

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 29 October, 2018 at the Elmsett Methodist Church Hall.

PRESENT: Mr A Newman, Mr Nick Bird, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr S Coram, Mr A Woodgate, District Councillor A Ferguson, County Councillor R Lindsay, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

10.18.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr J Sones.

10.18.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Mr Nick Bird declared an interest under planning – Hall Farm Cottages – and signed the interest book.

10.18.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17 September and 1 October were signed as accurate records.

10.18.04 4.1 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** A summary of Robert's report - **Special Educational Needs crisis** - Officers are pushing councillors to spend money now on new special needs schools to save costs of providing SEN taxis in the future. **School admissions consultation** – should there be a decision to change their policy then there would be another consultation in October 2019 and any changes would then apply from 2021/22. The justifications for a change are that free schools and academies don't use catchment areas and that from 2019 free school transport will be based on nearest school not catchment. The consultation closes on November 12 available at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/consultation-on-admissions-to-schools-in-suffolk-for-the-20202021-school-year/>. **Newish pothole policy** - a different prioritisation approach is to be piloted over this coming winter in this area. They will still take a risk based approach, but will seek to repair more defects in a single visit. If successful, it will roll out to the rest of the county. They are also looking see if they can improve the co-ordination of road closures which are requested by utility companies as well as Suffolk Highways, to stop over-runs and improve signage. **Budget overspend not quite so bad** - As usual, Suffolk County Council is currently consulting on the 2019/20 budget and is asking the public to share their ideas for potential savings. The consultation runs until 5pm on Friday 16 November, and can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/a-tough-call-to-make-budget-20192020/>.

4.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Alan Ferguson reported as follows - **Boundary Commission** - The number of District Councillors will be 32 and the new Ward (SE Cosford) will comprise the parishes of – Aldham, Elmsett, Whatfield, Nedging & Naughton, Kersey, Semer, Chelsworth and Lindsey – two more than at present. I have been selected as a Conservative candidate for the new SE Cosford Ward. **Private**

Sector Housing - Babergh DC now has a 5 year land supply for the private sector housing. However an appeal against refusal to permit Landex to build 24 houses in Boxford could return us to the “no we don’t have the 5 year land supply. The decision to develop a Neighbourhood Plan might be well timed. **Disposal of Corks Lane Buildings** The recommendation for redevelopment of the old Babergh Council offices (about 56 houses/flats) will go before the Planning Committee in November 18. **BDC Support facilities Hadleigh** Following the move to Ipswich, Babergh now has a pop-up point ie support facilities in the Hadleigh library (one half day a week – Thursday afternoons 1 pm to 5 pm) as a trial which will run for 3 months.

- 10.18.05 **MATTERS ARISING: Siting of Bench.** Marion Hinton confirmed that the bench had been delivered. Following discussion on positioning and fixing appropriately adjacent the notice board at the entrance of the Methodist Church it was agreed that the chairman would contact a local contractor.
- 10.18.06 **VILLAGE HALL UPDATE:** Stan Coram, having just returned from a Village Hall meeting held earlier that evening, reported that the architect during his presentation had quoted a figure of some 1.6 million pounds for a new build or 1.9 million for a refurb. When the VHMC has received his report they will then consult further with the parish council. Stan also said that at the moment Mrs Burdiss was happy to act as Chair.
- 10.18.07 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** The Chairman updated the meeting on progress. He said that the steering group had produced a draft plan. He confirmed that the recent drop-in event as part of the six-week consultation period, was a great success having more than 100 visitors. There have been more than 50 additional formal consultees under Regulation 14 notified as part of the process and responses are beginning to come in both manually and on-line. The plan and accompanying documents are all on the parish website for people to access. He stated that most of the comments received related to the road network and although the parish council refers to this on all the responses to the planning authority when applications for development are received it has up to now been ignored in their decision. In view of the overwhelming concerns regarding the roads this would be included in the revised plan.
- 10.18.08 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was a recess for public comments – no comments received.
- 10.18.09 **PLANNING: Application No:** DC/18/04245 Aldham End Hadleigh Road Elmsett - Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) Erection of a detached dwelling and garage – the parish council discussed and agreed to a condition that the dwelling, should it be approved, be limited to a single storey construction.
Application No: DC/18/04651 - 2 Elmsett Hall Cottages, Offton Road, Elmsett - Erection of a single storey side extension (Nick Bird having

signed the interest book took no part in the discussion). The parish council had no objections.

Application No: DC/18/04685 – 23 Sawyers, Elmsett - Erection of single storey attached annex and rear extension. The parish council had no objections.

Application. No: DC/18/02316 Land South side of Whatfield Road Elmsett – Revised layout of 42 No. dwellings, incorporating 35% affordable homes, creation of new vehicular access and public open space. The parish council made the following comments -

The council refers to and reiterates the recommendations of refusal that we submitted to you on the 20th June and 26th July 2018. There is no reason for the Parish Council to change or detract from those recommendations but we would add additional reasons below in regard to the setting of The Chequers, the listed building adjacent to the site and in the light of developments regarding the District Council's five year land supply and now the latest Pre Consultation stage of the emerging village Neighbourhood Plan we wonder why you haven't already resolved to refuse the application.

Additional Detailed Comments

On the 5th October Wincer Kievenaar, on behalf of the applicant, submitted a document called "Planning Consultation Response Statement 01". Basic mistakes have been made in that report in respect of the listed building called The Chequers. The report seeks to rebut in a few short, but inaccurate sentences comments made by your own consultants, Essex County Council Place Services. The Chequers is one building, of one colour and having similar window configuration throughout, exactly the opposite of the comments made in the report. The current owner is undertaking a painstaking renovation, it is not as described in paragraph 3 of the WK report. The WK report also includes an old photograph lifted from Google Streetview. Please see below a photograph taken today of The Chequers to illustrate our point. WK also seeks to demonstrate that the proximity of the mobile homes to the east of Chequers has a detrimental effect that would enable him to place permanent dwellings to the west, closer than the nearest mobile home. In view of these simple demonstrable errors, we invite you to give no credence to the report.

We say that this proposed development should be refused because it is simply not sustainable, is not in scale with the settlement, it does not comply with any of the core strategy policies, it is too large for the capacity of our rural road network and transport infrastructure and it is outside the Elmsett Built Up Area Boundary. Although there are numerous documents supporting this application we could see none that identified the need for the development. This comment has not been challenged since it was first made on 20th June. ^P_{SEP}

10.18.10 **FINANCE: Accounts due** - Cheques were signed in favour of Community Action Suffolk £60 for hosting the council's website. SALC £21.60 for providing payroll services to period ending 30 September. Elmsett and Aldham VHMC £88.00 for hire of the hall for Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session. Alan Newman reimbursement for refreshments for drop-in session £14.55.

10.18.11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-** 10 December, 2018.

The meeting closed

Signed:-

Dated:-.....

Chairman