

Minutes of the Elmsett Annual Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on 17 May, 2021.

- 05.21.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman, Nick Bird, John Sones, Andrew Woodgate, Fiona Watt, Andrew Morton, District Councillor L Jamieson, County Councillor Robert Lindsay, the Clerk and a member of the public (for planning items).
- 05.21.01 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** – Alan Newman was unanimously elected as Chairman. **Election of Vice Chairman**–Andrew Morton was unanimously elected. **Village Hall Rep** –Fiona Watt. **SALC Rep** – Agreed to have a revolving representative.
- 05.21.02 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** The chairman signed an acceptance of office. Andrew Morton to sign an acceptance of office when we next meet.
- 05.21.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 05.21.04 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the zoom meeting held on 26 April were signed as an accurate record.
- 05.21.05 **5.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** Robert reported that he was re-elected at the recent County Council elections. Turn out in Cosford, as usual, was the highest in Suffolk at nearly 49%. The New county council make up - Conservative 55 - Green 9 - Labour 5, LD – 4, Ind 2. The Greens have gone from 3 to 9 making us the largest Green county council opposition anywhere in the country and have formed a group with the LD and Independents to make 15. He is the deputy leader of the new group.  
**Buses** - The county council, as transport authority, is shortly to begin a consultation on forming Enhanced bus partnerships with bus operators to ensure that bus services are meeting demand from communities. The Government has £1bn to spend across the country but will only hand out the money to local authorities that have created such partnerships. I shall be encouraging the county to talk to community bus companies like Hadleigh Community Transport.
- 5.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: Active Transport Consultation** - Babergh are developing a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) as part of the commitment to support sustainable travel. The LCWIP will include a walking and cycling network plan, which identifies preferred routes, core areas for further development, as well as a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment. In order to establish these key elements, the Council are undertaking a public consultation, which was launched on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Which will be available online: <https://baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is>

The consultation will remain live for two months **Joint Local Plan Reg24 hearings** These sessions for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan will commence on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at Ipswich Town football Club.

People will also be able to exercise their right to be heard by the Inspectors (where this applies) separately at Virtual Session on MS Teams. Arrangements will also be in place for people to observe the hearing sessions in person and by audio livestream. Further information will be available from the BMSDC website when provided by the Inspectorate.

**Tree Hedgerow and Wildflower planting** The Council have made some changes to the application process to make things even easier and there is now a rolling programme of tree and hedge planting with no deadline for application submission.

05.21.06 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Footpath, Whatfield Road** Chairman confirmed that he was awaiting confirmation from the County Council of the remaining budget for the scheme and that they were working on a solution for the footway on the south side of Whatfield Road, past The Green.

**Shrublands** – The chairman confirmed that further comments had been submitted to Babergh mainly concerning visibility at the access to Whatfield Road full - comments are on the Babergh Website.

**Boundary review** – Chairman reported that the Boundary Commission were looking again at Suffolk in other areas of the County and didn't need further input on Cosford and there was concern whether this meant that the previous comments may have been set aside. The general conclusion was that our previous comments would be considered in the review process.

**CIL Money – Village Hall Car Park** – The chairman reported on the state of the village hall car park. It was agreed to organise a meeting with the village hall committee to see whether they could work together to repair the surface of the car park. Clerk to arrange a meeting.

**Housing Needs Survey** – The council has had a reminder from Community Action Suffolk asking whether we would go ahead with the survey. It was suggested that this be put on hold.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update** – The parish council agreed to request that Ian Poole submit proposals to enhance the Neighbourhood Plan design policies that would follow on from the completion of the Mid Suffolk Babergh Local Plan which is being reviewed.

05.21.08 **CORRESPONDENCE: BDC Wildlife planting** The scheme operated by Babergh DC has been extended - the council to look at areas such as the Squeech, The Green and Buckles Wood as candidates. **BDC** – notice received of the examination of the JLP. **Co-option of Parish Councillor.**- confirmation received from Babergh that the Parish Council can now co-opt a Councillor. **Tractor/Trailer Ride** – James Buckle has again invited residents to visit the farm on 29 June – clerk to advertise. **Jasmine Whyard** – dissertation Research – Andy Morton agreed to complete questionnaire regarding relationship between councils..

25.20.09 **REVIEW OF EMERGENCY PLAN** – it was agreed to review the plan when the other policies are due for review in September. Review of Internal Control Statement – The Clerk has included an item under GDP but to be reviewed in its entirety with the other Policies in September.

05.21.10 **FINANCE:** Accounts Due invoices were verified and cheques to be signed as shown below.

T Hitchcock	£130	Grasscutting 15&29 April	Open Spaces Act 1906
SALC	£60	Training	LGA 1972
BDC	£342.42	Dog & Litter bin emptying	LGA 1972

Donation to Newsletter– it was agreed to make a donation to the newsletter of £150

The Councillors approved Section 1 of the Annual Governance statement. The clerk confirmed that SALC were carrying out the internal audit and all paperwork was being collated to send electronically.

Councillors approved the CIL statement for the year ending March 2021. The clerk to forward to Babergh and upload to the council's website.

05.21.11 **PLANNING: DC/21/02394** - Erection of a two storey rear/side extension (amended scheme and re-submission of DC/20/02926) 3 Flowton Road – it was resolved that the council did not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

**DC/21/02708** Subdivision of existing dwelling and its curtilage to form 2No dwellings, and creation of new shared vehicular access - Aldham End, Hadleigh Road – The following are the comments sent to Babergh - In the weighty Supporting Statement much is made of the Babergh Plan and planning history from other villages in Babergh, but not once could we see reference to the newly made Elmsett Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) that sets out Elmsett's Planning Strategy and Spacial Strategy and it should be a primary consideration. Page 27 of the ENP shows the Built-Up Area Boundary (BUAB) and this site is not included in the BUAB. Policy EMST1 of the ENP, the Spatial Strategy, states that the Neighbourhood Plan area will accommodate development commensurate with Elmsett's designation as a Hinterland Village in line with Core Strategy Policy CS11. It goes on to say that the focus for new development will be within the defined Built-Up Area Boundaries defined within the boundary of the Rookery Road Proposals Map. Proposals for development located outside the BUAB will only be permitted where it can be satisfactorily be demonstrated that there is an identified local need for the proposal and that it cannot be satisfactorily located in the BUAB / Settlement Boundary. In this particular instance the Parish

Council did not object in principle to the subdivision of the existing large 6 bedroom bungalow into two smaller dwellings as the building already exists. However, it did object to the creation of a new vehicular access as it is unnecessary and the provision of the required visibility splays would result in the loss of approximately 50m of well established and mature roadside hedgerow. That portion of hedgerow alone includes 2 x Sycamore, 2 x Horse Chestnut, 1 x Oak? and 3 x Conifers (species unknown). It is quite possible to utilise the existing entrance and construct a second drive along the western edge of the plot skirting around the front of the property. Should the Local Planning Authority set aside our valid objection to the destruction of the hedge, then we request that you impose conditions on any approval you may grant to replant a substantial native species hedge behind the visibility splays

**DC/21/02847** -Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory) Milton, Hadleigh Road. – The council did not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

05.21.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** As meetings are to be held face to face in future it was resolved to change the evening and venue so that the village hall could be used enabling greater space. It was agreed to change to a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Next meeting to be held on 29 June at the village hall at 7.30pm, followed by a meeting in September, possibly the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed

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