

Minutes 20th November 2014
Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

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

Also present: District Cllr Heaney, Elizabeth Forrest from TDC Recycling and 2 members of the public

14/151 Apologies of Absence

Apologies from Cllr Grotier due to work commitments

14/152 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

14/153 Signing of the minutes from 16th October 2014

It was **Resolved** to accept the minutes from the meeting held on the 16th October 2014 as true and accurate

Proposed: Cllr Kirby

Seconded: Cllr Beecham

14/154 Report from police website for September 2014

It was **Resolved** to write to Sergeant Gale and copy it to Russ Cole about the lack of crime figures for Elmstead and the lack of police presence in the village.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge

Seconded: Cllr Brock

14/155 Public Speaking

There was none

14/156 Tending Recycling Team

See appendix 1

14/157 District Councillor reports

See appendix 2

14/158 Remembrance Bench

Cllr Beard said he was asked by the football club to approach the Parish Council about a Remembrance Bench. The Parish Council will look into this and get back to Cllr Beard at the January meeting.

14/159 Church Road Light

After a brief discussion it was **Resolved** to replace like for like and revisit about parish owned LED lights at a future meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Bell

Seconded: Cllr Redding

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14/160 Planning

14/01577/FUL – Proposed single storey extension and associated alterations – 3 Church Road, Elmstead.

Comments: None

14/01598/FUL – Garage conversion and extension to form granny annexe – 10 Orchard Close, Elmstead

Comments: None

14/01684/Ful – Variation of condition 11 of 14/00352/FUL Blue Gates Farm, Colchester Main Road Alresford.

Comments: None

The Clacton Road application has now been withdrawn. There has been some action on the site.

Action: The clerk to write to the landowner, agent and planning officer regarding Clacton road car park

Proposed: Cllr Beecham

Seconded: Cllr Redding

14/161 Clerk Position

It was **Resolved** to give the clerk an extension for 3 days to the 18th December (covers the last meeting) due to the office being closed from the 22nd for the Christmas and New Year period.

Proposer: Cllr Routledge

Seconded: Cllr Brock

14/161 Finance and Finance Committee Recommendations

It was Resolved to approve the Finance and accept the Finance Committee recommendations.

See appendix 3

Proposed: Cllr Beard

Seconded: Cllr Kirby

14/163 Accident on Colchester Road

It was **Resolved** to write a letter to Councillor Bass supporting a pelican crossing on the Colchester Road. A copy to be sent to the relevant planning officer, Gary Guiver and Richard Clewes.

Proposed: Cllr Bell

Seconded: Cllr Fairweather

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14/164 No Smoking Signs

It was **Resolved** to buy two no smoking signs at a cost of £15 each. These will be put up inside the gated entrance/courtyard of the Community Centre.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge

Seconded: Cllr Bell

14/165 County Councillor Report

There was no report.

14/166 Items for next agenda or for information only

To hear from councillors any items that they would like on the next agenda

14/167 Public Speaking

A member of the public informed the Parish Council that Les Barnes has left the police.

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

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Appendix 1 – TDC Recycling Talk

Cllr Bell introduced Elizabeth Forrest from TDC. TDC have started a new recycling campaign. TDC have ongoing campaigns through Dream 100 and posters and website. The garden service came into force Tendring wide in June. The cost for the first year is £75. This is £25 for the bin and £50 for a fortnightly collection. The second year the cost is £50 (as you have already got a bin).

There are 35 customers in Elmstead.

Reduction in recycling came about when TDC introduced the boxes.

There is no-one to take a lot of plastics and TDC have to pay for storing it and then it gets sent to landfill.

Black bags get sorted at the new facility on the A120.

County Council give Colchester Borough recycling credits towards the cost of a garden waste service, which is why it is free in Colchester.

Tendring do not get recycling credits from the County Council as the County Council are trying to cut costs and Tendring missed out by not implementing a garden waste service a few years back.

Last year recycling was 10000 landfill was 32000

There are no government targets. Tendring set their own targets,

Hoping to reduce landfill by 25%

In Basildon they are building a centre that will sort our black bags. Anything in the black bags that can be used for fuel will be removed. Tendring will not have to pay for this service at Basildon.

