## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

## Elmore Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.45 pm

<b>Present</b> Parish Councillors: J Hill (JH) Mrs D Jones (Cle	Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr T Jones (TJ), Mrs P Turner (PT) Mrs ork)	
In attendance.		
1 Apologies Cllr Mossman Addinall and Kevin Lee	, Cllr Davies and Mr N Meek (Vice Chair). PCSO's Rachel	
2 Open Question Time	No questions	
3 Police Report	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.  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.  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.  What initially may seem like a bargain price will no doubt cost you a lot more in the long run.  We therefore would like to take this opportunity to encourage people wanting work done to use reputable, professional operatives.  Use established websites to look at reviews for tradespeople OR trust a trader.com	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> May were proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by PT.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	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.	JH
	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.  Item 13: Broadband. JF reported that all progress has been reported to Councillors. More information appears in section 12 of these minutes.	NM

7 County Councillor's	Cllr Stephen Davies sent a report:	
Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	At GCC Ray Theodolou is the new Chair and Richard Boyles has been appointed Deputy Leader. Mark Hawthorne remain leader of the Council.	
	A recent survey of Gloucestershire Pupils found that 71% say they are happy and 92% feel safe at home, 82% feel safe at school.	
	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.	
	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 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.	
	If any other issues come up at your meeting please let me know at Stephen. Davies 2@gloucetershire.gov.uk or on 07802 595 307.	
8 District Councillor's Report	Cllr Gill Oxley set a report:  National Democracy Week, 14-20 <sup>th</sup> 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'.  2 Electric Vehicles are now being used by Neighbourhood Wardens.	
9 Finance	Account update: FY 2019/1920 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.	TJ

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	JH reported that it has become difficult to get onto local footpaths and asked if the Parish Council had responsibility for maintaining footpath signage and conditions. JF reported that no one has responsibility for this, except that landowners are meant to keep the footpaths open and GCC are meant to repair stiles and gates. JF reported that currently many footpaths in the village 'go nowhere' and that in the past the GCC contractor Amey had asked Parish Councils to find volunteer labour to maintain footpaths.  Another item re footpaths appears in Any Other Business.	
10 Highways	Sellars Bridge: We have not yet heard if Traffic Wardens will be monitoring the parking on Double Yellow Lines.	
	Salt and Grit: JH has communicated with Jenny Hobbs from Barhouse Farm about stocks for the winter.	
	NM forwarded the report from Dan Tiffney (Highways) on plans for Lake Street.  Lake St is in our resurfacing programme for delivery this financial years the programme is suggested up until	
	financial year, the programme is currently populated up until the Christmas break with no date for Lake St yet. It will then be delivered in the last quarter of this financial year between Jan and March. As soon as I have confirmation of when it will be done then I will let you know.	NM
11 Defibrillators	TJ reported that both defibrillators will need replacement pads within the next 12 months. Batteries have no expiry date but have a 'traffic light' indicator on them to show when they are running low and need to be replaced. Both locations will be monitored.	
12 Broadband update	JF reported that there was a new Community Liaison Officer, Ben Stone, for Gigaclear who plans to keep us up to date with drilling under the River Severn.	
13 Parish Communications	Website. 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. The Bridge. Feedback was given to the question of names of	ТЈ
	wedding couples being published in The Bridge. Parishioners suggested that only the names of couples with a local connection needed to be included.  E-mail database. New residents in the village were to be	
	included. <u>Village Hall Notice Board</u> – TJ agreed to replace the rotted wood on the back of the Notice Board. JF proposed that up to £75 should be available for the materials. The Committee agreed.	ТЈ
14 Planning Review Update	No 20 Elmore has been given permission by SDC to replace the rear extension and do renovation work.  A Barn proposed for the field adjacent to the 'Fruit Farm' has been refused by SDC.	

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	Change of use at New Farm, Elmore Back to a Guesthouse has	
	been proposed. The house is currently for sale and JF agreed to	JF
	contact SDC and neighbours to check that everyone involved is	
	fully informed.	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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	The owners of the Fish House 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.	
	Vehicle Speeds through Elmore	
	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	
Date of the next Parish Cou	ncil Meetings - Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.45 pm	
2020 Meeting Dates		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 202		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020		
The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.		

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