

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 26 October, 2015 at the Methodist Church Hall.

10.15.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr M Quinn, Mrs C Garrity, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones, County Councillor J Antill, District Councillor A Ferguson, Jonathan Ralph Aldham PC (for emergency plan item), two members of the public and the Clerk.

10.15.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr N Bird, PCSO Amanda Coleman

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

10.15.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 September were signed as an accurate record.

10.15.04 **4.1 POLICE REPORT:** PCSO Coleman did not attend the meeting but sent an update regarding the recent incidents involving dogs. She said The owner has been charged and will appear in court next month, the other person has been reported awaiting a decision as to whether to be charged or not. There are bail conditions that the dogs should be muzzled and on a lead at all times in a public place.

4.2 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: CC Antill **Devolution.** Jenny reported that Norfolk and Suffolk are having to work together with the following initiatives: - Ways of boosting productivity - Mechanisms to unlock growth - Strategic partnerships to accelerate housing growth and Reforms to the skills and education systems.

If the Government gives a positive response to these ideas leaders will then have to do further work before submitting a formal approach before the Comprehensive Spending Review on 25th November.

Changes in Government finance arrangements for councils These were announced at the Conservative Party Conference and involve two main measures: 1) Allowing councils to retain business rates. 2) Abolishing the local management of Local Authority Pension Funds and grouping them into 6 countrywide Wealth Funds of roughly £25bn each.

Education. Following on from the improved GCSE and SATs results reported on last time, there has been further confirmation that our schools are moving in the right direction.

Suffolk County Council is continuing to take an active part in the Fairer funding campaign which aims to get a better level of central government funding for our schools.

Review of the future of the Fire Service in Suffolk. This will be considered by the Cabinet shortly and if approved commence on 16th

November.

Elmsett Jenny has been kept up to date with correspondence concerning Church View.

4.3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT: DC Ferguson reported that Babergh DC is also discussing devolution and that discussions could go on for at least two years. He also repeated that there is a need for additional housing in Suffolk

10.15.05 **EMERGENCY PLAN:** Geoff Hinton and John Sones had attended a preliminary meeting regarding devising an emergency plan. Before going any further it was felt that it was an opportunity to work with Aldham PC (Jonathon Ralph Aldham PC attended for this item). It was agreed that Elmsett would go ahead and in the meantime Chairman of Aldham would sound out their parish council views.

10.15.06 **CHURCH VIEW UPDATE:** The Chairman reported that little progress had been made and that correspondence was ongoing with regard to the landscaping and that he would continue to pursue the matter. He also said that the Babergh Enforcement Officer had been made aware of the situation.

10.15.07 **AIRFIELD LIAISON MEETING:** Chairman reported that he had attended the airfield liaison meeting and informed members that this was an opportunity to voice any concerns and to hear from the airfield any future proposals. He said that he had been asked to Chair that meeting next year.

10.15.08 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Playsafety Ltd – Report following inspection of playground equipment. Copies of which were forwarded to the village hall management committee and the school. The Parish Council was surprised to learn that some of the wood was found to be rotting. The suppliers had been notified as there is a 15 year warranty on the timber.

Surviving Winter in Hadleigh – ‘Hadleigh’s own Charity’ – appealing to those who receive it to transfer part of the winter fuel payment to their charity which covers Elmsett. Copies of the appeal to be put in the shop.

Road Closure – Notification of road closure Church Road, Manor Road, Rookery Road and Boarded Barn Road, Whatfield for drainage works from 23 November to 18 December.

Highways Department – Notification of location of grit heaps. Clerk to put a note in the newsletter for names of volunteers to spread the grit so that they would then be included on the County Council’s public liability insurance.

10.15.09 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The parish council heard the concerns of residents regarding a planning application in Manor Road.

10.15.10 **FINANCE:** Cheques were signed in the sum of £78.00 grasscutting on 3/9 for Tree and Lawn Co Ltd. £114.00 Playsafety Ltd – annual inspection of play equipment. £210.14 - Community Action Suffolk – insurance premium renewal.

Payroll Services – Approval was given to SALC being hired to undertake the payroll on behalf of the parish council as of the beginning of the financial year 2015-2016.

10.15.11 **PLANNING:** Application B/15/01397 - 1 Manor Road, Elmsett – erection of detached dwelling with linked two-storey garage/gymnasium and new vehicular access (following demolition of existing dwelling). It was agreed to reiterate our concern made on the previous application No 13/01045/FUL. In addition this proposal is for a much larger property and driveways. This will create considerably more surface water run-off than the existing property onto an area which is renowned for heavy clay and not being able to accommodate soakaways and is positioned closer to the neighbouring property known as Manor Cottage. It is recommended that the proposed house be positioned further away from Manor Cottage and that specific measures to prevent the run-off of surface water onto the highway and/or the neighbouring cottage be demonstrated prior to approval being given.

Application B/15/01366 – 18 Sawyers, Elmsett – Erection of single-storey side and rear wrap around extension – no objection to the approval.

Planning permissions granted by BDC – B/15/00904/FUL - Coates Farm, Whatfield Road - Erection of 4 No Stables.

B/15/00826/FHA - 3 Flowton Road, Erection of Porch.

B/15/01100 – The Old Post Office, Whatfield Road – Prune 1 Copper Beech tree by 20%.

10.15.12 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 7 December, and 18 January, 2016.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....

Chairman

Dated: