

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 11 December 2017 at 7.45 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr N Meek (NM) Vice Chair, Mrs P Turner (PT) Mr T Jones (TJ) Mrs J Hill (JH)		
In attendance. No parishioners were present		
1 Apologies Cllr Gill Oxley, Cllr Stephen Davies and PCSO Ben Rollins 9105		
2 Police Report	<p>We are pleased to report that the recent reports of local anti-social behaviour during the end of last year within the area have shown a decrease and were dealt with positively however please continue to report these issues for reference.</p> <p>Contacting 101 can also be done via the 101 e-mail found on the Gloucestershire police website – Top right menu – Contact us.</p> <p>Useful information regarding minor issues that may not always require a police telephone call can be found at - https://www.askthe.police.uk Please remember to set Gloucester as your local Constabulary. This website covers most subjects such as noise, parking, anti-social behaviour, CCTV. It can also be downloaded as a smartphone application from the relevant stores. Current crime figures for the Quedgeley area can also be found at – http://www.police.uk</p>	
3 Open Question Time	No parishioners were present	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	Nothing was declared by the Councillors.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 25 th September 2017	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 25 th September 2017 were proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by PT.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 25 th September 2017	<p>I6: Letter to CEO SSDC by chair is being planned. This will refer to the value that Elmore for its Council Tax pro rata for road gritting etc.</p> <p>I7: Broadband was covered in an article in The Bridge</p> <p>I10: Letter to Glos Highways regarding amendments to the verge cutting contract has been sent.</p> <p>I10: Kenton Green lay-by – a letter to gauge the opinion of all local farmers will be written</p> <p>I11: Defibrillator pads to be covered later in the minutes</p> <p>I13: repairs to village Notice Board will be carried out when the weather improves.</p> <p>I15: A notice in the Bridge regarding the new bus service was done</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p> <p>TJ/JF</p>
7 County Councillor's Report	Cllr Stephen Davies wrote: At our recent GCC meeting we agreed to do more to introduce electric and hybrid vehicle to the County's fleet and passed a motion to work for more integration between the "Blue Light" Services.	

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8 District Councillor's Report	Cllr Gill Oxley sent notes from the SDC Newsletter which has already been circulated to all parishioners.	
9 Finance	<p><u>Account update:</u> The current bank balance stands at £7106.65.</p> <p><u>Forecast Expenditure for 2017/18:</u> The expenditure for the remaining part of this Financial Year involves A new PC for the Clerk A First Aid course The next edition of the Bridge The Clerk's salary The Annual Donation to EVH Our forecast balance at the end of the Financial Year is likely to be £6258.</p> <p><u>Setting the Precept for 2018/19:</u> The Cllrs discussed the value of changing the current precept rate. It was agreed that no change should be made this year.</p>	
10 Highways	<p><u>Farley's end Corner:</u> NM reported that there is still regular flooding on the road. This hazard moves drivers into the middle of the road as they round the bend. NM agreed to contact Dan Tiffney of Glos Highways to discuss solutions to this problem.</p> <p><u>Verge cutting contract:</u> In line with the decision from the October PC meeting, JF will review the Verge Cutting Contract and re-engage the same contractor for 2018. It was agreed that there could be 3 'cuts' in 2018 with a plan to include some of the uncut areas in Stonebench Lane.</p> <p><u>Kenton Green Lay by:</u> Discussed in Matters Arising.</p> <p><u>Fly tipping:</u> the few recent incidents have been reported and cleared. It was agreed that we are getting a good service from SDC.</p>	NM
11 Elmore Emergency Plan update and First Aid training on 27 th January 2018	<p>JF reported that he is working on an annexe for the Emergency Plan to create a list of vulnerable people who may need help in an emergency.</p> <p>First Aid and Defibrillator Training will be held in Elmore VH on Saturday 27th January 2018 at 2 pm. JF agreed to circulate the residents on our contact list to gather a list of names of interested people. There will be room for 15 people on this course but there is a plan to repeat the course for subsequent groups of people.</p>	
12 Broadband and Telephone update	<p>JF has been assured by GCC that work will start in January as part of Phase 2.</p> <p>However, we are part of a very large Phase 2 area stretching from Gloucester to Thornbury</p> <p>Also we have not heard of anything from Gigaclear regarding</p>	

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	work starting on our area.	
13 Parish Communications	<p><u>Website</u> DJ has started to update the photos on the website</p> <p>The Bridge: JF recorded another successful year with some very good articles included.</p> <p>Email: JF hopes to raise the numbers on our email contact list to 75% by making direct contact with new local residents.</p> <p>New Register of Electors: the current population of Elmore is now 178 adults and 31 children. This shows a shrinking population in our Parish. Cllrs discussed the possibility of how more housing could be created to bring more people to the village.</p>	
14 Severn Voice Meeting October 2017 in Slimbridge Village Hall - Report	At the last Severn Voice meeting in October, a proposal was made to apply for funding from the Commissioner's Fund for an interactive Speed control camera for the A38. The Cllrs agreed to support the bid for this but not necessarily to contribute financially.	
15 Annual review of EPC Standing Orders	<p>We are obliged to review the Standing Orders 'as a Committee'. It was agreed that we should remove, update and replace the existing document which is published on the Website.</p> <p>JF proposed changing the formal review to every 3 years. All Cllrs were in favour of this and PT seconded the proposal</p>	
16 Any Other Business	Elmore Court has applied for Planning Permission to build a Kitchen where there is a temporary structure. The Cllrs raised no objections to this proposal.	
17 Date of next Parish Council Meeting - Monday 5 th March 2018		
The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.		
Signed..... Date		