

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on the 5 September at the Methodist Church Hall.

09.16.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mr M Quinn, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones and Councillor Alan Ferguson, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

At the start of the meeting the Chairman informed those present of the sad passing of Ruth Finbow who had been the Village WPC for a number of years until she retired. The Chairman said how helpful she had been to the parish and that both he and the clerk would attend the funeral to represent the Parish Council.

09.16.01 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jenny Antill

09.16.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Nick Bird and Alan Newman declared an interest under planning - Elmsett Hall Farm and signed the interest book.

09.16.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meetings held on 4 July and the planning meeting on 25 July were signed as accurate records.

09.16.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Jenny was unable to attend the meeting. She reported on the consultation re devolution and that the council's decision will be made later in November. She also reported that the GCSE and A level results showed a slight improvement over last year.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Alan reported that the devolution consultation has ended. **Appointment of New Chief Executive - SCC** Chief Exec has been appointed on a-day-a week for a six month period. The new appointment is expected early 2017. **Boundary Commission** is looking at the re-designation of some ward boundaries in Babergh. **Accommodation** – New location still not selected. **Housing** –There is a need for new sites as 50% more houses need to be built than over the last few years.

09.16.05 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** During the recess concerns were expressed over the condition of the footway along the Meadow because of hedge trimmings and leaves being blown onto it. Unfortunately this is one of the services which have been reduced by the County Council. The parish council will liaise with the VHMC to see if any improvements can be made.

Speed of traffic along Hadleigh Road was also raised especially where the road narrows adjacent Ostend Cottage. It was agreed that the parish council would email the County Council expressing these concerns.

The roadside brambles on the green were discussed as well as the debris under the adjacent mature tree. It was agreed to get a quote to have a general clean up.

A note was made for the next agenda regarding an inspection of trees by a tree surgeon including those in The Squeech.

- 09.16.06 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman reported that he has again reminded the housing association to tidy up the frontage to Church View and to provide the street lighting.
- 09.16.07 **TELECOMMUNICATION BASE STATION:** The chairman reported that the concerns expressed at the recent meeting were forwarded to Waldon Telecom, who had replied. Copies of the correspondence including the reply were put on the noticeboard for all to see. It was further discussed and agreed to enquire why the mast could not be located on the Rectory Meadow so that the income could help support the maintenance of the hall and meadow.
- 09.16.08 **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE:** .Agreed to ask the VHMC to have a facility to use a generator. A number of residents had come forward offering various methods of support, but more will be needed. A further meeting to be arranged to continue with the compilation and completion of the plan.
- 09.16.09 **AIRFIELD LIAISON MEETING:** Chairman reported that the next meeting is on 7 September.
- 09.16.10 **VILLAGE HALL UPDATE:** There is a new football club hiring the pitch in exchange for making improvements to the pavilion and the hall has bookings for most weekday evenings. Item to be placed on agenda for next meeting under finance.
- 09.16.11 **FINANCE:** Cheques were signed for Tree and Lawn Co £78.00 grasscutting 15/07. Close of Audit - the annual report submitted by the auditors BDO was approved and accepted. The notice of conclusion of audit has been displayed on the noticeboard. Cheque signed in the sum of £120 for BDO for audit fees. A cheque in the sum of £64.40 to the Clerk for half-yearly postage, telephone and broadband costs.
- 09.16.10 **PLANNING: B/16/01091** – Netherlee, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett – Erection of single storey side extension and conversion of garage to additional living accommodation – no objections raised.
- B/16/00779** – 1 Gate Farm Cottages – erection of two-storey side extension and erection of a detached cart lodge and alterations to existing cottage. Planning permission had been granted.

**B/16/00995** – Elmsett Hall – Vary condition attached to planning permission B/15/00369/FUL – Erection of grain store (variation to Condition 2 larger red lined site plan) Nick Bird and Alan Newman signed a declaration of interest and took no part in the discussion. Geoff Hinton took the chair and no objections were raised.

09.16.11 **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** 17 October.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....

Chairman

Dated:-.....