

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on 25 October, 2022 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

10.22.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones, Fiona Watt, Paul Firman, District Councillor Leigh Jamieson and the clerk was present.

10.22.01 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor R Lindsay.

10.22.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No declarations on agenda items.

10.22.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September were signed as an accurate record.

10.22.04 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Robert's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Nick Bird suggested the council follow up the possibility of providing an EV charger in the village hall car park. Clerk to follow up.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Leigh updated the council on Garrards Road parking. He said that officers were taking the whole of the district into account before making a decision on Garrards Road.

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.

Council Tax Reduction consultation A public consultation which runs from October 13 to November 24 is underway

Parking strategy The councils' have now approved their first ever joint parking strategy with recommendations to improve all types of parking, from council-owned car parks to on-street parking. The recommendations include updating signage and markings, increasing safety provisions, providing more EV charging and cycling facilities, and introducing resident permit schemes to allow overnight parking.

Making Homes Energy Efficient Suffolk Public Sector Leaders (SPSL) unanimously agreed funding to create a new Fuel Poverty Retrofit Team, helping those most affected by the rising cost-of-living and supporting residents in energy-inefficient homes, struggling most to afford rising energy bills.

John Sones commented on the bus timetable/poster which he had observed at the bus stop. He was concerned that the information was only accessible by using a smart phone. Leigh said that he would investigate this to see if there was any further information which could be shared with residents.

10.22.05 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman confirmed that the beacon should be replaced. Discussion on possibility of an old telegraph pole. The ECO group are still looking at holding a cheese and wine evening and also seeking reassurance from residents before going ahead with any project at Windings.

Works had been carried out by Babergh clearing up the area between Downlands and Garrards Road and they had done a really good job. It was also noted that a substantial footbridge on footpath 7 has been provided. Denbury Homes have started carrying out an archaeological survey on the site for 44 homes on Hadleigh Road.

10.22.06 **WARM HUBS:** Paul Firman explained that this subject was raised at a recent SALC session he attended. He wanted to explore the possibility of providing a facility in the village if it was felt it was needed. Members of the parish council agreed that it was a good idea and that Paul should continue to pursue the matter, possibly linking with other agencies and report back to the next meeting.

10.22.07 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Speeding Flowton Road – this was referred by Cllr Robert Lindsey who had said that it was difficult to change the speed limit on country roads and even more difficult to enforce. In view of these constraints the parish council agreed not to take the matter further. Extension to footpath Ipswich Road. Members discussed the matter, and it was agreed that there was insufficient capacity to extend the footpath for the whole length to the junction, but there may be the possibility to go as far as the first house. Andy Morton agreed to visit the resident and explain the situation to him.

010.22.08 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were verified and cheques signed :

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| Alan Newman | 997 | Rmbt Web Hosting | 60.00 | LOGA 1972 |
| E & A Vhall | 998 | Hire 25/10 | 26.00 | LGA 1972 |
| SALC | 999 | Payroll services to 30-9-22 | 28.80 | LGA 1972 |
| HMRC | 1000 | Churchyard Maintenance | 250.00 | LGA 1972 |
| Andrea Newman | 1001 | Salary shortfall | 252.68 | LGA 1972 |
| Alan Newman | 1002 | Rmbt Norton | 94.99 | LGA 1972 |

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

10.22.09 **PLANNING: DC/22/04738** - Crown lift 1No. Platanus Hispanica (T1) to 5m and shorten branches by 3m. Village Hall, Elmsett – The parish council did not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

0.22.10 **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** 6 December.

The meeting closed

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

