

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Elmore Village Hall on
5th September 2011 at 7.45pm**

| Subject Heading | | Action |
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| Present | Mr J Field - Chairman – (JF), Mr A Nash – Vice Chairman – (AN), Mr T Jones – (TJ), Mrs J Hobbs – (JH) & Mrs C Stewart - (CS), Mrs J Smeaton – (JS). | |
| In Attendance | Parishioners present: Mr John Hardisty: Mr Chris Camm: Mrs Valerie Overton: Mr Barry Overton: Mr Graham Littleton: Mr Anthony Blackburn. | |
| 1 Apologies | | |
| | John Field opened the meeting at 7.45.p.m. and welcomed those attending. | |
| 2 Police Report | <p>PC Fraser Mackie attended the meeting and explained that there were no crime figures or anti-social behaviour issues to report. He is aware of the issues with the seven bore, PC Fraser Mackie stated that he will police as best as he can when the next bore is taking place. CS asked the question of any contact details for the local police in case of an emergency. Fraser stated that from September 1st, there would be an emergency number of 101 available for the residents. Email address for Fraser needs to be circulated to the councillors – JS to action.</p> <p>JF brought up the issue of fly-tipping, there has been considerably more in the past couple of months. There have been recent events of vans going down velthouse lane and what appears to look like cases of fly-tipping. They have been hiding the number plate when challenged. CS saw an incident of fly-tipping happening. A man in a vehicle was seen to be fly-tipping, CS got the registration but as before, she didn't know who to call. Fraser says to call 999.</p> | JS |
| 3 Open Question Time | Barry Overton stated that Elmore back lane is getting progressively worse, the roads are getting to the point where they are not suitable for cars. As stated, the road is a disgrace. Also, another question raised by Barry, the water opposite Colin Ellis is still an issue. JF to go back to the water board and follow up – JF to action. | JF |
| 4 Declarations of Members' Interest in Agenda Items | | |
| 5 Minutes of Previous Parish Council Meeting | Minutes are agreed by councillors and signed off. | |
| 6 Matters Arising | <p>The serious dog attack that took place resulted with the offender being taken to court and having an injunction held against him. As a result of a previous report, he was told not to take the dog off the lead. There have been sightings of the dog still not on the lead. The public is aware that this dog is dangerous.</p> <p>The footpath signs have been removed off the gates and posts have been moved. This is Stroud Districts Councils responsibility to replace these.</p> | |

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| 7 Finance Report, Audit Status, Risk assessment & Insurance | A new laptop and printer was brought for JS, this will be the parish's property. JF paid upfront for the new laptop and printer. This was put to vote and all agreed to this. Trevor brought up the issue of managing the pc, with maintenance and software budgeting. Software and antivirus was included when brought, however we will need to budget for future years. The laptop is to attend all meetings. JS to look into making the pc and printer part of the property book and also to get the printer protected. The Insurance renewal was done. The premium was reduced down. JS to check if insurance covers the laptop and printer. The audit was done, a few queries but JS looked into this. No response back as of yet. | JS |
| 8 County Councillor's Report | Tony Blackburn attended the meeting. He mentioned the issue of flooding. He agrees with Elmore Parish Council, it will be a disaster for productive farmland. TB to go to a meeting tomorrow – in preparation for Neil Carmichael. He will put his views across forcibly. | |
| 9 District Councillor's Report | Graham Littleton attended the meeting. As he is the chairman of the planning committee, he mentioned about the Sellar's farm application. They are planning to build 200 houses. This will Cause many problems; it is up to Elmore Parish if a letter of complaint is to be written. | |
| 10 Flooding – Update on the Environment Agency's Proposals | JF reported the current position on EA Flooding Proposals. A meeting was held on 22 nd February at Longney School with the EA and The Severn Voice Group to be briefed on the proposals and rationale behind them. This was not a discussion, there were no answers just a response from the environmental agency. A meeting was to be held on the 8 th September with the Minister to put across the case directly, however this was soon cancelled and will be postponed until the 14 th September. CS/TF/AN/JH all voted for the way forward. JF to circulate the letter that was sent to Richard Benyon. | |
| 11 War Memorial - Repairs | The war memorial suffered last winter. It is badly weathered on the sides and corners. TJ contacted Michael Watts who told TJ that it was only repaired relatively recently; however it hasn't been repaired appropriately. TJ has been in contact with a few companies who have given various quotes. The War Memorials Trust will pay up to 50% of costs for refurbishment. The wording on the war memorial was brought up. Pauline Ellis was contacted who gave a website with all the names. Having metal plates with names engraved is a possibility. TJ to look into further. Michael Watts will give £250 towards the repairs. TJ is to get the whole amount and then it will be looked into further. TJ to clear away the rubbish near the war memorial. | |
| 12 Highways, Gritting & Salt Bins | Grit bins will be put out at the end of October. JF and TJ to walk around and see where to put the bins. JH has attained the salt, JH to keep salt levels topped up. AN and TJ to put bins out initially and fill them up. | |
| 13 Millenium Ponds | TJ and JF did little work as no water was in the ponds. JF is still looking for options for the maintenance of the ponds. | |

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| <p>14 Planning Applications: Wind Turbine at Hollow Farm</p> | <p>AN said the applicants have submitted a relocation for the wind turbine. It has been moved 40 meters. AN has written to the planning office twice however no response has been received. The concerns haven't been addressed, therefore we object to the proposal. TJ brought up the issue of the noise that the wind turbine could produce. Perhaps a survey could be taken. Chris Camm was asked if he had any questions. He didn't have any questions, just that he would be against the noise. It was suggested that a direct approach should be taken to the applicants. CS to approach the applicants direct. GL spoke about the noise issue and suggested that the environmental health officer - Rob Weaver may be able to give guidance.</p> | |
| <p>15 Update on Jubilee Celebrations in 2012</p> | <p>The jubilee is being run by Colin Ellis. It will be a village event for friends and family. At Watt's farm, there will be a pig roast and fireworks. Beacons will be lit nationally.</p> | |
| <p>16 Date of next meeting</p> | <p>Date of next meeting is the 12th December 2011 at 7.45pm at Elmore Village Hall.</p> | |
| | <p>Chairman.....</p> <p>Date.....</p> | |