

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 25th September 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 Hobbs (JH), Mrs D Jones (Clerk)	
In attendance. Mrs Jane Hill, Mrs J Hobbs, PCSO Kevin Lee, PCSO Susan Sexton	
1 Apologies Cllr Gill Oxley (SDC)	
2 Police Report	<p>PCSO Kevin Lee reported that in this area, there have been 7 reported ‘incidents’ involving dwellings since June ’17. He has recommended that a PC should be attached specifically to Elmore. At present PC Lee covers a big area including Hardwicke and Quedgeley. Our local police ‘office’ has moved to Barton Street, which is thought to be too far away. It is hoped that this will move back to a more local location</p> <p>PCSO Lee reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was in touch with the Bridge Keepers to keep a look out for certain vehicles • A mobile police station will visit the village every 6/12 months so that local people can speak to the police. Recruitment of officers was needed for this. • Increased number of car patrols will give a greater police presence.
3 Open Question Time	<p>JH asked about key times to look out for suspicious vehicles. She thought that afternoon and evening sightings of suspect traffic had been noted. PC Lee replied that they were working with bridge keepers to follow up number places recorded.</p> <p>TJ asked if the 7 reported incidents had been solved. PC Lee was unable to give this information.</p> <p>JF said that the 7 households involved had received no feedback on the outcome of investigations.</p> <p>PC Lee encouraged residents to install CCTV equipment and use SMART water to mark their valuables. SMART water is a ‘DNA’ liquid which can be found on suspected criminals when taken into custody and will also identify the source of stolen property.</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 16 th May 2017	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 16 th May were proposed as a true record by JH and seconded by TJ.
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 16th May 2017	<p>i11: letter to Glos Highways to be covered under ‘Highways’</p> <p>i12: First Aid Training to be covered under Emergency Plan update</p> <p>i15: Neighbour to neighbour contact scheme. A card was delivered with the last issue of the Bridge. More information under the Emergency Plan update.</p> <p>i15: Web Hosting Bill was paid in July 2017.</p> <p>i7: Letter to CEO SDC following the Parish and Town Council meeting (Minutes 6th March 2017). This letter will be drafted by JF</p>

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	<p><u>Fly Tipping</u> We have reported several incidents of fly-tipping which have been dealt with by SDC. However, one ‘dump’ of 15 bags of rubble thrown into hedge along the Stonebench Road remains uncollected.</p>	
11 Elmore Emergency Plan update - VETS alternative	<p>TJ reported that yellow neighbour ‘contact cards’ had been delivered with the Bridge. TJ said that the Elmore Back Defibrillator pads needed to be replaced as they are out of date and that these have been ordered.</p> <p>First Aid/Defibrillator Training. TJ reported that the Red Cross offer separate courses for First Aid and Defibrillator Training. SDC offer up to £60 to contribute to First Aid Training. Dates for holding courses were discussed and TJ will follow these up. JF proposed to earmark £540 for training. NM seconded this. All were in favour.</p>	<p>TJ</p> <p>TJ</p>
12 Broadband update	<p>Broadband update. A comprehensive update was published in The Bridge and there is no change to report.</p>	
13 Parish Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website. The website is up to date. More photos still to be updated. • The Bridge. The idea of including adverts was discussed and dismissed. JH suggested that we could consider sponsorship by local businesses if we need to generate some income. • E-mail database. Nothing further to add. • Notice Boards. The Village Hall notice board needs some woodwork attention. TJ said that he would look at what is needed. 	<p>DJ</p> <p>TJ</p>
14 Parish Councillor to be Co-opted	<p>Cllr Jenni Hobbs is retiring that Council. She has been a member of the Parish Council for over 15 years and has contributed greatly to the various activities of the Council. JF said that Jenni was instrumental in the setting up of the salt and grit storage facility at Barhouse Farm as well as the early stages of the Parish website, galvanizing the village to collect litter and was heavily involved in the various contributions for the Jubilee Celebrations (notably the Elmore Mugs). JF stated how much he valued Jenni’s contribution to discussions and debates on the issues that we have been presented with during his tenure as Chair. Jenni’s opinions have always been practical, helpful and down to earth and we have been able to produce well-rounded decisions as a direct result. Jenni agreed that she would continue in her role as Snow Warden as well as looking after the salt and grit stocks for our roads.</p> <p>As no formal election is due, JF proposed that we co-opt another Councillor to fill the vacancy created by Jenni Hobbs’ retirement. JF proposed Jane Hill as the candidate. All the Councillors were in favour of this and Jane is now duly deemed a member of Elmore Parish Council.</p>	
15 Any Other Business	<p><u>A Severn Voice Meeting</u> will take place in Slimbridge Village Hall at 7 pm 19TH October 2017.</p> <p><u>Community Bus Service:</u> A new pre-bookable bus service is due to</p>	

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	start on 14 th November. It will cover Elmore (&Farley's End) and go to Quedgeley Shopping Centre. We will post a notice and circulate the information by e-mail and in the Bridge. This is called the Severnside Shopper.	TJ
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Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 11th December 2017

Dates for EPC meetings 2018

March 2018	Monday 5 th March '18 Committee Room
May 2018	Tuesday 15 th May '18 Main Hall
September 2018	Monday 24 th Sept'18 Committee Room
December 2018	Monday 10 th Dec '18 Committee Room

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed..... Date