

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on 17 January, 2023 at the Elmsett Methodist Church Hall

- 01.23.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones, Paul Firman, District Councillor Leigh Jamieson the clerk and two members of the public were present.
- 01.23.01 **APOLOGIES:** Fiona Watt and County Councillor R Lindsay
- 01.23.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** John Sones declared an interest under planning – 7 Mill Lane, and took no part in the discussion and decision making.
- 01.23.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December, 2022 were signed after an amendment. (Mr Andrew Morton had not been present).
- 01.23.04 **4.1. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** Robert’s report was circulated to members of the council prior to the meeting.
- 4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** Leigh reported on the following -
Garrards Road Parking - The budget limitations are holding this up.
Hornbeams, Hadleigh Road – Mud on the road has been an issue because of the heavy rain of late, but every effort is being made to keep the road clean. He has been assured that the water being pumped into the ditch is just rainwater and is not contaminated.
The Street application – While the planning officer is not close to any decision, a call-in request has been submitted if he is minded to approve.
Warm Spaces the council has received applications from 178 groups for grants to enable them to provide “Warm Spaces” within their parishes.
Councils’ successful bid for housing fund pot - Babergh District Council has gained funding from the Local Government Association. The £20,000 pot will kickstart a county-wide programme aiming to increase the number of genuinely affordable properties available to meet those in housing need.
Solar Panels - Babergh has built solar carports over 40 of their existing car parking spaces to help power the leisure centre in Sudbury. The Council is among the UK’s first rural local authorities to trial the technology, which will reduce the centres reliance on the grid and cut carbon emissions.
Solar Farm appeal The Enso Solar farm that is looking to be built between Elmsett and Flowton has submitted an appeal to the planning inspectorate due to non-determination by both councils. The site which is mostly within Babergh also spans part of Mid Suffolk. Both Councils will now have urgent planning committee meetings so that a decision can be made available for the inspector.
What’s been done - Babergh has compiled a 23-page report detailing all the achievements that have been made since 2019. You can view the report online here - <https://bmsdhosting.net/End-of-Term-Report/Babergh-District-Council-2019-2022/>

- 01.23.05 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Members of the public who attended the meeting were concerned about the nuisance caused by the vehicles taking materials to the new development on Hadleigh Road. They said that lorries were overriding verges and potentially damaging water meters. Both the Chairman and Leigh Jamieson said that they had recently spoken to the site manager, but further contact will be made asking that the verges be reinstated on completion of the building. Generally, the road is being cleaned at the end of each day but the verges are deteriorating. There was also a problem with lorries arriving early and not being admitted on site until 8.00 am.
- 01.23.06 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman updated on Whatfield Road footway – it has been decided to go directly into public consultation. Dialogue has reopened with Suffolk County Council and the consultant who is acting on behalf of the parish council to get the green deregistered so that work can commence.
The chairman also reminded the council that this year was the 80th anniversary of D-Day and that it would be an opportunity to light the beacon. He said that he would pursue the replacement of the pole.
King's Coronation – it was agreed that there should be a celebration, but on a smaller scale than the Platinum Jubilee. Chairman to contact that same group to seek help with organisation.
- 01.23.07 **WARM HUBS:** The Methodist Church still remains open on a Tuesday morning but take up is very low. It was agreed to continue to support the venture, but to monitor weekly.
- 01.23.08 **CORRESPONDENCE: BDC –** Naming of road on the new development off Hadleigh Road – Babergh agreed with the suggestion of Daisyfield but as there is more than one road needed further suggestions. After discussion it was felt that Daisyfield be used for all addresses and to be in numerical order so they were easier to find, and like that used for Sawyers.
- 01.23.09 **EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH** Ipswich Road/Newlands junction – Andrew Morton is producing a plan to submit to Suffolk County Council.
- 01.23.10 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were verified and cheques signed :
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| Places4People | 1007 | Planning Consultancy Fee | 180.00 | LOGA 1972 |
| E & A Vhall | 1004 | 50% of cutting Rec Meadow | 26.00 | LGA 1972 |
| Elmsett Meth Ch | 1008 | Hire 17/1 | 22.00 | LGA 1972 |
| St Peters Ch | 1009 | Chyd maintenance | 100.00 | |
| Groundwork UK | 1010 | Underspend N Plan grant | 1,470.72 | |
- 01.23.11 **PLANNING:** - DC/22/06220 - Change of use of land to domestic garden and erection of single storey outbuilding. Retention of solar panels (24 no.) 7 Mill Lane, Elmsett. After discussion the council resolved not to object to the change of use from agricultural to garden land. Also, not to object to the retention of the 24 solar panels already installed on the roof.

In respect of the erection of a large outbuilding, it was noted that when the Inspector allowed the change of use of land from agricultural to garden at the neighbouring property the Inspector imposed a condition that no fences, gates, walls or outbuildings shall be erected within the garden extension as permitted. The Inspector said that given the rural location of the site it is reasonable and necessary to control enclosures and outbuildings on the extended land. The construction of the single storey outbuilding that is outside the village built-up area boundary would represent an incursion into the open countryside and would be contrary to Capital Policy EMST1 in so far as the applicant has not demonstrated a local need for the development.

01.23.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETING:** 28 February, 2023, 11 April, 23 May, 18 July, 12 September, 31 October and 12 December..

The meeting closed.

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