried Abstained Cllr Mason

Cllr Lewis announced that she will be retiring at the end of 2012.

Cllr Bell said that the last meeting had been too acrimonious. More friendship is needed within the council and to remember that a vote is taken democratically and once it is taken the Council need to move on.

7 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Chairman explained that 3 minutes per person was allowed and this would be the only time for members of the public to speak.

Matters raised:- Mr. Redding said that the development survey the Council circulated was incomplete as it didn't include a vote for no development. He has delivered his own survey to the village.

Mr. Feldman suggested an open public meeting to be called as soon as possible to discuss the development, the community centre and road.

In response to criticism from the public Cllr Lewis apologised and explained that the Council has been without a permanent clerk since July and that is very difficult to run the Council without a trained clerk.

There were several questions regarding the number of properties to be built and Mr. Clark suggested that the old pub site could be used for the community centre.

DC Nicholls said that the local plan was discussed at the last Tendring District Council Meeting and approved

subject to amendment. It states a 6% increase in housing in the next ten years and no more. There will be a further public consultation in November; everyone in Tendring will have the opportunity to put their views to the planning officer.

DC Heaney said that the planning inspector will read the plan and every comment that has been sent to him. There will be a final consultation where people can go and speak to him and he will make the final decision.

Mr. Pugh said there was confusion as initially it was 20 houses and now it's 40. He asked why can't the development be split and blended in.

Mr. Brumpton suggested that Tye Road be the access to the Holly Way/Meadow Close development with only pedestrian access through Holly Way. There would need to be traffic lights or a roundabout which would have the knock on effect of slowing traffic down coming into Elmstead with the possibility of a crossing at the West end of the village.

Mr. Wright was concerned about the possibility of the playing field being developed.

Cllr Nicholls responded that all plans would need to fall within the 6% target.

Cllr Heaney suggested that we contact Mr. Gary Guiver to ask for the date of the local plan and to ask him to attend a local public meeting.

It was suggested that a Saturday morning would be the best time for the open meeting to allow maximum attendance.

It was also suggested that there be a flier before the meeting.

Mr Redding said that he had e-mailed Elmstead Parish Council to register his interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Cllr Lewis confirmed that she had seen it and apologised for not responding .

8 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED Thursday 20th September, 2012 and any matters arising;

The minutes were amended as follows:

An addition to item 8 after paragraph 6

"Cllr Gray strongly objected to this and firmly stated that all known information should be on this survey."

An addition to item 8 after paragraph 10

"Both developers requested that the scale should show accurately, the same scale on each development. One of the developments requested that only that actual land for development should be shown on the map."

It was proposed that the amended minutes of the previous Parish Meeting of the Thursday 20th September, 2012 be agreed and accepted as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Gray

Second: Lewis

Unanimously Carried

Matters arising from the previous meeting not included in this agenda:

None

9 COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

DC Heaney spoke about the delisting of the old post office. The site belongs to the bank and it's still listed. The previous clerk wrote to English Heritage about delisting but there's been no response. Tendring District Council has no powers to remove the listing.

Cllr Mason asked if we can request the delisting to start.

DC Heaney advised that we do this again. She thinks that as the deeds are with the bank we don't need permission from the owner for delisting.

Action: Clerk to write to English Heritage and request that the post office is delisted.

10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

None Present

11 UPDATE FROM VILLAGE TREE WARDEN

Mr. Wadham not present.

12 PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT BEHIND MEADOW CLOSE/CHURCH ROAD

Cllr Bell stated that the Council has the figures from the Council survey but following comments from the Council and the public he should withhold the figures.

Cllr Heaney said that the most important thing people could do is write letters to Tendring District Council with their views in the 6 week consultation period. However don't use a template letter; the letters need to be individual.

The option of the public meeting was discussed amongst the Cllrs.

It was proposed that Elmstead Parish Council hold a public meeting as soon as possible to discuss the Tendring draft plan as it affects Elmstead market and invite Mr. Guiver to the meeting and any other professionals who may help in some capacity. As soon as possible after the meeting provide a survey and facts to the residents of Elmstead Market.

Proposed

Cllr Gray

Second

Cllr Bell

Unanimously Carried

Cllr Bell asked the public if they were happy with this proposal and they agreed.

13 EMCHAT

Cllr Gray said that EMCHAT will be doing something at the Community Centre Christmas Bazaar on 1st December but they don't know what yet.

14 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES ALONG THE COLCHESTER ROAD

Cllr Mason wrote a letter to be sent from the Council.

Action: Cllr Mason to send the Clerk a copy of the letter to send.

15 VILLAGE TIME CAPSULE FOR THE DIAMOND PLAQUE

No action taken as yet, but there will be.

16 TRAVELLER SITE IN CLACTON ROAD

Cllr Nicholls agreed that the site is conforming. The temporary permission will expire March 2012. Two weeks ago the owner of the site made a planning application for a bungalow.

17 COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTIES

FINANCE

18.1 Finance Report; including any recommendations and requests for payment contained therein.

Complete report not available. Three signed cheques were agreed.

Action: As Cllr Phillips was a bank signatory it was agreed that Cllr Gray become a third signatory.

It was proposed that we substitute the November Estates Meeting with a Finance Committee meeting.

Proposed Cllr Sly Second Cllr Lloyd Unanimously Carried

18.2 New Planning Applications Received

12/00960/FUL Erection of a combined heat and power bio-gas plant comprising anaerobic digester, silage clamp and digestate store. Allens Farm Tye Road Elmstead

No comments

12/01030/FUL Erection of a conservatory following the demolition of the existing. 13 Hatchcroft Gardens Elmstead

No Comments

18.3 Decisions in the Month

None

18 Publicity;

None

20 Community Centre

Cllr Gray said that the heating in the community centre had been fixed and was safe.

21 Village Schools

Cllr Lewis announced that she is the new Chairman of Governors of Elmstead Primary School.

22 Public Transport

No update

23 Road Safety

No update

24 Police Report

No update

25 Elmcroft

No comment

26 Youth & Leisure

Cllr Mason is waiting to hear if part of Market Field can have its lease extended for use of part of the area for a youth facility. Phillip Long is the Essex County Council lease advisor.

Action: Cllr Mason to provide information to the Clerk for a follow up.

27 Dene Park

No update.

28 P3

It was explained that there are 23 or 24 paths in Elmstead Market. If there is a problem on any of the paths let the Clerk know.

29 Matters Raised by Councillors

Cllr Mason said that the grass around the bus stop at Brook Cottages which had been overgrown has now been cut.

Cllr Lewis gave the clerk's hours and will publish them in the December edition of Upmarket.

The Royal British Legion are holding a Remembrance Service on 11th November at 2pm on the village green.

The fireworks committee would welcome help and support. Please contact Tony or Ricky Vaughn.

A vote of thanks from the Council was given to Cllr Phillips and Cllr Hinchcliffe. Cllr Lewis spoke about the hard work that they both did and that they would be missed tremendously.

Cllr Sly confirmed that there were 3 vacant places on the Council.

There being no further business Councillors were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 9.47pm

Date of next Parish Meeting: Thursday 15th November, 2012

To be held in the Methodist Church Hall, Bromley Road CO7 7BY

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18th October, 2012

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All other relevant correspondence has been circulated prior to the meeting and available upon request.