

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on 13 September, 2022 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

09.22.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones, Fiona Watt, Paul Firman, two members of the public and the clerk was present.

The Chairman pointed out that as the meeting had been arranged and councillors summoned before the death of The Queen was announced, the meeting should go ahead as scheduled. There was then a one-minute silence in recognition of the Queen's passing.

09.22.01 **APOLOGIES:** Nick Bird work commitments, County Councillor R Lindsay, District Councillor Leigh Jamieson

09.22.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** John Sones declared an interest under Planning – 9 Mill Road and signed the declaration of interest book.

09.22.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meetings held on 26 July and planning meeting held on 11 August were signed as accurate records.

09.22.04 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Robert sent his apologies due to ill health.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Leigh sent his apologies, his report was circulated

09.22.05 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman said that he had given the Royal Proclamation following the death of the Queen announcing the Accession of Prince Charles to become our only lawful and rightful liege lord, Charles III, King, and to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us. The Proclamation is attached to the minute. He also said that he had prepared a statement for the parish website. The chairman then updated the meeting on matters occurring since the last meeting. There had been an incident of graffiti on the village hall car park. This had been dealt with by VHMC. There had also been some activity in The Squeech which was being monitored. The new waste bin on Rectory Meadow had not been emptied for some time. Leigh Jamieson was able to liaise to get this resolved.

The chair and vice chair had met with Babergh representatives to resolve the matter of overgrowth and broken footbridge behind Garrards Road. Work had now been undertaken by Babergh to improve the area.

Footpath No 3 – It had been noted that there was a broken chamber cover on the footpath which had been reported to SCC. The Chairman had taped round the area to highlight the danger.

Speed limit signs Hadleigh Road – there is a highways boundary issue which has to be resolved before signs can be erected.

The chairman continued by confirming future events – Babergh Police Forum 14-9-22. The Airfield Liaison meeting 4-10-22. Fiona mentioned a low flying

aircraft over her property. The chairman advised that there was a procedure for reporting such incidents.

- 09.22.06 **CORRESPONDENCE:** A resident had complained about the state of the footpath/visibility splay from Church View to the school. The chairman contacted Flagship, who are now responsible for Church View to ask them to fulfil their responsibility to clear the area. As this is now under new management they confirmed that this would be done and placed on their maintenance schedule for the future. Andy Morton to report the condition of the footpath to SCC.
- 09.22.07 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Katie King and Jenny Hitchcock attended the meeting explaining their proposals to rewild certain areas. Members of the council were concerned about proposals for the public open space at Windings. It was suggested that the group seek the views of residents and to do a leaflet drop to ascertain opinion before going ahead. They agreed that this should be done. They told the meeting that they were having a walk round the village on 1 October to highlight their proposals for rewilding.
- 09.22.08 **APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES –** The Council’s policies had been circulated to all members of the council prior to the meeting for review. Councillors agreed the adoption of all policies, date to be next reviewed September, 2023. Code of Conduct, Access, Wildlife, Privacy, GDPR, Internal Control, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment, Website Access.
- 009.22.09 **FINANCE:** *Donation to St Peter’s* The chairman and Vice met with the contractor who manages the churchyard to discuss a cutting regime more in line with that proposed by Hilary Furlong who was the parish Tree Warden and had worked closely with Suffolk Wildlife Trust. It was agreed to give a donation of 50% of the cost of cutting for the present year. It was also proposed that if the new regime is carried out for the forthcoming year then the parish would pay 50% of the invoice for cutting the churchyard up to £300 plus the additional cost of £130. The following year it was suggested that it would be a 50% of the total for the year.  
*Removal of fallen trees The Squeech* – the chairman confirmed that a tree surgeon had been employed to remove fallen trees which were highlighted in the tree survey and report received earlier in the year.  
*Insurance Renewal.* The council had been advised that the insurance company used by Community Action Suffolk no longer provided cover for parish councils. They had sent a proposal with a new company. This was circulated to councillors. Andrew Woodgate advised that Zurich Municipal provided cover for Parish Councils. The clerk received a quote from Zurich. Both proposals having been circulated to councillors, it was agreed that the quote from Zurich be accepted for the coming year

The following invoices were verified and cheques prepared for signature

Gipping Press	992	Banner for QPJ	39.60	
Rowan Bennett	993	Removal of trees Squeech	100.00	
E & A V hall	994	VH Hire 13-9	26.00	LGA 1972
St Peters Ch.	995	Churchyard Maintenance	250.00	
Zurich Mun.	996	Insurance Premium	300.00	

*Replacement of Beacon* – parish councillors considered the quote to replace the pole for the beacon. Whilst there was unanimous agreement that it should be replaced councillors felt that they could not finance the current proposal. It was suggested that a timber replacement should be considered or a larger diameter steel pole. Chairman to speak to village hall management committee.  
*Retention of Places4People Consultancy* – it was agreed to retain their services for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Bank Reconciliation - The clerk provided an up-to-date bank reconciliation which was verified.

The clerk also confirmed that the second instalment of the precept of £5,320.00 had been received.

- 09.22.10 **PLANNING:** - **DC/22/01754** - Erection of 44No residential dwellings (including 35% affordable housing and bungalows), landscaping and public open space - Land East of, Hadleigh Road. The following was sent to Babergh DC in response - As the Parish Council commented on the last application in April we do not object in principle to this application. However, we had three areas of concern which as far as we are aware still remain and we are particularly concerned that the on-road parking for the dwellings on Hadleigh Road opposite this site should be resolved. This is brought to the fore by the applicant's own traffic assessment in which includes a swept path diagram showing how much of the carriageway is needed for a refuse freighter to manoeuvre in and out of the site access. Please refer to our previous comment for the full text covering this and the other two issues.
- DC/22/04400** - Erection of single storey rear extension (following removal of existing). - Faircroft, Whatfield Road. The parish council had no objections to the proposal.
- DC/22/04136** - Installation of 10No. Solar Panels to south slope roof of barn (amended scheme to that approved under DC/22/00275) -9 Mill Lane, Elmsett. The parish council had no objections to the proposal.
- DC/22/04347** works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation Order BT236/A1 - Coppice 1no diseased Horse Chestnut (T1) to 1m - Land North of 2 Hazelwood, Elmsett. The parish council had no objections to the proposal.
- DC/22/04279** - Erection of wind turbine - Paigle Farm, Ipswich Road. The following response was sent to Babergh DC - The parish council has no objection to the principle of providing a wind turbine at Paigle Farm. However, we are concerned that the turbine chosen has a power output very considerably greater than needed for a domestic property only. In this respect we are concerned regarding noise from the turbine received at the applicant's own property and that of the neighbour. Should you be minded to approve the application we recommend that you follow the advice of your council's Environmental Health Officer that a noise assessment be undertaken by a competent and appropriately qualified person and the results used to site the turbine accordingly.
- DC/20/05895**- Burstall Hill Installation of renewable energy generating station, comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers etc.
- DC/21/00060** South of Church Farm, Somersham- Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers etc - The parish

council's response to Babergh – the changes to the application do not negate our previous objections.

09.22.11

**DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:**

25 October, and 6 December at the village hall.

The meeting closed

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