

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at
Elmore Village Hall on Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.45 pm**

Present Parish Councillors: Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr N Meek (NM) Vice Chair, Mr T Jones (TJ), Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance.		
1 Apologies Cllr Gill Oxley, Mrs P Turner and Mrs J Hill		
2 Open Question Time	No parishioners were present.	
3 Police Report	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>Since the last meeting there has been focus on the restructure of the neighbourhood team for each area. Computers and IT systems have been placed back into Quedgeley police station. It is confirmed that there are a number of officers that will be based back at the station including those named specifically for the area. This will all be taking effect from the week of the 5th of March.</p> <p>Therefore I have started personally delivering introduction letters and contact details to residents. I have started with the Elmore area and Quedgeley and will be working my way around. In saying that please feel free to pass my details around prior to this.</p> <p>Community alerts – I may have already mentioned the community alerts website.</p>	
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 11 th December 2017	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 11 th December 2017 were proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by NM.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 11 th December 2017	<p>Item 6: Letter to CEO of SDC - not now considered relevant to send</p> <p>Item 6: Letter to farmers ref Kenton Green Lay-by - to be drafted</p> <p>Item 6: Repairs to village notice board EVH - awaiting better weather.</p> <p>Item 10: Flooding at Farley's End corner – NM contacted Dan Tiffany, who has requested for the work to be done. JF reported that he had seen gully work being done</p>	
7 County Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr Davies reported:</p> <p>GCC has a Budget of £412.9 million. A rise of 2%, creating a 4.5% rise in Council Tax. There has been an increase in spending on both Adult Social Care and Children's services. He has a fund allocation of £330K to cover his 10 Parish Councils for road projects. JF suggested that the Severn Voice parishes plan for Mobile Speed Camera could be a possible idea.</p>	
8 District Councillor's Report from Cllr Gill Oxley	1 Recycling calendar costs between 15-20K to produce therefore as a cost saving initiative will not be produced in a written format. Can be downloaded from SDC website "My house"	

	<p>function. For those who cannot access the calendar this way, if they ring SDC a paper copy will be sent out to them.</p> <p>2. Cllr Steve Lydon has stepped down as Leader of the Council due to ill health. New Leader is now Cllr D Cornell.</p> <p>3. Free energy advice for vulnerable consumers available until end of March. Warm and Well giving face to face energy advice and assistance to vulnerable consumers on tariff switching and accessing funding and support. Tel 0800 500 3076 for details</p> <p>4. Hardwicke Post Office closed until the end of March. Trying to sort the issues out (new line needs to go in) recognise the negative effect and inconvenience on the local community.</p> <p>5. Council Tax increased by 2.99% to £201.50 at Band D, less than 12p per week.</p> <p>6. Full Council resolved to provide a £2 million loan to Stroud Regeneration Ltd on commercial terms for a 5 year period to enable the company to purchase the Merrywalks Centre as part of the Council's continuing efforts to sustain and enhance Stroud Town Centre for the benefit of Stroud District.</p>	
9 Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Account update: FY 17/18 The bank balance remains in a healthy state with the sum of £6431.46 at the end of February. Our precept income was boosted by income from the grass cutting contract. The new Elmore PC laptop and printer was covered mostly from our Transparency Grant and we only spent £57. The council discussed what to do with the existing laptop and printer. Forecast Expenditure for 2018/19. Our forecast of spending included ongoing cost for Insurance, Clerks Salary, Bridge, Defibrillator and Website costs. The council discussed projects that could benefit the community. TJ agreed to follow up ideas. 	TJ
10 Highways	<p>Verge cutting, The parish council contract is due for renewal. DJ and JF will get this to Mr Davies, the contractor, as soon as possible.</p>	DJ/ JF
11 Elmore Emergency Plan update -	<p>The first aid/defibrillator training event in January was well received. The council discussed the option of further courses. It was suggested that this would be mentioned in the May issue of the Bridge, with a view to holding an Autumn course in September.</p>	TJ
12 Broadband update	<p>Broadband update. : JF received an urgent message from GCC informing him that Gigaclear was planning on drilling under the River Severn and coming into Elmore via Elmore Back. JF passed this information on to local land owners and will again email Matt Smith of Fastershire to find out what is happening. Cllr Davies also agreed to talk to Fastershire and pass on updates on the Elmore situation.</p>	
13 Parish Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website. 3 new photos has been added to the gallery but we are awaiting help to add them to the slider on the opening of the website. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bridge. 15 successful editions so far. • E-mail database. The number of names on this list is growing slowly. 	
14 Severn Voice Meeting	21 st March 2018 Frampton Village Hall. JF plans to attend this but we are awaiting the Agenda for this meeting.	
15 Meeting with Parish and Town Councils -	This meeting was held on Thursday 19 th January. We have received a copy of the presentation on the Local Plan. No further information to add to that.	
16 Speaker	Next Annual Parish Meetings. It was suggested that JF asks Gigaclear to send someone to speak about Broadband to parishioners. This speaker might attract a bigger audience than usual.	JF
17 Any Other Business	Approval of Amended EPC Standing Orders. JF reported that he has laboured to complete amendments. All councillors agreed that this should remain a 'living document' to be amended as the need arises. It is to be published on the website www.elmoreparish.co.uk	DJ
18 Date of the Annual Parish Council Meetings - Tuesday 15 th May 2018		
<u>2018 Meetings following:</u>		
Monday 24 th September 2018		
Monday 10 th December 2018		
The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.13 pm.		
Signed..... Date		