

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.45 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr N Meek (NM) Vice Chair, Mr T Jones (TJ), Mrs P Turner (PT) Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance.		
1 Apologies Cllr Oxley, Cllr Mossman, Cllr Davies		
2 Open Question Time	No questions	
3 Police Report	No report received. 'E-mail Alert' reports have been received about the growing incidence of theft from cars and issues to do with keyless cars.	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	PT declared an interest in the discussion about the Kenton Green Layby.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 24 th September 2018	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting (the annual meeting) held on 24 th September 2018 were proposed as a true record by NM and seconded by PT.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 24 th September 2018	Item 10: Letter to stakeholders ref Kenton Green lay-by. Item 11: Purchase and distribution of First Aid Booklets. Both items to be covered during the meeting.	
7 County Councillor's email report from Cllr Steve Davies	Ofsted has recently visited Gloucestershire's Children Care Services and have reported that the service has turned a corner and that they are now seeing an increased pace of improvement. Sadly they still found cases where the response had not been adequate. Gloucestershire County Council have appointed a new Chief Fire Officer, Wayne Bowcock. He joins from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue.	
8 District Councillor's email report from Cllr Gill Oxley	The new Chief Executive at SDC has now taken up her role. Kathy O'Leary, who was the Strategic Director of Resources at Tandridge District Council in Surrey started at the end of November. The recycling tip at Hempsted is now closed for three weeks to allow for the installation of new equipment. The centre is due to reopen at 10am on the 22 nd December. Proposed Solar Farm at Longney refused planning permission by SDC (Environmental impact) New phone system introduced at SDC on the 22 nd October for a 4 week trial period. Enquiries now go directly to the service areas. Initial results are very positive and show a significant reduction in calls to the Customer Service Centre.	
9 Finance	<u>Account update: FY 2018/19</u> JF reported that the account remains in a very healthy state with scope for future community projects. The current balance	

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	<p>stands at over £5,000 with ring-fenced funds of £2,340. We have £3300 available.</p> <p><u>Expenditure Plans</u> - there are no firm plans at the moment.</p> <p><u>Precept for 2019/20</u> – It was agreed that this should remain unchanged.</p> <p><u>Statutory Payment to Clerk</u> Cllrs agreed that this should rise to 4 quarterly payments of £250 per annum to conform with published official guidelines.</p>	
10 Highways	<p><u>Sellars Bridge</u> The yellow ‘no parking’ lines appear to have reduced the number of cars blocking the approach to Sellars Bridge. No control by police enforcement has been introduced and we will continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p><u>Verge Cutting Contract</u> The year’s invoice has been submitted to GCC, with the agreed 2.7% uplift for 2018.</p> <p><u>Kenton Green Layby</u> After the last meeting, a letter was sent to all Stakeholders, or users of the lay-by. Replies received show they are in favour of retaining the lay-by in its current form. No further action therefore now required by EPC.</p>	
11 Defibrillator Elmore Back	<p><u>Defibrillator - Elmore Back Light</u> The light has now been installed and an invoice paid for £100 for the work.</p> <p><u>Phone Box - Defibrillator Light</u> – we need to check that this is working.</p>	TJ
12 Broadband update	<p>JF reported that most of the Gigaclear trenches have been completed throughout Elmore, except on Weir Lane. Gigaclear have not yet completed their test drilling on the Minsterworth side of the River in preparation for the main drilling to take place under the river sometime in January 2019.</p> <p>Updates will be published as and when known.</p>	
13 Parish Communications	<p><u>Website.</u> A record of Analytics on the use of the website has shown that in the first week of November, there were 34 hits, 29 users, 86 page views, a 35% bounce rate, 19 organic searches of 2.53 pages/session. It is encouraging that this evidence shows that the website is being used.</p> <p><u>The Bridge.</u> TJ expressed his thanks to PT for organizing the first aid booklets. These were distributed with the November issue of the Bridge.</p> <p><u>E-mail database.</u> JF reported that our database covers approximately 60% of the occupied residences in Elmore.</p>	
14 Planning Review Update	<p>There have been no new applications since the last meeting and that SDC granted permission for all current applications.</p>	

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15 Emergency Plan Review	JF reported that the published contact list may need to be updated in line with GDPR regulations. This will take place in 2019 along with tan update of vulnerable parishioners.	
16 EPC Standing Orders Review	This is published on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that there is no need for any further amendments at the moment.	
17 Points from the Severn Voice Meeting	No minutes have been seen and so no points to pass on.	
18 Any Other Business	SDC Local Plan Review is being circulated through the council. There is no strategic growth plan for our area but SDC will continue to monitor flood defences and encourage diversification of farming. JH asked if was possible to get a larger postbox somewhere in the village for larger envelopes to be posted.	
<p>Date of the next Parish Council Meetings 2019</p> <p>Monday 4th March 2019 Tuesday 7th May 2019 Annual Meetings Monday 23rd September 2019 Monday 9th December 2019</p>		
<p>The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.</p>		
<p>Signed..... Date</p>		