

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on 6 December, 2022 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

- 12.22.00     **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, , Fiona Watt, Paul Firman, District Councillor Leigh Jamieson County Councillor R Lindsay and the clerk was present.
- 12.22.01     **APOLOGIES:** John Sones (on holiday) and Andrew Morton (unwell)
- 12.22.02     **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No declarations on agenda items.
- 12.22.03     **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October and planning meeting on 21 November via zoom were signed as accurate records
- 12.22.04     **4.1. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: Warning signs on Hadleigh Road** Highways have examined these signs again after a change of staff and determined that they are in the right place but that the trees are obscuring them and need cutting back. They are in the process of asking the relevant residents to do this.  
**Bus motion** At full council this Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> December) I proposed a motion to try to get a proper strategy in place for investing in buses in the county, Sadly it was voted down.  
**Special Educational Need services – Update** Last year, Suffolk CC’s SEND services were criticised in a damning report conducted by Lincolnshire Council which contained 32 recommendations. This month our political group on the county was told that 22 of the 32 recommendations have been actioned, and the remaining 10 will be completed by the end of 2022. The delivery of 1,317 new specialist school places by 2026 has been agreed and 826 of these places are now open. The number of Education Health Care Plans (EHP) has increased to 6,847 in September 2022, from 5,849 in September 2020.  
**Suffolk looks for more hosts for Ukrainian refugees** New hosts coming forward to help accommodate guests that are already in Suffolk can sign up via the Suffolk County Council website, by **completing our online form** or emailing **refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk**.  
Accommodation must be available to guests for a minimum of 6 months. Hosts will be eligible to receive the £350 thank you payment for up to 6 months or more, depending on the date your guests arrived in the UK (12 months starting from the date your guests first arrived in the UK). If you know anyone that might be interested, please encourage them to visit Ukraine: [Could you help a family in need? | Suffolk County Council](#)  
**Suffolk to have a “Directly Elected Leader”** Suffolk County Council’s leader has agreed to a deal with central Government that will create the post of directly elected leader of the county council. This person will be able to appoint their own cabinet from existing county councillors. But the Government have at this stage not made clear what powers, if any, it is devolving from itself to the elected leader.  
**Automatic Numberplate Recognition** Suffolk’s cabinet on 8 November decided to apply to the Government to give itself powers to enforce moving traffic offences. This will allow it to use numberplate recognition cameras to fine people for driving on streets or through bus gates where private motors have been banned. It intends to pilot four roads in Ipswich to start with. Each camera

costs around £20k plus £5k annual maintenance fee and it wants the fines at each site to at least cover the costs at each site.

**Roundabout Magazine** Roundabout magazine's printer is on its last legs and they need £10k-£12k. They have about £4k already in their kitty so I have match funded that with another £4k from my locality allowance. Nedging PC are holding that £4k contribution in their account until the magazine publishers purchase the machine.

**Budget** Suffolk County Council is predicting a £16.2 million overspend on its £625m budget for the full year to March 2023, according to its Q2 projections. This is mainly due to a surge in spending on children in care. There is also more spending on specialist school travel (taxis) for Special Needs children and higher inflation is driving costs higher than expected. The overspend will be met by extra cash from reserves.

#### **4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Garages – Garrards Road**

John Buckingham has confirmed that the clear up behind the Garages in Garrards Road will be completed before Christmas.

**Measures to protect Waterways** Councillors at both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils voted unanimously to support measures to protect local rivers and waterways. The councils will also introduce requests for further information as part of the planning process.

**Retrofitting Motion** I recently, successfully, submitted a motion to Full Council asking the council to investigate collaborating with other councils in Suffolk and Essex to help Retrofitting of Council Owned Properties.

**Suffolk Public Sector Leaders pledge funding to tackle climate emergency** Suffolk's ambition to be net-zero by 2030 has been bolstered by an almost £1million pledge for more initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and tackle the effects of climate change. Suffolk Public Sector Leaders, which includes Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils, has agreed £913,458 funding for the next phase of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan. New projects include making more homes energy-efficient, development of Suffolk's EV charging infrastructure to support taxis, energy audits for businesses and developing sustainable itineraries for the visitor economy.

**Councils call for the abuse of councillors to end** Both councils have agreed motions this month stating a zero-tolerance approach, after new figures showed around 70% of councillors nationwide have faced abuse in the last year. A series of measures have now been agreed, with both authorities supporting the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate campaign. He also confirmed an increase of cases of Bird flu this means there is now a legal requirement for all bird keepers to implement enhanced biosecurity.

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman reported on Whatfield Road footway that the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) had advised to go straight into public consultation rather than going through a pre-consultation and that Suffolk County Council was in agreement. Chairman will now pursue this with the Legal Adviser.

Electric Charging Units – village hall – the Chairman had met with a representative of Anglia Car Charging at the village hall to ascertain the viability of installing the units in the village hall car park. Chairman to follow up.

The provision of an extension to the footway from the junction with Ipswich Road and Newlands over the grassed area was discussed with County Councillor. It was agreed that Andrew Morton would produce a drawing.

- 12.22.06 **WARM HUBS:** The first session had taken place this morning (6-12-22) although not a great take-up there were some visitors. Mike Stock, Methodist Church organiser has said that they would continue with the sessions until after Christmas and monitor and review.
- 12.22.07 **CORRESPONDENCE: BDC** – request for suggestions of names for the new road off Hadleigh Road for the 44 new dwellings. Various names were suggested but it was agreed that as the field was formerly Daisy Field that this name should be put forward.
- 12.22.08 **Bus Timetable – Bus Shelter** A request had been received from the Bus Company to install a timetable inside the bus shelter. The chairman had agreed to this.
- 12.22.09 **FINANCE:** The clerk had produced a budget based mainly on previous years budgets. It was agreed to request a precept of £10,400

The following invoices were verified and cheques signed :

Play safety	1004	Play eqt Inspection & report	105	LOGA 1972
E & A Vhall	1005	Hire 6/12	26.00	LGA 1972
T Hitchcock	1006	Grasscutting 10-11-22	65.00	LGA 1972

Clerk’s salary – SALC had advised that although a pay award had been made for clerks, it was necessary that this be agreed by the Council as automatic changes would not be made by their payroll services. It was therefore proposed by Nick Bird and seconded by Andrew Woodgate and agreed that the new pay rate be awarded to the Clerk.

- 12.22.10 **PLANNING: - DC/22/05688** - Erection of single storey side extension (following removal of conservatory) - 2 Old Post Office Cottages, Whatfield Road – The parish council did not wish to restrict the grant of permission. **DC/22/05422** - Outline Permission (All Matters Reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of up to 8No dwellings - Land On The North Side Of, The Street, Elmsett – The parish council recommended refusal in view of the fact that it is outside the Built-Up Area Boundary.
- 12.22.11 **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** 17 January, 2023.

The meeting closed

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