

Minutes of an additional meeting of Elmsett Parish Council held on 27 June, 2023 via Zoom.

- 06.23.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Andrew Morton, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, the clerk was present.
- 06.23.01 **APOLOGIES:** Fiona Watt – work commitments, John Sones -prior engagement, Paul Firman, work commitments.
- 06.23.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 06.23.03 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No members of the public present.
- 06.23.04 **WHATFIELD ROAD FOOTWAY LEGAL AGREEMENT:** The Chairman pointed out that a meeting is to be held shortly with Suffolk County Council and our legal adviser. He confirmed that , following comments from the consultation process, that the parish should support no kerb to The Green. All councillors were in agreement. The Agreement is still in draft and when all amendments have been made and agreed, this will be put forward to the parish council for final confirmation and signature.
- 06.23.05 **NO PARKING SIGNS, GARRARD ROAD:** Members of the parish council were extremely unhappy that Public Realm had erected no parking signs on the verges at Garrards Road with no prior consultation. The parish council has been working with officers of Public Realm and Leigh Jamieson to find a solution based on Grasscrete and this action is quite objectionable. It was agreed to ask Public Realm to remove the signs and to re-open dialogue to find a solution to allow residents some parking areas.
- 06.23.06 **GRASS CUTTING:** Members of the council were disappointed with the condition of the verges and grass cutting carried out both by Suffolk County Council and Public Realm. It was felt that the visibility splays had been left which caused a safety issue. Also, because the grass had been allowed to grow, presumably under ‘No Mow May’, when it was eventually cut it caused a problem with rotting vegetation.
The undergrowth along the footpath adjacent the Rectory Meadow was also raised. With so many areas involved and different areas being maintained by various authorities it was suggested we find out who is responsible for maintaining the different locations.
- 06.23.07 **FINANCE: Undertaking of Speed Surveys:** Andy Morton had contacted Suffolk County Council who are still carrying out speed surveys. . Radar based automatic traffic counters would be installed at various locations in the village with a view to obtaining a set of base data at a cost of £825 plus VAT. It was agreed that CIL funding should cover this expenditure and that SCC should be asked to carry out the surveys.
VHMC – Defibrillator Battery - it was agreed to reimburse the cost of the defibrillator battery to the Village Hall Management Committee to the sum of £240.00.
Installation of Circular Bench Seat, The Green. Quotations had been received for the installation of the bench in accordance with the specification written by Andy Morton. It was agreed to accept the quotation of Tom

Hitchcock. The clerk to advise all concerned and to ask the successful bidder to liaise with Andrew Morton to do the work.

Plaque for Seat on The Green: Andrew Morton had drafted the wording which he had circulated to all members and was looking for a suitable engraver to do the work.

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PLANNING:- National Grid (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to be held on 18 July.
DC/23/02595 Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of barn to form 1No. dwelling 9 Manor Road, Elmsett, Ipswich – It was noted that this was outside the built-up area and the following was resolved to submit to Babergh DC - We understand that development under Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (general permitted development) is tightly drawn around the existing agricultural building and does not allow for demolition and subsequent rebuilding. The existing building is a large open fronted barn in poor condition and would require substantial works to convert. Should you consider Class Q to be appropriate, no doubt you would monitor this operation closely and should any demolition be required in our view would mean a mainstream planning application requirement. We would remind you that the application site is outside the built-up area boundary of the Rookery Road Hamlet as defined in Policy EMST1 of the Elmsett Neighbourhood Plan and should consequently be refused.

In addition, the applicant states in paragraph 2.2 of his planning statement that a separate application has been submitted to erect a replacement dwelling and detached garage with office over. The parish council has not seen this application.

06.23.09

DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS: 18 July, 12 September, 31 October and 12 December..

The meeting closed.

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