

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at
Elmore Village Hall on Monday 10th March 2019 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 J Hill (JH) Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance. Cllr S Davies and PCSO Mike Edwards		
1 Apologies Cllr Oxley, Cllr Mossman,		
2 Open Question Time	No questions	
3 Police Report	<p>PCSO Mike Edwards attended the meeting, from Linden, in place of our local PCSOs who were off duty. He encouraged the community to subscribe to the 'Police Alert System' which enables the police to send messages about local active crime directly by email to local residents.</p> <p>JH reported to the PCSO that her repeated reports of an untaxed vehicle had not resulted in any action.</p> <p>PCSO Mike Edwards said that he sets up a 'shop' in the Quedgeley Police Station selling useful security products, such as contactless card protectors, car key protectors and personal alarms. These are all sold at cost price. He also offered to bring these to sell at community events.</p> <p>JF suggested that a good venue would be the WI Coffee morning and TJ offered to follow up.</p>	TJ
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 10 th Dcember2018	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 10 th December were proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by PT.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 10 th December 2018	Item 11 The light in the phone box. This was reported on later in the meeting.	
7 County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	<p>Cllr Steve Davies reported that an increase in the Council Budget has provided for funding of £2million for the elderly and £11million for children's services. There is a continuing improvement in the recruiting and retaining of staff in these areas although another Ofsted report would probably not say that an adequate overall grade would be granted.</p> <p>JF asked Cllr Davies to take up the quest with Fastershire as Gigaclear were no longer replying to questions asked about progress in the provision of faster broadband in Elmore.</p> <p>Cllr Davies reported a £25K budget for extra road improvements to help repair damage to roads. He agreed to speak to Dan Tiffney (Glos Highways) about using some of this money for the damage reported to our local roads.</p>	
8 District Councillor's Report	No report was received.	

	<p>However, Cllr Davies (<i>also a District Councillor</i>) said the Stroud District Council had increased their budget to spend money to become ‘carbon neutral’. Council Tax Statements were to be sent out electronically this year.</p>	
<p>9 Finance</p>	<p><u>Account update: FY 2018/19</u> JF reported that the account remains in a healthy state with a bank balance of £6,350.75 as at 31st December Bank Statement. <i>(Note: Bank Statement only received on a 3 monthly basis)</i> <u>Precept from Stroud District Council.</u> We have not increased the precept and our income should remain unchanged.</p> <p><u>Expenditure Plans –</u> The Council discussed the possibility of a Community Project to refurbish the EVH railings. TJ submitted a quote from Jeremy Davies for the work to be done. The Council agreed that we allocate £970 to cover the project costs. There will be no VAT to reclaim from this project.</p>	
<p>10 Highways</p>	<p><u>Sellars Bridge</u> JF reported that the parking restriction, double yellow lines, seem to be working. However, some cars are parking on the bank, outside of the lines and breaking the bank. Cllr Davies added that similar problems were happening in the Saul area and he was speaking to ‘Highways’ about possible solutions to this.</p> <p>Potholes in Elmore have had some repair work, but there is more to be done.</p> <p>NM reported on the deteriorating state of the Lake Street road to Elmore Back. He will ask Dan Tiffney of Highways to look at ways of preventing further deterioration. NM will also ask Dan Tiffney to look at the breakdown of tarmac edges to both Weir Lane and the Stonebench Road.</p> <p>JF expressed concern about the state of the Stonebench although this road lies outside Elmore Parish but is a regular route for local residents. JH reported that the road edge has been eroded so much that there is a significant ‘drop off’ likely to cause wheel damage.</p> <p>Weir Lane was damaged by a heavy cattle feed truck mistaking the turning for the Lake Street turning. This has broken the new tarmac laid by Gigaclear and some of the terminal boxes when cable laying. NM to follow-up repair work with Dan Tiffney</p> <p><u>Salt and Grit</u> JF asked JH to contact Jenni Hobbs about our existing stocks of salt and grit and plan to order more if necessary.</p> <p><u>Fly Tipping</u></p>	<p>NM</p> <p>JH NM</p>

	JF has reported fly tipping on the Stonebench Road to Glos City as this is not in the SDC area.	
11 Defibrillators	<p><u>Defibrillator - Elmore Back Light</u> The new PIR light was installed and is now working well.</p> <p><u>Phone Box – Defibrillator Light</u> – New light bulbs were purchased by TJ and installed. The light is now working. For future reference a 5mm socket is needed to remove the light cover.</p> <p><u>VETS scheme</u> JF asked if we should look again at the costs involved in the VETS scheme in the light of the suggestion that any 999 caller may not be given the Defibrillator code. There is concern about the ability of residents to access help, especially if they live alone. We also have the problem of poor mobile signals in this area and that panic or stress at a time of crisis might take over. TJ reported that it may make little difference due to the survival time factors involved but would re-look at the costs and report back in May.</p> <p>Also there was discussion about the stock of the fridge magnets with the code on; either for new residents or for people who have ‘misplaced ‘ their magnet. If needed we could order some more to hand out to new residents.</p> <p>TJ agreed to look at the dates for replacements pads and batteries for our two defibrillators, so that these could be included in the budget for 2019-20.</p>	<p>TJ</p> <p>TJ</p> <p>JF/TJ</p> <p>TJ/DJ</p>
12 Broadband update	<p>JF reported his frustration at the lack of communication from Gigaclear. As far as we know there has been no drilling under the River to reach Elmore Back. As mentioned earlier, Cllr Davies will contact Fastershire to find out more information. <i>{Afternote: Gigaclear’s Community Liaison Officer has contacted Elmore PC and a meeting has been arranged.}</i></p>	
13 Parish Communications	<p><u>Website.</u> No problems were reported. It was suggested that a message about the value and content of the website could be put in the next Bridge.</p> <p><u>The Bridge.</u> There has been a rise in costs for printing the Bridge. The cost has risen from approximately £45 to £55 per issue of 100 copies.</p> <p><u>E-mail database.</u> No significant changes reported.</p>	TJ
14 Planning Review Update	There have been no new planning applications since our last meeting..	
15 Emergency Plan Review	JF reported that our emergency plan will be published to show a selection of phone numbers. This is in line with data protection rules.#	

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16 Points from the Severn Voice Meeting	JF was awaiting the minutes of the meeting.	
17 Any Other Business	<p>JH asked if was possible to get a larger postbox somewhere in the village for larger envelopes to be posted. DJ asked at the post office and staff suggested visiting the sorting office to ask there.</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting. We have asked for a speaker to attend previous meetings. However, as there are so few visitors to this meeting it was thought to be inappropriate.</p>	
<p>18 Date of Annual Parish and the Annual Parish Council Meetings 2019 - Tuesday 7th May 2019</p> <p><u>Following Meetings</u> Monday 23rd September 2019 Monday 9th December 2019</p>		
<p>The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9 pm.</p>		
<p>Signed..... Date</p>		