

Minutes of additional meeting of Elmsett Parish Council held on 1 October at the Methodist Church Hall.

- 10.24.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Paul Firman, Nick Bird, Andrew Woodgate, John Sones, Fran Williams District Councillor Leigh Jamieson, the clerk was in attendance.
- 10.24.01 **APOLOGIES:** Fiona Watt (unwell).
- 10.24.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 10.24.03 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No members of the public present.
- 10.24.04 **PLANNING:** DC/24/03912 - Change of use of part of property from shop/post office to part of existing residential dwelling. The Post Office Stores, The Street, Elmsett. After a short discussion on the timelines and reasons for closure the parish council resolved to submit the following to Babergh District Council -

Members of the parish council were saddened and regretted the closure of, firstly, the Post Office and then the shop. Should the District Council be minded to approve the application to please ensure that all external signage relating to the shop and post office is removed before any change of use comes into effect.

- 10.24.05 **DEREGISTRATION OF PART OF THE VILLAGE GREEN – LEGAL AGREEMENT:**
The Chairman outlined the history of the footway. In 2017 Suffolk Highways suggested and ballpark costed a proposal for a footway along Whatfield Road that would benefit the new proposed housing and existing residents of Whatfield Road. The proposal at that time was in three parts – part1) was the provision of a new footway fronting the 7 new dwellings. This has been constructed. Part 2) was a new footway fronting/over the pond which was the most expensive part which was to be provided when the 18 dwellings were constructed. Part 3) was a new footway from the edge of the pond toward the village which the original development entered into a legal agreement to fund.

The developer of the 18 new dwellings has suggested narrowing Whatfield Road to 3m and constructing a 1.3m footway within the existing width of Whatfield Road avoiding the expense of providing a footway solution on/over the pond. The parish council has objected to this and we await feedback from Highways and the Planning Department.

The County Council as Highway authority have agreed to fund part 3 of the footway including the parish council's legal representation and the parish council is negotiating a legal agreement to cover all of the costs involved. The parish has received a draft Agreement and given

comments. As has been previously reported a thin sliver of the village green will need to be deregistered and given over to public highway to enable the County Council to construct the footway which will require the carriageway to be moved over slightly so that the footway can be constructed on the south side of the road.

The detail of the agreement sets out the procedure whereby the Parish Council will apply for the deregistration at a cost of £4,900 and the County Council will cover all the costs, including legal representation, the cost for which is to be capped at £4,600.

20.24.06 DITCH CLEARANCE ADJACENT TO BERBERIS WHATFIELD ROAD:

The chairman had received two quotes for clearing the culvert from the carriageway to the ditch and hand digging out the silt from the culvert to the beginning of the Mannings ownership. It was agreed to award the contract to T Hitchcock.

20.24.07 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Subject to minor amendments the parish council resolved the Neighbourhood plan statement prepared by our Planning Consultant. Amendment 1 was to express the number of new builds as a percentage of the existing dwellings and 2 we needed to refer to the composition of original group who prepared the plan. It should be noted that all of this work has been Grant funded at no cost to the parish council. Amendments Proposed by Nick Bird, seconded by Andrew Woodgate and all members were in favour.

10.24.05 FINANCE: The following invoices were presented and verified for payment:

HMRC	914	Emp Tax	312.80
T Hitchcock	916	Grass cutting 10-9-24	75.00
A Newman	917	Salary	337.30

The clerk confirmed that a cheque for £6,000 had been sent to Jarvis Builders since the last meeting this being the sum agreed as a deposit to do the works at the village hall. The invoice had been verified and agreed for payment by a member of the Community Shop group.

10.24.06 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS: 29 October, 10 December, 21 January, 2025.

The meeting closed.

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