

**Minutes of the Elmore Parish Council Meeting held at Elmore Village Hall on  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm**

<b>Subject Heading</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillors: Mr J Field - Chair – (JF), Clare Stewart (CS), Mrs J Hobbs – (JH). Clerk: Mrs J Smeaton – (JS).	
<b>In Attendance</b>	Those present: PCSO Faye Jones.	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Graham Littleton - (Stroud District Councillor), Tony Blackburn (Gloucester County Councillor), Mr T Jones – Parish Councillor, Mr A Nash – Vice Chair EPC	
	John Field opened the meeting at 7.45pm and welcomed those attending.	
<b>2. Open Question Time</b>	No questions were asked by those attending.	
<b>3. Police Report</b>	PC Faye Jones attended the meeting. She introduced herself as the new beat officer for Elmore, working alongside PC Lucy Kay. She explained there had been no reported crimes, incidents or anti-social behaviour issues to report, however JF mentioned there had been a handbag snatched from a parked car within the village. Faye Jones was not aware of this report as of yet. FJ will look into this. CS mentioned that the non-emergency number of 101 should be mentioned in the newsletter. This was agreed.	<b>JF</b>
<b>4. Declaration of Member's Interest in Agenda items</b>	There were no declarations of interest in any Agenda item.	
<b>5. Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012</b>	The minutes of the Elmore Parish Council Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 were proposed by JH and seconded by CS. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chair.	
<b>6. Matters arising</b>	Standing Orders – JF to forward proposed amendment to AN. Remains on action list. Land Registry – JF yet to visit. Precept Form – Done and on this agenda – ( Item 7) War Memorial – Done and on this agenda – ( Item 15) Code of Conduct – No action required. Telephone & Broadband Links – AN currently investigating issues with CRT and will report at next meeting. Matter also on this Agenda – (Item 10). Tony Blackburn is following up. No response yet. Salt Bin – Done and on Agenda – (Item 12) Website – JH has investigated and has a possible EPC Website available if needed. Jubilee Tree – No news on a possible replacement tree via AN, although the original one is still alive. Meetings for 2013 – Done.	<b>JF</b> <b>JF</b> <b>AN</b> <b>JH</b>
<b>7 Financial Statement</b>	The balance sheet shows a healthy balance of £3,794.61. The end of year forecast is £3,614.61, of which £1,714.61 is not ring-fenced for other purposes. Currently, only 2 items have been forecast, of which both are the Clerk's wages. Credits of VAT Rebates have been received from the WMT, for the PC & Printer and for the Jubilee Fireworks. At the next Council meeting when there is a full council, JF will like to propose, in view of the healthy fund, that a defibrillator is purchased for the village. This will cost in the region of £1,000. No action at this stage. At the last meeting, it was agreed that there should be no increase in our precept for the next year. We have now been asked to defer our decision on	

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	the precept until January as the government is about to change the legislation of the Council Tax Band D, however this shouldn't affect us. The Precept form for EPC was sent to SDC after the last meeting, we will wait to hear from SDC if anything changes for the Council's Precept.	
<b>8. Code of Conduct Update</b>	Declaration Forms were signed by the Councillors and now to send to SDC by JS. <i>Afternote: This has been done apart from AN, the clerk will chase.</i>	<b>JS</b>
<b>9. SDC's garden waste chipping service</b>	This facility is being withdrawn; this will not affect us as we never used it.	
<b>10. Telephone and broadband links to Elmore - Update</b>	There is no further progress on the improvement of the telephone and broadband links, however AN is following up a lead with the Canal and Waterways Trust.	<b>AN</b>
<b>11. Flooding Risk: Update on EA's options</b>	The EA has produced a set of options for Elmore Back. They are purely ideas of what might happen, not what will happen. JF commented on these options on 27 <sup>th</sup> November but as yet, there has been no response. At the last meeting JF mentioned that he had produced a 'Brief for Parishioners' that he gave to Michael Carter to check. This has been done and constructive comments were given. JF sent a revised version to the EA in the interests of openness in the Consultation process; however the EA could not find one positive aspect in the brief. This has since been modified and has been resent to the EA, and is still waiting further comments. The 'Brief for Parishioners' is going to be issued to the parishioners ahead of any open meeting with the EA and Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 has been set for the EA to come and visit Elmore and attend an Open Meeting. Once JF has had a response to the 'Brief', a formal notice will be issued to the village.	<b>JF</b>
<b>12. Pond Maintenance &amp; Highways</b>	<b>Ponds:</b> The ponds have been and are still very full. No work is planned on them for the next few months. <b>Highways:</b> The problem at Farley's End has been reported by JF to the new Gloucestershire Highways Representative –Dave Portlock, and he has promised to investigate but at present there is no result. Also, the flooding issue by Stonebench Road has been reported, as yet there has been no response. Even though the Stonebench Road isn't technically EPC's responsibility, most of the Parishioners use this road.	
<b>13. Hosting of the Severn Voice Meeting</b>	JF is hosting the Severn Voice Meeting on the 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Elmore Village Hall. JF will report back at the next meeting.	
<b>14. Emergency Plan Update</b>	No further work has been carried out on the Emergency Plan; JF will continue work on the plan the new year.	<b>JF</b>
<b>15. Planning Applications – Extension – Elmore Back. Solar panels at Bridgemacote Farm</b>	<b>War Memorials</b> – There are plans to list all War Memorials within the Stroud District Area - SDC leading (Kate Russell). KR has already taken pictures and will do the listings in bulk for the whole district. There will be no costs for EPC. Trevor Jones will follow up progress in the New Year. <b>Extension</b> at Miles Court at Elmore Back has been approved by SDC.  <b>Solar Panels</b> at Bridgemacote Farm have also been approved by SDC.  <b>Elmore Court</b> – This is a new application concerning 'Discharge of Conditions' relating to landscaping, noise mitigation, lighting and the archaeological scheme. EPC has been invited to comment.	<b>TJ</b>        <b>AN</b>

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<b>16. Date of next meeting</b>	The date for the next Elmore Parish Meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.45pm.	

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