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Appendix 2 – District Councillor Report

Cllr Nicholls was not in attendance.

At the TDC Rural Panel Acting Chief Inspector Russ Cole did not turn up.

Cllr Heaney said she was terribly disappointed as she wanted to talk to him about visible police presence in the villages.

Cllr Nicholls has sent him a stiff email and hopes that he will attend a Rural panels meeting in January.

MLL mast has now got planning permission to go up at Horsely Cross. This will hopefully be able to provide people with low broadband speeds better speeds.

Pedestrian Crossing – Carlo has been to see Rodney Bass regarding this matter.

Cllr Nichols has suggested the Parish Council write a letter in support of a Pelican Crossing.

The speed cameras on the A120 should be up and running by middle of December.

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APPENDIX 3

Finance Committee Recommendations for Full Council

Speedwatch Budget – To recommend an annual reserve of £200 to be placed in the budget.

Precept – To recommend that a Finance Committee be set for beginning of January to discuss and set the precept.

Internal Auditor – To recommend to Full Council to award the Internal Audit to Jan Cole from the RCCE

Clerks Wages – To recommend to Full Council that the clerks wages be put in line with the NJC spinal point column 21 which equates to £10.04 an hour – a rise of 0.04p an hour.

Grants – To recommend to Full Council to award the grants set out below:

Application	2013/14	Requested Amount 2014/15	2014/15 Awarded
Elmstead Baby & Toddler Group	£200	£200	£200
Elmstead Grasshoppers Cricket Club	£200	£500	£250
Elmstead in Bloom	£200	£200	£200
Gardening Club	£50	£200	£150
Knitting Group	£100	£100	£100
1 st Alresford & Elmstead Scouts	£200	£200	£200
P Hinchcliffe	£75	£75	£85
1 st Elmstead Brownies	N/A	£50	£100
St Annes & St Laurence Church	£100	£100	£100
Trinity Methodist Church	£100	£100	£100
1 st Elmstead rainbow Group	N/A	£100-£150	£150
UpMarket	£200	Not specified	£200
Young at Heart	£100	£200	£200
Air Ambulance	N/A	N/A	£100
Family Matters	£100	£0	£0
Elmstead Athletic	£200	£0	£0
Total allocated/requested	£1825	£1925	£2135

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Closing Balances from 17th October 2014 to 20th November September are:

Current Account to Bank Statement Ref 691	£25233.69
<i>Less Cheques paid</i>	
A Baxter Wages – 102337 £284.24	
Lambert Smith & Hampton – Field rent £541.23	
Office IS Ltd – 102343 £107.76	
Cllr Beecham – 102333 Expenses £11.70	
Vikki Howard – 102345 Expenses £161.40	
Vikki Howard – 102348 Wages £587.00	
JJ Smith & Son -102344 £174.00	
Handyman Wages – 102347 £443.72	
HMRC – 102350 £37.80	
Elmstead CC - 102342 £14.00	
Unipar - 102346 £2160	
	£4522.85
<i>Less Direct Debits</i>	
Veolia £115.70	
TalkTalk £30.72	
Eon £78.53	
	£224.95
Less Total uncashed cheques	£100.00
Balance in current account after cheques	£20385.89
<i>Closing balance Deposit Account Ref 137</i>	£27679.87
<i>Estimated Overall Closing Balance - Current and Deposit</i>	£48065.76

Income Details from 17th October 2014 to 20th November

Elmstead Community Centre	£48.21
Total income between 17th October 2014 to 20th November	£48.21

Tonights Cheques

Vikki Howard (Expenses) – Norton Back Up	£39.99
Brian Jennings Dene Park Grass Cutting Sept/Oct	116.00
Cllr Beecham Expenses – Mileage and lock for waste bin	£30.44
Royal British Legion – Popp Wreath and Donation	£50.00
Cllr Routledge – Mileage and Parking	£15.40
Elmstead Community Centre x2 room hire October	£30.00
Office IS Ltd – Stationary and Ink	£44.04
MSS Ltd – New Strimmer & Line	£188.95
Total Cheques	£514.82

Report prepared by V Howard – Clerk & RFO
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