

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Elmsett Parish Council held on 23 May, 2023 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

- 05.23.00 **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** As there were no other nominations it was proposed by Nick Bird and seconded by John Sones to elect the existing officers – namely Alan Newman Chair and Andrew Morton Vice Chair – this was unanimously accepted. As well as -Village Hall Rep – Fiona Watt and revolving rep for SALC.
The Chairman confirmed that the existing members of the parish council had been re-elected and all members signed the Acceptance of Office and were reminded to complete the new Members Interests forms. Clerk to re-send notification from Babergh DC
- 05.23.01 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones, Fiona Watt, Paul Firman, the clerk was present and a member of the public.
- 05.23.02 **APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Jamieson and County Councillor R Lindsay
- 05.23.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were none
- 05.23.04 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April, 2023 were signed as an accurate record.
- 05.23.05 **4.1 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Leigh submitted his report which was forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk was asked to request that a copy of the report is sent a few days prior to the meeting.
- 05.23.06 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Whatfield Road footpath – the village consultation process has finalised and the responses are being collated to forward to the legal adviser and county council.
King's Coronation – the Chairman reported that the street party had been very successful, helped by the glorious weather. There seemed to be a greater turn out than the Platinum Jubilee. He thanked all those who had helped on the day.
Bench around tree on Village Green – this has now been delivered. Andrew Morton is arranging for it to be installed and fixed appropriately and will get quotes for the work to be undertaken.
- 05.23.07 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A member of the public asked about the trees on The Green and whether a Tree Preservation Order could be made. It was agreed to take the matter up with Babergh DC to also include other specimens in the village. Also, to refer to the villageon ECO group as they may also have an interest.
- 05.23.08 **CORRESPONDENCE: 20 mph limits –** This was discussed at length and whilst it might be appropriate in some areas it was felt that as these are not generally enforced by the police there was little merit. It was pointed out that there is an existing 'Twenty's Plenty' limit by the school which acts as a deterrent. **Quiet Lanes** – again there was debate but it was felt that the roads through the village could not be classed as such and would only clutter up the roadside verge with unnecessary signs. There seem to be no tangible or enforceable benefits from the installation of this signage. It was eventually resolved that as there is no available data regarding traffic speeds in the village,

surveys should be undertaken at various locations to obtain reliable data and to see where there may be potential problems and what solutions may be employed. Radar based automatic traffic counters could be installed at various locations in the village with a view to obtaining a set of base data. This is a service offered by both the SCC Highways and commercial Traffic Survey companies. Andy Morton to investigate.

Defibrillator – A request from village hall management committee to reimburse the cost of upkeep of the defibrillator – it was agreed in principle but as the item did not appear under finance it was felt that this should be deferred to the next meeting.

Plug in Suffolk – request from the County Council to submit a full application, if we were still interested in having electric plug-ins installed at the village hall, as they had been issued with further funding for the project. The clerk had received approval from the village hall management committee to go ahead as previously. It was agreed that a full application should be submitted when a full survey would be carried out if successful.

Tractor and Trailer Ride 28 June – An invitation to visit Mr Buckle’s farm had again been received for all residents. The clerk to put the invitation in the newsletter, noticeboard and on the website.

05.23.09 **Neighbourhood Plan Refresh** – it was agreed that wheels should be set in motion for this to go ahead.

05.23.10 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were presented for payment

T Hitchcock	1024	Grass cutting	195.00	Open spaces Act 1906
E & A v hall	1025	Hall Hire 23-5	19.50	LGA 1972
BDC	1026	Dog & Litter bin emptying	469.88	LGA 1972
St Peters Church	1027	Chyd maintenance	155.00	Open Sp Act 1906
Alan Newman	1028	Stamps & coronation exps	301.68	LGA 1972
Shaun Hill	1029	Rmt Coronation Cups	35.62	LGA 1972

A cheque in the sum of £1,894.99 was paid on 2 May to Jati Ltd for circular seat on The Green. (CIL)

The clerk confirmed that the sum of £5,200 had been received as the first payment of the precept from Babergh DC. The council had also received a sum of £38,344.16 CIL donation from Babergh DC.

The clerk advised that SALC had been contacted regarding advice on investment, but they could not give specific recommendations. It was agreed that this should be investigated further.

The clerk produced the Audit AGAR 22/23 documentation and bank reconciliations to be forwarded to the auditor. Fiona Watt pointed out that the sum held for the ECO group was not income and this should be reflected in the reconciliation. This was adjusted accordingly. It was agreed that the documentation – Annual Internal Audit Report 22/23. Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 22/23 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 22/23 should be forwarded to the auditor as presented with the minor adjustment. Bank reconciliation, analysis of variances and Notice of period of Exercise of Public Rights. These were approved and clerk to forward to internal audit.

05.23.11 **PLANNING: DC/23/01252** - Decision Shrubland Park Nurseries, Whatfield Road – refusal of discharge of conditions.
Decision - **DC/22/05422** Land On The North Side Of, The Street, Elmsett. BDC – Refusal.
DC/22/04279 BDC Decision - -Erection of wind turbine (re-submission of withdrawn application) Paigle Farm, Ipswich Road, Elmsett. - Granted
DC/23/02118 - Installation of renewable led energy generating station, Land To The South Of Church Farm, Somersham And Land To The East Of The Channel, Burstall. Parish Councillors had nothing further to add to previous comments already submitted.
DC/23/02124 - Single storey side extension, The Granary, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett – The parish council did not wish to restrict the grant of approval.
DC/23/01924 - Erection of a porch (retention of) 9 Chequers Park, Whatfield Road The parish council did not wish to restrict the grant of approval..

05.23.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 18 July, 12 September, 31 October and 12 December..

The meeting closed.

Signed:-..... Dated:-.....
Chairman