Elmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmore Village Hall on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.45 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mr J Field (JF) Chair, Mr N Meek (Vice Chair) Mr T Jones (TJ), Mrs P Turner (PT) Mrs J Hill (JH) Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
	of the public were in attendance	
1 Apologies Cllr Mossman	, Cllr Steve Davies, PCSO's Rachel Addinall and Kevin Lee	
2 Open Question Time	No questions	
3 Police Report	No report received.	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 23 rd September 2019	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 23 rd September were proposed as a true record by TJ and seconded by PT.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 23 rd September 2019	Item 6: Land Ownership: JH reported that establishing ownership of PC Land in Elmore appeared to be impossible to achieve through the usual electronic means Item 6: Sellars Bridge. NM reported that he had no real response to his request to monitor parking on double yellow lines. PCSO's not able to do anything. Item 9: Elmore Village Hall projects. TJ had spoken to John Hardisty who reported that the Village Hall Committee would leave this idea on hold until the New Year. Item 10: Lake Street repairs. NM reported that he expected to hear in January what was to happen. Item 13: A notice had been placed in the November issue of The Bridge to advertise the Parish Council Website. Item 13: Village Hall Notice Board repairs had been postponed until the Spring. Item 13: Planning – further information in item 14 of this meeting.	
7 County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	The GCC meeting included items on: Pension Investment in Fossil Fuels Tree Planting A unanimous vote against the Cotswold AONB becoming a National Park. A motion on the cost to GCC if all Private Schools were closed after the election. The SDC have appointed 3 Strategic Directors Andrew Cummings (Resources) Brendon Cleere (Place) Caron Starkey (Transformation) The Local Plan is out for review and submissions should be submitted by 22 nd January 2020. The Ecotricity Stadium application will come back to planning on 18 th December 2019	

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8 District Councillor's	Reported above	
Report		
9 Finance	Account update: FY 2019/1920 The Accounts remain in a healthy state with £5,843 in the bank. A recent expenditure is shown of £282 for a new battery for the Elmore Back defibrillator. Both defibrillators will need new pads and batteries during the next 12 months	TJ
	Fixing the Precept for Financial Year 2020/2021 The committee agreed unanimously that the Precept that we would apply for would remain unchanged at £2,472:00.	
10 Highways	Access to venue events Concern was expressed that the access to events at Hollow Farm was on a Blind Bend. JF suggested that he could ask Simon James to open up the entrance to make it bigger or move the entrance to a straight stretch of the road.	JF
	Gigaclear Trenches JF reported that he had told Gigalcear that they are held responsible for the cost of the repair to potholes and trenches in the roads that have been caused by their Utility Contractors. NM had reported the problems to Dan Tiffney (Highways)	NM
11 Defibrillators	TJ reported that the defibrillator at Elmore Back has had the Batteries replaced. Cost £225 + £10 carriage + VAT £47. The VAT had already been reclaimed and is included in the current financial forecast statement. The councillors discussed the cost of replacing parts for defibrillators. They agreed to write off the 'overspend' on the Financial Forecast and agreed JF's proposal that £300 pa should be included from April 1 st 2020.	
12 Broadband update	JF reported that Gigaclear had started to connect quite a few villagers to the superfast broadband but that several homes had been found to have problems preventing the connection to be made. A solution to these problems was likely to take some time to fix because of blockages, poor splicing and flooding in the 'straws' from houses to junction boxes. JF reported some unresolved Gigaclear issues: Stonebench House connection not resolved Gigalcear had not signed up to OFCOM Automatic	
	Gigalcear had not signed up to OFCOM Automatic compensation Scheme. The Linksys website was 'insecure'. It was noted that the Gigaclear tariffs and broadband deals were changing.	

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13 Parish Communications	Website.		
	DJ reported that the CLIC nil report had been added to the		
	website.		
	The Bridge.		
	TJ asked opinions on advertising in the Bridge and what		
	charges should be. It was agreed that if the advertisement was		
	for the wellbeing of the Community, there should be no change.		
	If there was commercial benefit then a figure needs to be	TJ	
	charged.		
	E-mail database.		
	JF pointed out that if e-mail addresses changed as a result of		
	getting a Gigaclear connection, these would be needed to be		
	updated on the database. JF agreed to send out a message.	JF	
14 Planning Review	JF reported that permission for the Dutch Barn in Haywicks	JI	
Update	Lane had been refused but there was 'activity' going on there.		
Opuate	The application for conversion of farm buildings at New Farm		
	had been re-submitted and was awaiting a decision. It was		
	noted that there was doubt about how much agricultural activity		
	took place here. Other properties were making planning	JF	
	applications.		
15 Any Other Business	Review of EPC Standing Orders		
	There were no requests for revisions and so the standing orders		
	remain unchanged.		
	Local Elections 7 th May 2020		
	It was noted that information on the Election was published in		
	the last issue of The Bridge. If anyone is interested in becoming		
	a Councillor, please inform the Clerk.		
	III introduced a discussion about tree planting in Elmore as part		
	JH introduced a discussion about tree planting in Elmore as part		
	of Elmore's contribution to combat Global Warming. Ideas		
	included:- planting at Kenton Green on land owned by the		
	Parish Council and providing one tree per household. There		
	were good and bad points on each. It was agreed to talk about		
	this at the next meeting and in the meantime ask opinions in the		
	village.		
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2020 Meeting Dates			
Monday 9 th March 2020			
Tuesday 12 th May 2020			
Monday 21st September 202	0		
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The Chairman thanked those	present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.		
Signed Date			