

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 1 August, 2023 at Elmsett Methodist Church Hall with representatives of Elmsett PC, Whatfield PC and Aldham PC

08.23.00 **PRESENT:** Sasha Lawrence PO, Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Andrew Woodgate, Fiona Watt, a representative from Whatfield PC and the clerk

08.23.01 **APOLOGIES:** Nick Bird, John Sones, Paul Firman and representative from Aldham PC.

08.23.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest.

08.23.03 **POST OFFICE REMUNERATION:** Sasha reported that because of revised Post Office Management regimes the Post Office remuneration was such that it was no longer a viable proposition and that the shop was losing money to prop up the Post Office. A situation that clearly could not be a long-term option. Sasha also said that she had requested a Resignation Pack which had not yet been completed.

Various options were discussed such as a community run Post Office and in the circumstances none of which seemed a long-term solution. Whilst being disappointed about the potential loss of the Post Office the parish council appreciated the reasons for her decision.

Sasha was very positive about the future of the shop and is investigating a number of different revenue streams.

It was further decided that the parish council would assist with a 'Shop Local' campaign to promote greater use of the shop. Andrew Woodgate had previously researched the subject and agreed to further investigate and advise the parish council.

07.23.04 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were verified and cheques signed.

Suffolk CC	1035	Traffic surveys	990.00	CIL
A Newman Rmbt	1036	N Watch Stickers	27.85	LGA 1972
Methodist Church	1037	Hire 1/8/23	19.50	LGA 1972

08.23.05 **PLANNING:** DC/23/03257 - Erection of side extension - Tuscans, Hadleigh Road The parish council did not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

07.23.06 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 12 September, 31 October and 12 December.

The meeting closed.

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