

Minutes of Elmsett Annual Parish Council meeting held on 24 May, 2022 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

- 05.22.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones Fiona Watt, Paul Firman, District Councillor L Jamieson, County Councillor R Lindsay and the clerk was present.
- 05.22.01 **APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies
- 05.22.02 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN:** – Alan Newman was unanimously elected as Chairman. **Election of Vice Chairman**–Andrew Morton was unanimously elected. **Village Hall Rep** –Fiona Watt. **SALC Rep** – Agreed to again have a revolving representative.
- 05.22.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest on agenda items
- 05.22.04 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April were signed as an accurate record.
- 05.22.05 **5.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** This report was circulated prior to the meeting - **Signs on Hadleigh Road** Robert has asked for an estimate for the cost of the work.
Motion to clean up Suffolk’s Rivers A motion was proposed to address some of the causes of river pollution. It involves asking Government to better fund the regulator – the Environment Agency, but also for the council to liaise with the NFU over agricultural runoff.
Petition to pause Highways outsource tender. The contract with Kier expires in October next year and the county is about to re-tender for the contract for at least another 10 years and up to 20. The administration appears to have ruled out taking the work back in-house although there has been no public debate or explanation a petition to ask the county council to prepare and cost an in-house bid to see if it stacks up economically with outside companies has been launched. We need 3,675 signatures to get it debated.
https://www.petitiononline.uk/for_suffolk_county_council_to_develop_an_in-house_bid_for_suffolk_highways_maintenance
Ukraine, full County Council meeting 24th March
Full Council presented a show of solidarity between Councillors, with a shared single motion in support of Ukraine. The motion condemned the actions of the Russian government, as well as agreeing a commitment to supporting and welcoming refugees as they become a part of our Suffolk communities. However, we did raise the Government imposed bureaucracy surrounding current attempts of Suffolk residents to house Ukrainian refugees.
Cycling and walking plan
Suffolk County Council and Babergh have now unveiled a list of cycling and walking improvements as part of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
Sunnica and pylons
Suffolk’s cabinet met on March 1 to recommend the Government reject current plans by Sunnica to build the country’s largest solar farm in Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire. The report for cabinet says the application fails to properly mitigate the impacts of such a large project.

In addition, the Cabinet voted to recommend, subject to satisfactory answers on environmental impact, the National Grid's project for a new pylon route from Bramford to Twinstead. National Grid says the pylons are needed for Sizewell C and offshore windfarms. Since then, a second line of pylons has been proposed going north-south through Suffolk, via Hintelsham and East Bergholt. Our group has formally objected to this. We believe both lines could have been carried in an underwater cable to London.

5.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: This report was circulated prior to the meeting - **District Council Cabinet** Following the collapse at Easter, which left the Cabinet with only members from the Conservative party a lot of negotiation continued between the Group leaders and the leader of the Council. After extensive debate, the resultant Cabinet, which we hope will now last for the last year of this Council will consist of three Independent Conservatives, three Independents, a Lib Dem, and a Green.

EA Green Consultation Offshore wind is being developed at scale and around 60% of the current offshore wind projects will come ashore along the East Coast.

The East Anglia Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) project is a proposal to build a new high voltage network reinforcement between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury. A public consultation on this project runs from Thursday 21 April to Thursday 16 June 2022 to introduce the project.

CIL Funding Town and Parish Councils across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received £1.6 million in the latest round of neighbourhood CIL payments – paving the way for a range of vital community facilities and projects. Thirty-five of Babergh's town and parish councils received a share of £567,726.

Accessible Facilities Four new Changing Places facilities will be created in key visitor locations in Babergh and Mid Suffolk following a successful bid for grant funding for almost £200,000. Changing Places facilities are larger accessible toilets that feature specialist equipment such as hoists, privacy screens, adult-sized changing benches, peninsula toilets with ample space for carers. In Babergh, the first new Changing Places facility will be installed at Flatford Mill, working in partnership with the National Trust who will manage the facilities on an ongoing basis. As one of the most popular visitor attractions in the district, its introduction will make this important site more accessible for a range of visitors. The second facility will be developed at Belle Vue Park in Sudbury, which could either be part of the proposed new café or as a stand-alone unit.

