

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on the 14 November at the Methodist Church Hall.

- 11.16.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones, County Councillor Jenny Antill and Babergh District Councillor Alan Ferguson the Clerk and one member of the public.
- 11.16.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr M Quinn
- 11.16.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No declarations
- 11.16.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October were signed as an accurate record.
- 11.16.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Jenny reported on **Devolution** – decision by County will be made on 23 November. There has been an improvement of school attendance. She also said that the highways department is being reorganised which is causing disruption.
- 4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Alan Ferguson updated on Devolution. He confirmed that a new Chief Executive, Arthur Chavonia, currently at Suffolk Coastal and Waveney DC has been appointed to commence early in 2017. Babergh and Mid Suffolk have agreed to move to Endeavour house, which is likely to be implemented by Easter 2017. He pointed out that this is not a merger. He also warned of a deficit in the next 3 year period. He has also taken the decision to have the Maltings development application heard by the full Babergh Planning Committee in light of Babergh's decision to ignore the safety issues with regard to providing a footpath.
- 11.16.05 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR:** The Chairman confirmed that Mr Stan Coram had agreed to stand as parish councillor. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interest forms.
- 11.16.06 **MATTERS ARISING: Removal of Brambles, The Green,** the chairman confirmed that the work has been scheduled to commence on 5 December. **Tree Inspection** – This will be carried out by Ipswich Borough Council and will include those on the Rectory Meadow with the understanding that any follow up work on those trees will be the responsibility of the village hall. **Emergency Plan** – Still awaiting clarification of type of generator likely to be used in the village hall before installation of switch gear to accommodate it. John Sones to find out from Babergh and liaise with Russell Leek of VPMC. **Whatfield Road** - Clerk to check whether nettles have been cut back. **RosPA play equipment inspection** – this highlighted some rotting timber. The Chairman has contacted the supplier who has agreed to replace the timber under the terms of the warranty. He also queried the quality of the remainder of the timber used. **Talk by Holmes and Hill** on planning law Mr & Mrs Hinton

attended.

- 11.16.07 **CORRESPONDENCE/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Defibrillator Training.** This has been arranged in conjunction with first responders for 30 November to be delivered by East of England Ambulance Service. **BDC** has advised of its bin collections over the Christmas period and for next year. **Babergh Police Forum**-Agenda for next meeting at Copdock on 30 November. Unfortunately clashes with defibrillator training. **Anglian Water** has carried out a survey and it is proposed that the main water pipe which runs through the village will be replaced in the early summer of next year. It may be appropriate to invite Anglian Water to a meeting to explain their intentions and any possible interruptions. **VHMC** – notification of recent discussions regarding possible improvements including resurfacing and extending the car park and repair/replacement of pavilion and the need to accommodate playschool for a longer period next year, therefore consider extending the hall.
- 01.16.08 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The discussion revolved around the village hall.
- 11.16.09 **RETENTION OF PHONE BOX OPPOSITE THE SHOP** The parish council had been informed that the phone box opposite the Rose and Crown PH was on the BT list of boxes likely to be removed. The parish council unanimously agreed that in view of the location of the box, the number of calls that have been made over the last 12 months and the fact that we have a very poor mobile signal the box should remain.
- 11.16.10 **FINANCE:** Cheques were signed for Community Action Suffolk - £60 for hosting the web site. Elmsett Methodist Church £50 for hire of hall x 5. Donation to VH – the parish council discussed whether they should pay for the cutting of the hedge rather than a contribution to cutting the grass. Costs to be established and item placed on next agenda. Quote for Tree Inspection it was agreed to include the trees on Rectory Meadow. **Savings Account** – it was agreed that a savings account should be opened. Mrs Hinton is still seeking options.
- 11.16.11 **PLANNING: B/16/01366**– 5 Manor Road, Elmsett, Erection of side conservatory – no objections. The chairman reported that the landowner had withdrawn his permission for the erection of the telephone mast on land east of Potash Farm, Ipswich Road. **Maltings site** – the Chairman confirmed that this application will be considered by the planning committee as reported in Alan Ferguson's report.

01.16.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 12 December and 23 January, 2017.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....
Chairman

Dated:-.....