

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 5 June, 2017 at the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall.

- 06.17.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr S Coram, Mr J Sones and Mr A Woodgate, County Councillor J Lindsay, the Clerk and some 30 members of the public.
- 06.17.01 **APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Ferguson.
- 06.17.02 **Election of Chairman:** Alan Newman was unanimously elected.
Election of Vice Chairman: Nick Bird was unanimously elected.
Election of SALC Representative – Alan Newman/Nick Bird were elected as joint representatives
Election of Village Hall Rep – John Sones agreed to carry on in this role.
- 06.17.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No declarations
- 06.17.04 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 April were signed as an accurate record.
- 06.17.05 **5.1 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: New Look County Council -**
Following the County Council elections, the Conservatives have 52 seats out of 75. Labour have 11, Lib Dems have 5, Greens 3 and there are 4 Independents. Green, Lib Dems and independents have agreed to form a single group of 12. Robert will be on the audit committee and the pension fund committee. Within the group they will share information. As far as policy goes, the all Conservative cabinet currently decides everything. However, at their first meeting the council voted unanimously to introduce various cabinet committees to discuss particular areas of county business. The committees will include members of other parties in proportion to their councillor numbers but will only be able to advise the cabinet rather than make decisions. This is not as good as a proper committee system but is a great improvement on a pure cabinet system.
Potholes Robert reminded us of the pothole reporting system and to report them as soon as they appear. He answered a number of questions on this issue and suggested it may be a good idea to have a 'pothole warden' to monitor the state of our roads.
- 5.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Not in attendance**
- 06.17.06 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman read a report from a resident expressing his views upon the manner in which the parish council should respond to the potential planning application. The Chairman said that the parish council had concerns that a number of potential proposals were being considered and that he was arranging a briefing meeting with the head of Planning Policy from Babergh to discuss the matter in general.

Babergh DC - Notification that Babergh was changing the way in which it communicates with the parish with regard to planning applications and that the parish will be able to register and make responses on the website.

Babergh DC – Notification that The Malting application will be considered at their Planning Committee on either 30 June or 5 July.

Babergh DC – Notification of a session to be held by the Boundary Commission at Bildeston on 13 June regarding the Boundary Review which is due to conclude in 2019.

James Buckle – Invitation to residents to a tractor and trailer tour of his farm on 28 June.

06.17.07 **PRESENTATIONS ON POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – (1) Land adjacent**

The School, Offton Road – Laura Dudley Smith from Strutt and Parker on behalf of their client Mr Fison talked about the possibility of providing 15-20 homes on land north of The Street, Elmsett. She provided an early layout plan including allotments and public open space and was interested to hear from those present the kind of provision that may be required. She left questionnaires which Mr & Mrs Hinton offered to collect at the shop.

(2) Land south of Whatfield Road – Charles Course on behalf of Heathpatch – said that he would like to engage in discussions with residents and would be happy to build what people wanted whether to purchase or rent. He was keen to support the community and school and provide a suitable mix in keeping with the village.

06.17.08 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Comments from the floor included concerns regarding the width of roads, surface water drainage and the existing problems with sewerage during heavy downpours. Whether the school would have the capacity to accept more children. What impact the development at The Street would have on the conservation area. The existing residents felt overwhelmed by the number of new dwellings surrounding them and residents of Whatfield Road were concerned about the properties being in the line of the flight path.

It was felt that there is a need for bungalows, housing for young families and perhaps sheltered accommodation for older residents.

The chairman thanked the presenters for attending the meeting.

06.17.09 **BT COMMUNITY FIBRE PARTNERSHIPS** – John Sones updated the council by reporting that he had heard from BT that they would be providing broadband to those individuals who had contacted him, so he felt there was no need in taking the matter any further.

FINANCE: Cheques were signed in favour of SALC - £344.96 for annual subs and copies of The Councillor. Tree and Lawn Co - £192 grass cut

9/5/17. Elmsett and Aldham VHMC - £33.00 hire of hall 19/4 and 5/6. David Lavender Electrical Services - £427.80 generator switch-gear village hall.

Approval of Accounts – the accounts had been internally audited by Sharon Coram. The council approved Sections 1 & 2 – Annual Governance Statement and Accounting statements and Annual internal audit report.

Savings Account – it was agreed to transfer £45,000 to the 90 day Nationwide savings account to leave sufficient in the current account to meet the expenditure for the year.

Quotes for Tree Works – the Council had 3 quotes to carry out the works identified in the recent survey. It was agreed to accept the cheapest quote provided by Suffolk Treescape.

06.17.11 **PLANNING: BDC** – Approval of B/17/00503/FHA/AS - Erection of single storey building (log cabin), annexed accommodation to 4 Flowton Road, Elmsett.

06.17.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 10 July (unless a meeting is required to discuss planning applications).

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....

Chairman

Dated:-.....