Women's Tour Revealed

The route for this year's Women's Tour between Colchester and Bury St Edmunds has been announced. Stage one of the UK's leading women's cycle race, set to take place on Monday 6 June, will pass through Manningtree, Capel St Mary, Stowmarket, Needham Market, and Lavenham. We are pleased to see that it will be passing close by, going through Hadleigh, Semer, Bildeston, Nedging and Chelsworth on route. Highlights of this year's race will once again be shown on ITV4 in the UK, and around the world via Eurosport and GCN.

Garrards Road – Leigh has met with a Babergh representative who are looking at a number of alternatives to try to alleviate the problem of parking in appropriately on the verge.

05.22.06 **CORRESPONDENCE: Road closures** – There was considerable debate about the frustrations caused by inadequate road closure signage. This is exacerbated by the fact that there is no way of successfully reporting a problem. Robert Lindsay said he was able to report matters, so if there is a problem in future contact him and he will pass on complaint.
National Grid consultation – notification received of the consultation period for proposals to reinforce high voltage electricity transmission network in East Anglia. John Sones reported on a Webinar he had attended via zoom chaired by Bron Curtis. After discussion it was resolved not to comment at this stage but to await the formal consultation. All councillors had their own response form to make their own comments.

05.22.07 **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee** – Chairman reported that the sign has been repainted. Thanks to Nick Bird who transported it to signwriters and will be re-erecting it shortly. Thanks to Andy Morton for repainting the post and pump. The new Elm tree has been planted. Thanks to Shrublands Nurseries for co-sponsoring and to Fiona Watt who is keeping it watered. The street party and other events are coming together thanks to all who are working hard to make it a memorable occasion. Members of the parish council, the two churches, pub, school and shop have been putting the programme together. Lighting the Beacon Thursday evening, Saturday - street party in the afternoon, disco in the evening at the pub and garden and an outdoor Church service on The Green on Sunday. Members of the Parish Council agreed that the expenses for the celebration should be paid by the Parish Council.

05.22.08 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were verified, and cheques signed

			LGA
T Hitchcock	Grass cutting	65.00	1972
Ally Leach	Reimbursement Jub. Accessories	172.15	LGA 1972 S.111
			LGA
E&A VH	Hire 24-5	26.00	1972
A Newman	Reimbursement Jub. Events	561.31	LGA 1972 S.111

The following invoices were verified and cheques signed prior to the meeting

Prosteel	Shotblasting sign	396.00	S137
Tanswell	Repainting village sign (inc gold leaf)	400.00	S137
			LGA
IBC (PO counters)	Tree survey	600.00	1972

05.22.09 **PLANNING: DC/22/02353** - Erection of single storey side and rear extensions (following demolition of existing garage) - The Old Chapel, The Street, Elmsett - recommend refusal as the application appears to be an over development of the site. Members were also concerned with the apparent lack of adequate access to the rear of the property for emergency services should they be required as well as an apparent lack of parking.

DC/22/02315 – Erection of single storey extension and removal of chimneys Pitlochry Flowton Road Elmsett.- No objection to the application but we do recommend the provision of parking whilst the works are being carried out.

DC/21/06806 Outline Planning Permission. (Access to be considered)
Erection of 5no dwellings with garages (comprising plots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of
previously approved under outline planning application DC/18/00799) Land at
Hadleigh Road, Aldham. Members noted that the site is now included in the
Aldham Neighbourhood Plan and therefore had no objection to the principle of
the development but were still concerned that there is potential for surface
water flooding as highlighted in the previous comments made by Aldham PC.

05.22.10 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 28 June, 26 July, 13 September, 25
October and 6 December at the village hall.

The meeting closed

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