

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 7.45 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr T Jones (TJ), Mrs P Turner (PT) Mrs J Hill (JH) Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance.		
1 Apologies Cllr Mossman, Cllr Davies and Mr N Meek (Vice Chair). PCSO's Rachel Addinall and Kevin Lee		
2 Open Question Time	No questions	
3 Police Report	<p><i>I am sure you are aware that recently a farmer in Elmore back agreed with some door canvassers to have some holes filled on his drive. The agreed price for this work was £100 .</i></p> <p><i>The farmer then goes out for a while and on his return discovers that the males have completed work that he did not ask to be done. The price has then gone up to £1000.</i></p> <p><i>This is typical of rouge traders that door canvass for work. Majority of the time the work is of a poor standard and will never be at the agreed price.</i></p> <p><i>What initially may seem like a bargain price will no doubt cost you a lot more in the long run.</i></p> <p><i>We therefore would like to take this opportunity to encourage people wanting work done to use reputable , professional operatives.</i></p> <p><i>Use established websites to look at reviews for tradespeople OR trust a trader.com</i></p>	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 7 th May 2019	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 7 th May were proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by PT.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 7 th May 2019	<p>Item 8: Investigation of land ownership around village ponds. TJ reported that the method to follow this investigation with the online Land Registry system was 'impossible' with the tiny bit of land for each pond. JH offered to contact a friend who works at Gloucester Land Registry to see if we can get more guidance.</p> <p>Item 11: NM sent a report re Lake Street which is shown in the Highways item of these minutes. Sellars Bridge parking on yellow lines may have been reported to traffic wardens to ask for monitoring.</p> <p>Item 13: Broadband. JF reported that all progress has been reported to Councillors. More information appears in section 12 of these minutes.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>NM</p>

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<p>7 County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies</p>	<p>Cllr Stephen Davies sent a report:</p> <p><i>At GCC Ray Theodolou is the new Chair and Richard Boyles has been appointed Deputy Leader. Mark Hawthorne remain leader of the Council.</i></p> <p><i>A recent survey of Gloucestershire Pupils found that 71% say they are happy and 92% feel safe at home, 82% feel safe at school.</i></p> <p><i>The Council commits to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030. As part of this the County Council have opened a Consultation on Climate Change. It can be found at: https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/other-planning-and-environment-matters/gloucestershire-climate-change-consultation/ and responses are requested before the 23rd September.</i></p> <p><i>A recent Ofsted visit stated that Gloucestershire County Council Children Services were making steady progress but there was still work to do to achieve the required improvement. There is also a survey on Health and Wellbeing at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing. There is no time limit on this.</i></p> <p><i>I also understand that progress is being made on by Gigaclear on getting landowner signatures to allow them to dig under the River to complete their work.</i></p> <p><i>If any other issues come up at your meeting please let me know at Stephen.Davies2@gloucetershire.gov.uk or on 07802 595 307.</i></p>	
<p>8 District Councillor's Report</p>	<p>Cllr Gill Oxley set a report: <u>National Democracy Week</u>, 14-20th October offered 2 events on becoming a Parish and District Councillor, and a Year 9 student debate on 'Should it be a Legal Requirement to Vote'. <u>2 Electric Vehicles</u> are now being used by Neighbourhood Wardens.</p>	
<p>9 Finance</p>	<p><u>Account update: FY 2019/1920</u> The account remains in a healthy state with a £4,668 balance at the end of August. The Council discussed the idea of future project plans. TJ agree to contact John Hardisty Chair of Elmore Village Hall committee for ideas. The Council agreed to remove from our financial forecast the £600 ringfenced for Pond Maintenance.</p>	<p>TJ</p>

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	<p><u>Change of use at New Farm, Elmore Back</u> to a Guesthouse has been proposed. The house is currently for sale and JF agreed to contact SDC and neighbours to check that everyone involved is fully informed.</p>	JF
15 Remembrance Day	JF asked if EPC would like to place a wreath on the War Memorial. It was agreed that £20 be allocated and that it would be laid on Sunday 10th November at 11 am.	
16 Local Elections 2020	Local elections are due to be held on 7 th May 2020. The Clerk will receive nomination papers for the Parish Council. and all who wish to stand will need to submit theirs. If only 5 people submit their nomination papers, they will be deemed elected. If more than 5 nominations are received by SDC then voting will take place.	
17 Any Other Business	<p><u>The owners of the Fish House</u> on the Severn Riverbank have asked for information about the overgrown footpath behind the property which walkers can no longer use. Walkers were having to cross the Fish House Land on the riverbank side. The Clerk reported the problem to GCC and asked the Fish House owner to let us know when GCC contact him.</p> <p><u>Vehicle Speeds through Elmore</u> JF has received requests to look into speed controls through the village in view of the increased traffic from weddings, ice cream parlour and general passing vehicle. JF pointed out that this has been looked at in the past with the result that Glos Highways and the Police saw no need to impose speed restrictions. However, it was agreed that a decision could be made at the next meeting in December and discuss the possibility of ‘own signage’, although we would still need permission from GCC to publish these</p>	
<p>Date of the next Parish Council Meetings - Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.45 pm</p> <p><u>2020 Meeting Dates</u> Monday 9th March 2020 Tuesday 12th May 2020 Monday 21st September 2020 Monday 7th December 2020</p>		
<p>The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p>		
<p>Signed..... Date</p>		