Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 25th September 2017 at 7.45 pm

| | ncillors: Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr N Meek (NM) Vice Chair, Mrs P nes (TJ), Mrs J Hobbs (JH), Mrs D Jones (Clerk) | |
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| | ane Hill, Mrs J Hobbs, PCSO Kevin Lee, PCSO Susan Sexton | |
| 1 Apologies Cllr G | ill Oxley (SDC) | |
| 2 Police Report | 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 PCSO Lee reported that: • 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 4 Declaration of member's interest | 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. TJ asked if the 7 reported incidents had been solved. PC Lee was unable to give this information. JF said that the 7 households involved had received no feedback on the outcome of investigations. 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. Nothing was declared by the Councillors. | |
| in Agenda items 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 | i11: letter to Glos Hightways to be covered under 'Highways' i12: First Aid Training to be covered under Emergency Plan update i15: Neighbour to neighbour contact scheme. A card was delivered with the last issue of the Bridge. More information under the Emergency Plan update. i15: Web Hosting Bill was paid in July 2017. i7: Letter to CEO SDC following the Parish and Town Council meeting (Minutes 6 th March 2017). This letter will be drafted by JF | |

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| Ellilote Parisii | and circulated to Council before sending. | JF |
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| 7 County Councillor 's Report • | Our new County Councillor, Stephen Davies was elected in May 2017 and lives in Fretherne. He reported: • that he is following up on poor Ofsted reports on Vulnerable Children and Families • he is on the Economic Growth Committee addressing the young leaving the area as 'an aging time bomb' • the DCC have dropped the plan to take over the fire service • Fastershire Phase 2 was due in Arlingham June 2018 (Note: Arlingham is in the same are as Elmore i.e. 3E) | |
| | In response to this, JF outlined the various battles that Elmore has had with Fastershire and that we still have no offer of any immediate or satisfactory solution with either Fastershire or Gigaclear. JF encouraged Cllr Davies to work on our behalf. JF agreed to write an item for the next Bridge if needed. | |
| 0.75 | | JF |
| 8 District Councillor's Report 9.Finance | No report received from Cllr Gill Oxley. (Note: All parishioners have received a copy of the SDC News which gives the latest information.) Account update. The account remains in a healthy state with the current balance of £6483.88 with disposable funds of £4,000 once our | |
| | ring-fenced funds have been taken into account. <u>Audit report.</u> The favourable Audit Report by Grant Thornton has received. This is available for the public to view. | |
| | Forecast Expenditure for 2017/18. The only project we have planned is the running of First Aid / Defibrillator Training courses for Parishioners. There will be further discussion under the Emergency | |
| 10 Highways | Plan update, where funds could be allocated for this. Verge cutting contract. The Parish Council took charge of the verge cutting from GCC/Amey this year and it has worked well. We engaged a local contractor who has been in regular communication with JF and The Clerk. The verge cutting has cost us £670.42 but GCC will be paying us £1025, thus we can therefore afford 3 cutting next year if we wish. It has been noted that a long section of our verge on the Stonebench Road, which was included in Quedgeley's remit has not been cut at all this year. JF will write to Glos Highways to report this and if necessary get it included in our cutting contract. NM reported that lots of Learner drivers are using the Stonebench Road. | JF |
| | TJ reported that ditches were being filled in with a machine which was intended to cut drainage gullies which resulted in a blocked ditch. JF suggested we contact Dan Tiffany of Gloucester Highways about this. | |
| | Kenton Green Lay-by: NM has been in contact with Daniel Tiffney about the closure of the lay-by at Kenton Green. It would appear that highways have no record of owning it and JF recalled that the Parish Council own Kenton Green. JF and JH discussed the need for farm vehicles to use this area to pull in to pass and suggested asking local farmers for their opinion priror to any formal decision NM reported that otherwise the road conditions are generally OK in | TJ/JF |
| | the parish. | ? |

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| | Fly Tipping 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. | |
| 11 Elmore | TJ reported that yellow neighbour 'contact cards' had been delivered | |
| Emergency Plan | with the Bridge. | TJ |
| update - VETS | TJ said that the Elmore Back Defibrilator pads needed to be replaced | |
| alternative | as they are out of date and that these have been ordered. | |
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| | First Aid/Defibrillator Training. TJ reported that the Red Cross offer | |
| | separate courses for First Aid and Defibrillator Training. SDC offer up | TJ |
| | 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. | |
| 12 Broadband | Broadband update. A comprehensive update was published in The | |
| update | Bridge and there is no change to report. | |
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| 13 Parish | Website. The website is up to date. More photos still to be | DJ |
| Communications | 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. 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. | TJ |
| 14 Parish | Cllr Jenni Hobbs is retiring that Council. She has been a member of the | |
| Councillor to be | Parish Council for over 15 years and has contributed greatly to the | |
| Co-opted | 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. | |
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| | 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 Councilors were in favour of this and Jane is now duly deemed a member of Elmore | |
| | Parish Council. | |
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| 15 Any Other | A Severn Voice Meeting will take place in Slimbridge Village Hall at | |
| Business | 7 pm 19 TH October 2017. | |
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| | Community Bus Service: A new pre-bookable bus service is due to | |

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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 Par | rish Council Meeting Monday 11 th December 2017 | |
| Dates for EPC meeti | ings 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 | |
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| December 2018 | Monday 10 th Dec '18 | |
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| The Chairman thank | ed those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm | |
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