

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on the 12 December at the Methodist Church Hall.

- 12.16.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones, Mr S Coram the Clerk and three members of the public.
- 12.16.01 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Antill and District Councillor Ferguson.
- 12.16.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No declarations.
- 12.16.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November were signed as an accurate record.
- 12.16.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** This was forwarded to parish councillors. Devolution plans have collapsed due to lack of support in Norfolk. Suffolk is in dialogue with government to go alone with some willing partners from Norfolk/Essex. She reported that savings still have to be made and the dismal state of the roads needs addressing.
- DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** This was forwarded to parish councillors.
- 12.16.05 **RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR:** The Chairman confirmed that Mr Mike Quinn had resigned as parish councillor and that the statutory advertisement had been placed on the noticeboard and the website. The chairman had written to Mr Quinn and thanked him for his support over his period of office.
- 12.16.06 **MATTERS ARISING:** Provision of switch gear to accommodate generator in village hall. Mr Sones confirmed that he had checked with Babergh that the work proposed is appropriate. VH to confirm that the quote received is still current. The Parish Council will then confirm the order and act as Paymaster. **Defibrillator Training** – unfortunately this was cancelled because the trainer was involved in an accident. The chairman had contacted Alan Jones to re-arrange. **Clearing of Brambles** on The Green – this had been carried out and favourable comments received.
- 12.16.07 **CORRESPONDENCE: BDC** – Notification of real Christmas tree collection from the village hall between 7-10 January. **SCC** – notification of road closure – Flowton Road U8412 to Somersham Road, Flowton. These had been displayed on notice board and shop. **Village Hall** – notification that discussions were taking place regarding improvements/extension to the hall. Agreed that parish council and VHMC should meet to discuss the best way forward.

- 01.16.08 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 1) Concern was expressed regarding the condition of the ditch and footpath opposite the Old Reading Room. Clerk to contact land owner. 2) The pathway from Suffolk One to the bus stop by the roundabout along the Hadleigh Road. This time of year it is particularly dangerous, inadequate and unkempt. 3) The closure of the Orwell Bridge which was costly to businesses and Ipswich Hospital was mentioned. It was felt that cars could have crossed even in single file at 20 mph. The other danger was it forced traffic down minor roads causing further chaos. Clerk to forward these concerns to the County Councillor.
- 12.16.09 **FINANCE: Precept** – In view of the discussions regarding possible extension of village hall it was agreed to increase the precept this year from £9,750 to £10,000. **Donation to village hall** – it was agreed to make provision for a donation, but the decision on grasscutting/cutting hedge yet to be agreed. **Grit bin** – Councillor Stan Coram offered to provide a bin at the ‘pump triangle’ and for the council to seek permission of the landowner to provide a new heap at the junction of Whatfield Road and Mill Lane. The council was extremely grateful to Stan for his kind offer. **Savings Account** – Ongoing
- 12.16.10 **PLANNING: Maltings site** – the Chairman confirmed that this application has been allocated to a new officer at Babergh and discussions regarding the provision of a footpath continue. **B/16/01424 – The Mill, Mill Lane -** side extension to garage and conversion to provide annexed accommodation –parish council had no objection subject to a condition that the annexe does not become a separate dwelling. **Approval Notice from BDC** – 5 Manor Road – erection of side conservatory.
- 12.16.11 **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** 23 January, 2017.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....

Chairman

Dated:-.....