

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 October, 2021 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

- 10.21.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Nick Bird, Fiona Watt, County Councillor Robert Lindsay and District Councillor L Jamieson, two members of the public and the clerk was present
- 10.21.01 **APOLOGIES:** Andrew Morton (family bereavement) John Sones (previous commitment) and Andrew Woodgate
- 10.21.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 10.21.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meetings held on 7 September and 21 September were signed as accurate records.
- 10.21.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: – Council apologises after SEND report finds big failings** The county council's leadership has apologised to families after an independent report into the county's care of special needs children (SEND) has come up with a lengthy list of serious failings. The authors, a team from Lincolnshire CC, made a series of recommendations which the council has agreed. These include hiring specialist consultants (Impower) to help review all their case work to ensure that better health and care plans for children are drawn up and to ensure that they share information with health service colleagues.
- No timetable for spending £20m on cycling and walking** The Conservative administration said in its election literature this spring that it had identified £20m of cycle path upgrades. What they meant was that they had identified cycle routes for prioritising and calculated the cost as £20m but there was no commitment to spend any of it over any timescale.
- Road closures and signage** At full council earlier in September a Cabinet member Paul West stressed that it was the sloppy behaviour of the utility companies (rather than Highways Network Assurance) and was making efforts to improve this behaviour. Though he gave no details of how but last year there were 65,000 applications for closure – over 200 a day – because of this volume highways can only do a "sample" of them to check that signage was being done correctly.
- £50m bus back better bid** County council cabinet is next week being asked to approve a bid for £50 million funding for buses from the Government's "Bus Back Better" scheme. Suffolk's bid makes 16 different proposals, including extending the 25% Endeavour Card discount for young people. My initial concern is that there is little here for rural areas, even in regard to on demand "dial a ride" services. But the Govt criteria do not appear to allow for that.
- Lorry route consultation** Suffolk County Council is carrying out an online survey about lorry impact in villages. To enable a review of the current lorry routes and update it to take account of developments since it was last produced. They say changes are unlikely to be huge.

4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Babergh votes against Senior Leadership Team Pay Rise Councillors voted against a 20% increase for senior staff although an independent group had reported that Babergh and Mid Suffolk staff were paid significantly less than other authorities and would find employing staff difficult.

Cabinet or Committee System The Council have agreed to review the Governance system being used at the Council. In the short term the leader of the Council has increased the Conservative Councillors on the Cabinet by two while Councillor Liz Malvisi has remained on the cabinet she has left the Conservative Group.

Considerate Constructors Scheme At the September Council meeting I submitted a motion asking the Council to sign up as a client partner of the Considerate Constructor Scheme which would demonstrate its commitment to raising standards in the construction industry

Corks Lane It has been confirmed that there are still some non-material amendments and as some of the buildings are listed still need listed building consent and LPA approval. The Council are also awaiting tenders from contractors, but the deadline for this has been extended.

Council commits to reducing light emitted Council have committed to reducing streetlight intensity across their districts – protecting plant and wildlife, and reducing energy use.

- 10.21.05 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman reported that he had met with members of the village hall management team regarding the new pavilion. He said that the item under finance to discuss a contribution would be deferred until the next meeting when it was anticipated that all councillors would be present.
- The Chairman had attended the Airfield Liaison meeting at the airfield where it was reported that maintenance on the Hawker is still carried out. There are 11 aircraft based there and whilst flights are less, they will not be increased as they want to keep the numbers for the resident planes.
- The chairman is to contact the County Council regarding update on the footpath on Whatfield Road.
- He also reported that Andy Morton continues to report potholes and condition of footpaths on the County Council portal. He reminded those present there is a litter pick on 30 October, meeting adjacent the shop at 10.00 am.
- John Sones is in the process of updating the Emergency Plan.
- The County Council is looking into the provision of appropriate signage on Hadleigh Road, by Ostend Cottage, to deter speeding.
- The Chairman also attended a meeting of the village ECO group, who are looking into ways of sustainable living and supporting biodiversity.
- 10.21.06 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A member of the public raised an issue with regard to the SEND provision. County Councillor Lindsay said he would take the matter up
- 10.21.07 **CORRESPONDENCE:** SPCC – Consultation on Police and Crime Plan.
SCC – Consultation on Lorry Route Map.
PCC – Minutes and how to deal with speeding.

10.21.08 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were verified for payment. Cheques to be signed . .

T Hitchcck	Grasscutting 16/9/21	65.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
HMRC	Emp Tax	253.00	LGA 1972
A Newman	Suffolk One Website	60.00	LGA 1972
Elmsett & Aldham VH	Hire 26/10	22.00	LGA 1972
A Newman	Salary	201.22	LGA 1972
SALC	Payroll Services	22.80	LGA 1972

The clerk is in the process of updating the bank mandate to enable all councillors to sign the cheques.

The clerk reported that the council had received a further CIL payment of £3,760.27. The second instalment of the precept of £5,200 has also been received. The clerk produced a receipts and payments summary and the CIL statement. It was agreed to insert the date by which the money should be spent as there is a five year window in which the CIL money has to be used.

10.21.09 **PLANNING: DC/21/05389** Demolition of existing derelict single storey sports pavilion and construction of replacement single storey sports & community pavilion, Rectory Meadow, The Street, Elmsett. Members of the parish council resolved to support the approval of this application.

DC/21/05077 Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/18/04245 dated 28/11/2018 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and garage - Aldham End, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett. It is noted that the mobile home is already in position prior to the planning decision. Whilst the parish council have no objection to the approval of the submission of detail we do request a condition be applied to any approval you may give that will ensure the permanent removal of the mobile home from the site as soon as the new dwelling is ready for occupation.

Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Larger Home Extension - Erection of a single storey rear extension. - Ostend Cottage Hadleigh Road Elmsett – item for information only.

DC/21/04886 Crowning of trees - Aldham End - application approved

DC/21/04465 Shrubland Park Nurseries, Maltings Farm, Whatfield Road - approved

10.21.10 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:.** 7 December at the village hall.

The meeting closed

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