

Agenda
Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2014

Meeting start time: 19:30

Cllrs Present: Cllr Fairweather, Cllr Beecham, Cllr, Bell, Cllr Redding, Cllr Routledge, Cllr Brock and Cllr Grotier
Also Present: 5 Members of the Public, inc Paul Beard and Mike Kirby.

14/058. Election of Chairman

The chairman asked for any nominations for the chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Brock nominated Cllr Bell to carry on being chairman.
Cllr Redding seconded the nomination.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bell remain as chairman.

All in favour

14/059. Election of Vice Chairman

The chairman asked for any nominations for the vice chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Brock nominated Cllr Redding.
Cllr Bell Seconded the nomination

It was **resolved** that Cllr Redding be Vice Chairman.

All in favour

14/060. Apologies of Absence

There were no apologies of absence.

14/061. Signing of the minutes from the 17th April 2014

It was **resolve** to accept minutes as a true account with one minor amendment.

Propsoed Cllr Grotier
Seconded Cllr Brock

14/062. Co-opting of Councillors

Two members of the public - Mike Kirby and Paul Beard had shown an interest previously in joining the Parish Council. The chairman asked the councillors if anybody had any objection to Paul Beard and Mike Kirby joining the parish Council. There were no objections.

Paul Beard and Mike Kirby were therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Cllr Beard and Cllr Kirby took part in the rest of the meeting.

14/063. Officers Responsibilities

The officers responsibilities were read out and assigned (see appendix 1)

14/064. Police Report

There were no PCSO's present at the meeting.
The chairman read out the police report.
(See appendix 2)

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14/065. Update on the The Whitings – To listen to the update from District Councillor Fred Nicholls

District Cllr Nicholls had sent the following statement via email. The chairman read it out.

'Whitings – the track off Clacton Road. I had a site meeting with Mr Brown, Mall Lang and Richard Collins (TDC planning department). They have taken photographs, measured the width and I await their comments.'

14/066. Public Speaking – 5 minutes of public speaking.

Member of the public spoke about local plan committee.

14/067. Update of meeting with Phase 2

Cllr Beecham gave the Parish Council an update of the meeting that had been held between the developers, Cllr Fairweather, Cllr Brock, Cllr Bell and himself.

14/068. Parking in Old School lane

An email had been received from a resident regarding a lorry being parked in Old School Road.

Cllr Bell suggested writing to the company about the parking situation and perhaps if that was did not get any results then contact the police. The Parish Council discussed this and it was **resolved** to:

Write to the company concerned and

To contact the Police, sending them the photo that had been sent to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Grotier

Seconded: Cllr Beecham

14/069. Grant application for handheld speed cameras

Cllr Beecham addressed the council about applying for a grant for handheld speed cameras, which will be used in the village.

It was **resolved** to send off the application form for the grant.

Proposed: Cllr Grotier

Seconded: Cllr Routledge

14/070. RCCE Course

Cllr Beecham addressed the councillors about the health and safety and fire risk course being held by the RCCE.

He asked the council if they would pay for the course.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council will pay 50% of the course.

Proposed: Cllr Bell

Seconded: Cllr Brock

14/071. Mower and Handyman

The Parish Council discussed the above and will put an advert in Upmarket for a handyman to cover sickness and holiday.

14/072. Motocross

The Parish Council were told that the Moto Cross had re-started.

14/073. Report by District Councillors

There were no District Councillors present. Cllr Nicholls did send an email.

(see appendix 3)

14/074. Planning

There were no comments to be made on any planning applications.

14/075. Finance – To agree invoices to be paid and to be updated on the current balances

(See appendix 4)

Proposed: Cllr Grotier

Seconded: Cllr Brock

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14/076. Report from County Councillor Guglielmi – To listen to County Councillor Guglielmi's report

All councillors read the report.

(see appendix 5)

14/077. Public Speaking

There was no public speaking

14/078. Matters Raised by Councillors for the next agenda or for information only

Car parking by school – increasing the little car park on Elmcroft – next agenda

Is there a Caveat?

Strimmer – Agenda

Upmarket Dog bins

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Appendix 1 – Councillor Responsibilities

Elmstead Parish Council

Roles and responsibilities May 2014

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| Chairman | Cllr. Nick Bell |
| Vice Chairman | Cllr. Rob Redding |

Responsibilities

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| TDALC | Cllr. Nick Bell |
| Community Centre | Cllr. Stan Beecham |
| Public Transport | Cllr. Stan Beecham |
| Road Safety | Cllr Nick Bell Cllr Stan Beecham |
| Dene Park | Cllr. Nick Bell Cllr. Stan Fairweather |
| Parish Paths | Cllr. Jean Routledge Cllr. Nick Bell Cllr. Rob Redding |
| Flag Officer | Cllr. Cathy Brock (Principle) Cllr. Nick Bell (Standby) |
| Health and Safety | Cllr. Stan Beecham Cllr. Ron Fairweather Alan Dingwall |
| Village Schools | Cllr. Jennifer Grotier |

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Appendix 2 – Police Report

- **Incidents for Elmstead Mkt in April**
- **Animal - Bromley Road x 2 - (Dog loose in road)**
- **Nuisance due to Noise - Church Road, Church Gardens - (Party)**
- **Suspicious Circumstances - Colchester Road - (Complaint of Thick toxic smoke)**

Broad Lanes - (Male hiding in bushes)

- **Obstruction - Clacton Road - (Vehicle blocking driveway)**
- **Criminal Damage - Elmcroft - (Car scratched on driveway)**

Appendix 3 – District Councillor Fred Nicholls

The “tree” in Tony Augers garden should be removed today (Tuesday 13th) following a meeting with TDC Engineering service, Mr Auger and myself. TDC Rangers will cut up and remove the tree.

