

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on 21 June, 2022 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

06.22.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones Fiona Watt, Paul Firman, District Councillor L Jamieson, one member of the public and the clerk was present.

06.22.01 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor R Lindsay

06.22.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Nick Bird declared an interest under planning – Elmsett Hall Farm. Alan Newman declared an interest on under planning Mill Farm, Hadleigh Road.

06.22.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May, 2022 were signed as an accurate record.

06.22.04 **5.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** As Robert is away County Councillor Carter sent a report which was circulated.

5.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: This report was circulated prior to the meeting - **Garrards Road** Leigh contacted Rosi Howlett at Babergh who is leading on this matter. Unfortunately, no further progress has been made. This week she will see if she can allocate some garages to local residents and will be chasing up public realm to get the litter behind the garages cleared. The parking issue will not be solved any time soon unless there is a budget allocated. **Hadleigh Road Applications** Both the reserved matters applications for Hadleigh Road are awaiting further information at present - both are currently on the draft committee schedule for late August. **Shrublands** I have spoken to Jasmine regarding the Shrublands application, and she has still not heard from the applicant following her request for additional information. I reminded Jasmine that there was a footpath on the original application and have asked her to check on the safety of the road width. **Council Matters - Cost of Living Plan** Cabinet members at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have considered an action plan to support residents and staff through the cost-of-living crisis under five key headings. **Corks Lane, Hadleigh** Significant inflationary pressures in the construction industry have resulted in a shortening of tender validity periods to a period of a few weeks and sometimes only days, compared with several weeks, or months previously. On June 8th, the Babergh Cabinet therefore agreed to increase the peak funding threshold for Babergh Growth Ltd to £7m for use to deliver the redevelopment of the former HQ site in Hadleigh. **Parking strategy** Residents, businesses, and visitors are being invited to have their say on Babergh and Mid Suffolk's parking strategy for the next 20 years – with roadshow drop-in events starting next week In Babergh events are being held in Holbrook, East Bergholt, Hadleigh, Sudbury, Long Melford, and Lavenham. **Energy Infrastructure** Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling for an urgent government review of the number and scale of 'potentially devastating' energy infrastructure projects for local communities.

06.22.05 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman welcomed Mr Glover to the meeting who is a resident and quite concerned about the proposals of National Grid. He gave a small presentation and there was some discussion. As this is a

consultation process the Parish Council agreed to wait until a firm proposal is put forward.

The Chairman continued by thanking everyone for their contributions towards a very successful Platinum Jubilee weekend of celebrations. Letters of thanks have also been sent to others who helped. Many residents expressed their thanks. It has been suggested that a circular seat be provided around the horse chestnut tree on The Green. This to be put on the next Agenda for consideration.

Chairman reported that there had been no further progress on the footpath at Whatfield Road.

Andy Morton confirmed that he is working with landowners to maintain the various footpaths and to make them passable.

Fiona Watt gave a brief summary of the recent meeting of the village hall and school regarding fencing and safe-guarding issues. Agreed to wait until further discussions have taken place and a firm proposal of what is required. She also reported that the Beacon which was lit for the Platinum Jubilee was in a precarious state and need repair if it is to be retained. Agreed to place on agenda for next meeting.

- 06.22.06 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Copy of correspondence from Village Hall committee re hedge cutting. Members of the council felt that the trimming of the hedge and getting rid of the nettles was much appreciated, especially before the Street Party.
- Rural Transport Conversation – 22 July. Members of the Parish Council were interested in attending and awaiting joining instructions – clerk to forward.
- BDC Parking Strategy – BDC are carrying out a survey which ends on 31 July. Councillors were encouraged to make their own response.
- Police Forum – Request from the chairman for a venue to host one of the meetings. It was agreed that we should offer the village hall. The clerk check dates that they might wish to have their meetings.
- Community Action Suffolk Rural services survey. It was agreed that we should complete the survey. The council can Fiona Watt offered to download the form so that the parish council could reply. (Following the meeting it was discovered that a paper version could be requested. This has now been done)

- 06.22.07 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were verified, and cheques signed
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| SALC | Annual Audit | 243.60 | LGA 1972 |
| Hitchcock | Grass cutting 9 & 28 May | 130.00 | LGA 1972 |
| E & A V hall | Hire 21-6 | 26.00 | LGA 1972 |
| Ally Leach | Reimbursement Prize for Jub Comp | 20.00 | LGA 1972 |
| Command Pest Control | Treatment for Moles | 132.00 | LGA 1972 |
| BDC | Litter & Dog bin emptying | 439.16 | LGA 1972 |
- Members also agreed to donate £100.00 to Suffolk Accident Rescue Services under S137.
- The Clerk had prepared a bank reconciliation which was also verified and approved.

The internal audit report had previously been circulated to all members and comments noted. Clerk to place all audit documents on website.

06.22.08

PLANNING: - DC/2202828 - Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building and construction of concrete pad - Elmsett Hall Farm, Offton Road, Elmsett – Nick Bird declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. Members agreed not to restrict grant of approval.

DC/22/01564 4No. single storey bungalows, associated garaging with new vehicular access and private drive - Mill Farm , Hadleigh Road, Elmsett.

DC/22/01537 - Erection of 1No dwelling with associated cart lodge and new vehicular access. Mill Farm , Hadleigh Road, Elmsett

Alan Newman declared an interest and left the room and took no part in the discussion.

Andrew Morton, vice chairman took the chair. Members of the parish council wished to re-iterate their previous comments as they felt that the new documents added nothing further and therefore their views remained the same as those submitted previously.

06.22.10

DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS: 26 July, 13 September, 25 October, and 6 December at the village hall.

The meeting closed

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