

Minutes of the Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on the 27 July at the Methodist Church Hall.

07.15.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr Bird, Mr M Quinn, Mrs Caron Garrity, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones, District Councillor Ferguson PCSO Amanda Coleman the Clerk and one member of the public.

07.15.01 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Antill

07.15.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

07.15.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 June were signed as an accurate record.

07.15.04 **4.1 POLICE REPORT: CRIMINAL DAMAGE.** The Street, 16-17/07/15. Sometime over night a marquee that had been erected adjacent the village hall had some of the windows down one side slashed. Finalised, no further lines of enquiries.

BURGLARY – other building, Manor Road, between 20-21/07/15. Sometime over night unknown persons have tried to gain entry into a garden shed, alarm has sounded which scared off offender and nothing had been stolen. On-going.

Geoff Hinton reported on the Babergh East meeting he had attended and that some of the parishes had a lot more crime.

**4.2 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Finance -** The administration has committed £5m extra from the Capital Budget to build a new 'heritage facility' in Ipswich to accommodate material from the Records Office. The new 'iconic building' will be on the waterfront and jointly developed with University College Suffolk, to include a café and shop facilities.

They have also agreed to spend an additional £800,000 from the Capital Budget on improvements to the Corn Hill in Ipswich and a similar amount from the revenue budget to support the Raising the Bar initiative.

At present it seems that changes to the minimum wage made in the Budget will cost the council £10m.

**Fire Service issues -** SCC's Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has held a 4-week pre-consultation as some £1 million in savings is needed to help address the council's funding problems.

**Fairer funding for Schools -** The Cabinet Member for Schools,

has been working hard with other similarly disadvantaged councils to redress inequalities of funding with regards to the amount of money received per pupil.

**Garden Waste** - Currently Suffolk County Council subsidises the District Councils in respect of their brown bin deliveries. As part of cost cutting measures it has been decided to take the level of this subsidy down to the statutory level.

**Broadband - Jenny** is now part of a group that includes members from particularly remote areas in the county. The aim is to try to keep up to date with regard to where the Suffolk high speed broadband has got to, and also to monitor the progress of mobile reception.

**Elmsett** A meeting is to be held in early September with Anglian Water and SCC officers in order to try to address road signage and other problems when road closures are necessary.

**4.3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Alan has been appointed to three committees – Strategy Committee, Economy Programme Steering Board and The Shared Revenues Partnership Board. He reported on the commitment of Babergh to devolution. Talks are still ongoing with regard to the location of the Babergh/Mid Suffolk office. Community Infrastructure Levy is still under discussion and it is hoped that the final report with recommendations will be issued in September. Alan reported that Babergh and Mid Suffolk have a shared IT and support system and it is hoped that there will be further shared services and cost savings. Alan is keen to support the parish council in contentious planning applications and would appreciate early notification of any such issue.

07.15.05 **EMERGENCY PLAN:** The parish council is hoping to put together an Emergency Plan. It is anticipated that a small working party will get together to get the process started, although it may be difficult now that the holiday period is here.

07.15.06 **ROAD CLOSURE SIGNAGE:** The Chairman reported on a meeting he had with Highways, Jenny Antill and Jonathan Ralph, chairman of Aldham PC. The main purpose of the meeting was to make sure that the road closure signs were informative and didn't cause inconvenience to road users. A further meeting has been arranged for early in September when Anglian Water will also be represented. It is hoped that signs can be located appropriately and state that access to Elmsett is available.

07.15.07 **PARISH WEBSITE:** It was agreed that agendas and minutes

would continue to be put on the website and the need for the information to be kept up to date. The clerk to check with SALC as to how long the information should remain on the website

- 07.15.08 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Request from VHMC for assistance with cutting the Rectory Meadow. Discussed under finance. Request from VHMC for support with regard to the proposed fireworks event. Discussed under finance. Request from playgroup for advice on applying for grants. Clerk had forwarded information available.
- 07.15.09 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Church View - Chairman had been to Babergh Planning Department to check on the conditional approvals in particular the landscaping and visibility requirements. He then inspected the site before attending the meeting. It was agreed to write to all parties concerning obvious breaches of conditions.
- 07.15.07 **FINANCE:** Cheques in the sum of £87.50 to BDC – Election Costs. Tree & Lawn Co £78.00 for grasscutting 20/5 and 24/06. £60 to SALC for New Councillor Training. Councillors had found the sessions useful. Marion to follow up with a planning training session. BDO £120.00 for Audit Fees. The Annual Return has been approved and accepted by the Council and the notice of conclusion of audit is to be displayed on the noticeboard. The report did recommend that the council should review the employment status of the clerk and seek guidance from HMRC.

The clerk reported that this is now in hand and a request has been made to HMRC for registration. SALC also provides a payroll service.

Village Hall – Fireworks. The council discussed the request for assistance. It was agreed that the council could not contribute financially but members of the council said that they would be prepared to help in any way the VHMC thought necessary.

Village Hall - Request to assist with cutting the meadow. It was agreed that the council would contribute this year a payment of £750 as it was recognised that the meadow is available for use to everyone in the parish.

Broken laptop screen. It was agreed that the screen should be repaired, insurance would be £100 excess. Also look into buying a screen and getting it repaired locally. It was also agreed to purchase a new battery and adobe software.

- 07.15.08 **PLANNING:** B/15/00798/FUL - Church of St Peter, Manor Road, Erection of single-storey lean-to side extension. The parish council

agreed to fully support the approval of this application.

07.15.09 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 26 October, 7 December, and 18 January, 2016.

The meeting closed

Signed:.....  
Chairman

Dated: .....