

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2014

Meeting started 19:32

Councillors present: Cllr Redding, Cllr Fairweather, Cllr Brock, Cllr Routledge, Cllr Beard, Cllr Beecham
Cllr Kirby.

Also Present: District Councillor Nicholls and 1 member of the public (arrived 20:07)

- 14/079 Apologies of Absence**
There were apologies from Cllr Bell, Cllr Grotier and District Councillor Heaney
- 14/080 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests**
Rob Redding declared an interest in item 14/095 – District Councillors report (Moto Cross)
- 14/081 Signing of the minutes from 15th May 2014**
It was **resolved** that the minutes from the 15th May were a true and accurate account.

Proposed: Cllr Beecham
Seconded: Cllr Beard
- 14/082 Police Report**
There was no police report sent and no PCSO present.
- 14/083 Public Speaking**
There was no public speaking
- 14/084 Winter salt scheme**
It was **resolved** for the clerk order the salt from ECC for this winter

Proposed: Cllr Beecham
Seconded: Cllr Fairweather
- 14/085 Dog Bin Collection – Veolia**
It was **resolved** to get the dog bins emptied by TDC and the clerk to make arrangements for this to happen.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge
Seconded: Cllr Brock
- 14/086 Replacement Trees**
Cllr Fairweather had been stopped by parishioner who had asked when the 3 diseased trees will be replaced on South Green.

The councillors agreed to replace the trees
It was **resolved** for the clerk to contact Clive Dawson at TDC about replacement trees in the first instance.

Proposer: Cllr Brock
Secunder: Cllr Fairweather

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14/087

Strimmer

Cllr Fairweather said the old strimmer is too heavy for the handyman to use. Someone has offered a £100 for the old strimmer. It was resolved to sell the strimmer for £100

Proposed: Cllr Beecham
Seconded: Cllr Fairweather

14/088

Essex Record Office

The councillors decided to go through the paperwork currently held in the community centre. The clerk will send out an email to arrange for councillors to come in and help sort through the paperwork. Cllr Beecham said that he would take the records to ERO.

It was **resolved** to send paperwork to the ERO and for the clerk to contact councillors to help go through the paperwork.

Proposed: Cllr Beecham
Seconded: Cllr Kirby

14/089

August Meeting

There was a short discussion about the August meeting that is pencilled in as provisional.

It was **resolved** not to have an August meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Beecham
Seconded: Cllr Routledge

14/090

Health and Safety

Cllr Beecham said that the mower should be using the roll bar fitted in line with Health and Safety. Cllr Fairweather said that there was no legal requirement to use it on the flat. If the mower was being used on banks then the roll bars would need to be used. The clerk said that she had contacted a couple of places that sold ride on mowers and that she was told that if roll bars are fitted, then when using the mower on a bank or incline then the roll bars **must** be used and a seatbelt worn. If the mower is only being used on the flat, then the roll bars do not need to be used. If the roll bars are not being used then **no** seatbelt must be worn.

14/091

Clerk Update and Correspondence

Elmstead Road

An update on a phone call about the speed limit on the Elmstead Road had been received. The clerk passed it on to CC Guglielmi, who wrote back and said that speed lines would be put across the road if the Parish Council supported this.

It was **resolved** to support the speed reduction

Proposed: Cllr Routledge
Seconded: Cllr Redding

An update on the lorry parked in Old School Road

The clerk had contacted the owner of the lorry and PC Heard. She had not heard back from the owner of the lorry, but had heard back from the police.

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The police said if the lorry was causing an obstruction on the path then they would come out and issue a ticket.

Since speaking to the police, the clerk received an email from Mr Diggins who reported the lorry, thanking her for arranging to have cones placed so that the lorry could not park there. The clerk did reply and say that she had not arranged for the cones to be placed there.

An update on Elmcroft – Caveat

Councillors decided to put this on the next agenda.

Responsibilities

Cllr Routledge will take over the role as Transport officer.

Lunch Club – Request from Ann Wiggins.

An email was received from Ann Wiggins about starting up a lunch club in Elmstead.

There is no Parish Council involvement. The clerk was asked to see if any of the councillors were interested in helping in their spare time.

The councillors decided to refer it to Cllr Bell when he is back from holiday,

Dog bin – Hatchcroft Gardens

It was **resolved** to get a grant for the dog bin. Cllr Fairweather said he check and see if we need any more dog bins in the village.

Proposed: Cllr Brock

Seconded: Cllr Beecham

Great Bentley football club

The clerk received a phone call asking if the Parish Council would allow the football club to train on the field during the summer holidays on a Friday afternoon for 1 ½ hours.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Beard will talk to the club and the council **resolved** to delegate the decision to Cllr beard.

Proposed: Cllr Brock

Seconded: Cllr Beecham.

14/092

Finance

The council looked at the finance report.
(see appendix 1)

Proposed: Cllr redding

Seconded: Cllr fairweather

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Planning Applications (see planning sheet)

There were no comments on the planning applications.

Councillors will contact the clerk about the additional application that came in after the agenda was published.

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MarketField School

Neil Pendrigh from ECC contacted the clerk to ask if the Parish Council could formally approve the change of use for the 20 metres of field as the legal document were not ready yet and building work was due to start shortly.

It was **resolved** to agree to the deed of variation (change of use for 20 metres of the field to Marketfield School) for the All Weather Pitch and Hard Play.

The council also reserved the right to review this if different in the legal documentation.

Proposed: Cllr Beecham

Seconded: Cllr Kirby

14/095

District Councillor Reports

Cllr Nicholls spoke about:

PCSO – Cllr Nicholls has spoken to Cat Barrie who has said that there will be less PCSO's attending meetings as she wants them out on patrol.

Local Plan – Cllr Nicholls spoke briefly on the local plan

Old Post Office - It has been sold, There is intention for one nice house to be built.

Moto Cross –**Cllr Redding declared an interest.**

Cllr Nicholls has spoken to Chris Stathers about the activity and told him he is not happy with the situation.

The out of hours call out officers have been given the dates that were supplied by Mr Wilkinson and have been told to attend the site on those dates and to keep an eye on it.

14/096

County Councillor Report

(see appendix 2)

14/097

Items for next agenda or for information only

To hear any items from the Parish Councillors to go on the next agenda or for information only.

Moto Cross

Pot holes in community centre carpark

Report 30 mph into Elmstead lights not working.

Report pothole at the end of church road

Arrange a Finance meeting – August.

Stan reported that the grant for handheld speed cameras had been successful.

14/098

Public Speaking

Member of the public thanked Cllr Nicholls for his interest in Motocross situation.

The member of the public said that the moto cross activity is unacceptable and a nuisance.

They went on to say that the whole village should be aware of what is going on.

Please note that any questions that were to do with items on the agenda will be answered.

Any new item will be put on the next agenda.

Meeting closed: 21:12