Finches Lane, I have had various conversations with TDC regarding work along Finches Lane. I have been assured the lane is owned by ECC. TDC have been in contact with ECC and they have agreed to carry out work in the near future. Whittings – the track off Clacton Road. I had a site meeting with Mr Brown, Mall Lang and Richard Collins (TDC planning department). They have taken photographs, measured the width and I await their comments.

Hope you have a good meeting and I will hopefully see you next month. I will also update you on the progress of the Local Plan Committee. As always if you have a problem you think I can help with please contact me.

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Appendix 4 – Finance Report

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Closing Balances to 9th May 2014 are:

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| Current Account to Bank Statement Ref 670 | 17704.14 |
| <i>Less unpaid cheques below</i> | 924.86 |
| Total uncashed cheques | 1546.50 |
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| Total Balance in current account after cheques | 15232.78 |
| Deposit Account Bank Statement Ref 136 | 27672.97 |
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| <i>Estimated Overall Closing Balance</i> | |
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Payment Approval is requested for the following:

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| 15/05/14 | Cllr Fairweather Mileage 60@45p | £27.00 |
| 15/05/14 | Elmstead Community Centre hire 2x £14.00 | £28.00 |
| 15/05/14 | Zurich insurance | £866.71 |
| 15/05/14 | Cllr Beecham mileage 7@.45 | £3.15 |
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| | Total Cheques | 924.86 |

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Appendix 5 – Report by County Councillor Guglielmi

ECC REPORT MAY 2014

The late Cllr. Sarah Candy

I am sure that you are aware that Sarah tragically passed away on Saturday 19th April after losing a battle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband Neil and her three children Felix, Trinity and Tabitha. Sarah served on both Cabinets Essex and Tendring Councils for a number of years and she will always be remembered for her efforts to bring in new blood at the District Council and eventually break up the institutional mind-set that our council suffered for many years.

Further consultations

After £117million savings have been achieved in this year's budget it looks very unlikely that further consultations to cut services will take place in the incoming year.

As we are all aware seven major consultation were held and some services underwent major restructure.

The announced surveys of re-cycling centres are still taking place; this will help the authority to better understand what is the end use to residents, bearing in mind the extensive kerbside collections that most Districts and Borough Councils now offer and we have been assured that there are no plans to conduct any further consultation on their future at this stage.

Fire fighters Industrial Action 2/3/4 May

This passed relatively peacefully last Bank Holiday weekend with 10 calls on the Friday, 19 on the Saturday and 10 on the Sunday. The resilience arrangements worked well and spirits amongst the stand by personnel were high. The FBU National Executives were meeting today Thursday 15th May to discuss their next steps as it is not clear at this stage if further action is planned for the next bank Holiday weekend. The whole dispute is due to the proposed change in retirement age from 50 to 57, as because of the expected average 35 years pension uptake there just isn't enough funds for this to be sustainable

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A120 speed and accident reduction

A meeting took place last Friday 2nd May with Bernard Jenkin MP, Cllr Rodney Bass ECC Cabinet member for Highways, Highways Agency representatives, local District and Parish Councillors and I to discuss the non-delivery of the promised average speed cameras and the long term solution to accidents on the A120 stretch between Pellen's Corner and Hare Green. The cameras which were due to be installed last March have been delayed firstly because of the bad weather and secondly because as the contractor's term with the HA had come to an end there is now a delay with the incoming service provider. The four sets of cameras have however been purchased and will hopefully be installed in June.

New Waste Plan

The Minerals Plan which will provide enough building base materials for the next twenty years, has now almost been completed with an Inspector considering it sound, albeit some modifications which are not in our area. This will now pave the way for Officers to concentrate on the New Waste and Recycling Plan which might now entail a new possible new call for sites; this will prove quite controversial as the very nature of its description will make residents very nervous about where these will go. Early indications lead us to believe that our area will not be affected as we have a new Waste Transfer Station almost built on our doorstep on the A120 which will process all of the Colchester and Tendring combined household waste.

Residents can now speak at Essex County Council meetings

Residents are to be given the chance to ask questions, raise concerns or voice support for items being discussed at future Essex County Council meetings.

The move, agreed at last Tuesday's Full Council, is designed to increase public participation in the Council's decision making process. It is also part of the Council's commitment to be as open and transparent as possible. People will now be able to address for up to three minutes Full Council, Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees on items on that meeting's agenda. Up to 15 minutes will be set aside at the start of Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees, with up to 30 minutes available at the beginning of Full Council.

Anyone wanting to ask a question at a Cabinet or Scrutiny Committee meeting will be able to register their request when they attend the meeting. For Full Council meetings however they will need to submit their question by 10.30am seven days before the meeting.

Any member of the public wanting more information should contact the Council's Democratic Services team on 01245 435313 or email governanceteam@essex.gov.uk and a calendar of scheduled Essex County Council meetings can be found on the Council's website.