

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

**Minutes of Elmstead parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Present: Cllr Bell, Cllr Fairweather, Cllr Redding, Cllr Brock, Cllr Grotier, Cllr Routledge, Cllr Kirby, Cllr Beecham and Cllr Beard.

Also Present: Ian Johnson – Agent for Duncan, Clark & Beckett for Item 14/146 and 1 member of the public

**14/136 Apologies of Absence**

There were no apologies of absence

**14/137 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests**

There were declarations on Non Pecuniary interests on item 14/145 by:

Cllr Grotier, Cllr Bell, Cllr Routledge, Cllr Redding and Cllr Brock

**14/138 Signing of the minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

It was **resolved** to sign the minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> September as a true and correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr Beecham

**Seconded:** Cllr Kirby

**14/139 Police Report**

There was no police report this month

**14/140 Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking

**14/141 Clerk updates and correspondence**

The clerk gave a brief update on the speed watch launch.

It was stated that it was a disappointment, despite many efforts from the clerk and Cllr Beecham, that the police did not show up. It was felt that a letter should be written to the police saying how disappointed the Parish Council were.

Cllr Bell said that Cllr Beecham had done a lot of work getting the grant and the equipment and congratulated him on all his efforts. Cllr Redding also wanted to thank the clerk for organising the event.

**14/142 District Councillor reports**

See appendix 1

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**14/143 Dene Park Valuation**

The clerk updated the councillor on what she had found out about Dene Park and what its potential value was with or without the covenant.

After listening to the details it was **Resolved** that the clerk will write to Wivenhoe Town Council to invite them to a meeting with Elmstead parish Council to try and find a way forward with Dene park.

**Proposed:** Cllr Bell

**Seconded:** Cllr Brock

**14/144 Elmcroft Car Park**

The Clerk said that she had received a complaint from a member of the public saying that only half of Elmcroft had been cut and the remnants of the cutting that had been done had just been left in the car park. Several suggestions were put forward with how to get rid of the cuttings.

It was **resolved** that Cllr bell would talk with the handyman.

**Proposed:** Cllr Brock

**Seconded:** Cllr Routledge

**14/145 Planning responses**

The clerk had circulated the responses that she had drawn up for the Meadow Close outline application and the Church Road outline application.

After a discussion there were a few additional points added to both responses.

It was **resolved** that the clerk add the additional points to the respective outline application responses and then submit the responses to TDC.

**Proposed:** Cllr Bell

**Seconded:** Cllr Beecham

**14/146 Planning**

14/01438/OUT

Development of 7 no.3 bed family homes with ancillary parking and amenity space – Land adjacent to and behind car park, Clacton Road, Elmstead

See appendix 2

**14/147 Air Ambulance**

It was resolved not to donate to the Air Ambulance.

**Proposed:** Cllr Beard

**Seconded:** Cllr Kirby

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**14/148 County Councillor Report**

There was no report

**14/149 Items for next agenda or for information only**

Cllr Brock had been approached by a member of the public who was concerned at the speeding traffic outside her mothers house in Chapel Lane. The Clerk said that this had already been passed to Carlo Guglielmi to deal with and she will chase him up.

Cllr Redding asked councillors for any news items for the newsletter to be sent to him.

**14/150 Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking

**14/151 Finance**

It was **resolved** to accept the finance (see appendix 3)

**Proposed:** Cllr Beecham

**Seconded:** Cllr Redding

It was also **resolved** to buy the handyman a new strimmer.

**Proposed:** Cllr Grotier

**Seconded:** Cllr Beecham

**Meeting closed: 21:52**

Signed.....V Howard.....Clerk to the Council – Vikki Howard

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**Appendix 1 District Councillors Report.**

District Councillor Fred Nichols sent the following report:

The Old Post Office, as you may be aware the sale has fallen through, owing to an English Heritage issue (which was not really an issue). However a new purchaser is in the frame and I am informed looks very likely to be positive news.

The new Local Plan will be discussed on Tuesday 21st October at the Princes Theatre, Clacton On Sea. There are two proposed sites for Elmstead, Meadow Close and Church Road. The Charity Field is not included.

Brightlingsea by election for Essex County Council was won by Alan Goggin who has taken the seat from UKIP, following Roger Lord's decision to resign his seat

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Appendix 2 – Item 14/146 - 14/01438/OUT

Development of 7 no.3 bed family homes with ancillary parking and amenity space –  
Land adjacent to and behind car park, Clacton Road, Elmstead

Ian Johnson from Duncan, Clark and Beckett was in attendance to answer any questions the councillors had about the outline application.

Ian Johnson introduced himself and said that he was aware of the local plan changing and that this application could reduce the chance of building elsewhere in the area. He was also aware that the application location is outside of the village envelope and at the moment it was just an idea to get something approved/put in place

Concerns were raised about traffic accessing and exiting the development, car parking and about the wildlife.

Ian Johnson said that that the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 metres of the 'driveway will be 5.5 metres wide. After 6 metres it will be 3.7 metres wide. This is so that cars can pass each other and do not have to wait on a busy road.

Car parking- there are 3 car parking spaces per house, which should be adequate. As for the wildlife, an ecological survey will be carried out and if anything is found then it will be moved to another appropriate location.