

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17 September, 2018 at the Elmsett Methodist Church Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mr A Newman, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr S Coram, Mr J Sones, Mr A Woodgate, District Councillor A Ferguson, County Councillor R Lindsay, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

09.18.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr Nick Bird

09.18.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.

09.18.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 July were signed as an accurate record.

09.18.04 4.1 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Robert updated the meeting on county council matters. He was disappointed that the verges still had not been cut, despite being advised that they would have been. He also elaborated on the new policy regarding grit heaps and the fact that the County Council will now only fill grit bins and will not leave heaps in the future. There was debate about this and Robert kindly offered to donate £200 towards the purchase of bins for the parish.

4.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Alan Ferguson sent his report which was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

09.18.05 **MATTERS ARISING:** The Chairman reported that he was seeking authorisation to place the new bench at the Newlands/Ipswich Road junction. Although it was later agreed that a better location was adjacent The Methodist Church. The chairman also reported that following the last meeting and a further complaint, he had reported the foul-smelling ditch in Ipswich Road. This was now being investigated.

09.18.06 **VILLAGE HALL UPDATE:** Chairman and Treasurer of VHMC apologised for not attending but reminded the meeting that they are holding a Drop-in event on 29 September at the village hall.

09.18.07 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** The Chairman updated the meeting on progress. The Steering group are working on version 3 of the draft plan. They need to include photos before sending to the publishers. The plan will include definition of the built-up area boundary, employment sites and amongst other policies there will be a 'special character area' policy. Then there will have to be a further meeting of the pc to approve the draft for public consultation.

09.18.08 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was a recess for public comments.

09.18.09 **CORRESPONDENCE:** 1) BDC – Notification of Revision of The Gambling Act. 2) BDC – Notification of Parish Liaison Meeting 11

October. 3) Notification of change of date of Airfield Liaison Meeting to 26 September. 4) Playsafety – Annual Inspection Report of the play equipment – a copy was forwarded to school and VHMC.

09.18.10 **PLANNING: Application** DC/18/03499 - Erection of 2no. buildings for mixed use under Class B1 and B8 and toilet block (retention of) Gate Farm, Ipswich Road. Some members of the parish council had previously visited the site and it was agreed that on balance no objections to the land uses applied for.  
DC/18/03997. Sub-division of dwelling into two separate dwellings. Little Wings, Whatfield Road - The parish council had no objection to the principle of sub division of the property but were concerned with the vehicular access arrangements as shown on the site plan. The plan as shown would not allow a vehicle to turn on site which would mean vehicles reversing on to the highway close to the bend. It was noted that the highway authority has a holding objection and had requested changes to the access in order to promote highway safety. The parish council agreed with this proviso.  
DC/18/03729 Listed Building Consent - Remove and replace render. Repairs to elevations and timbers: Church Farm, Offton Road, Elmsett. The parish council had no objections.  
Application DC/18/03100 - Mill Farm Hadleigh Road Elmsett –BDC - Planning Permission Approved

09.18.11 **FINANCE:** purchase of equipment for meadow in conjunction with the school – Members of the parish council agreed to purchase equipment to the value of £2,000 (inc VAT) to complement that to be purchased by the school and VHMC.  
Cheques signed for T Hitchcock £180.00 grasscutting 6, 16 & 31 August. HMRC - £238.00 employer's Tax. Playsafety Ltd £126.00 Annual Play Inspection and Safety Report. Business Services at CAS £205.86 insurance renewal. The parish council agreed to a five-year LTU (long term undertaking). A Newman £39.25 stamps and stationery.  
Grit Bins – it was agreed that the parish council should purchase bins for the sites where grit heaps have been in past. It was estimated that there were some 10 sites. Clerk to apply to the County Council for the siting of these.

09.18.12 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:-** 29 October, and 10 December, 2018.

The meeting closed

Signed:- .....

Dated:-.....

Chairman