

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mr N Meek (NM) Chair, Mrs J Hill (JH), Mr M Hodge (MH), Mr V Meredith, (VM), Mr J Field (JF) Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance. Mrs J. Field, Mrs P Turner, Mr T Jones, Mrs C Stewart, Mr A Nash, Mr G Littleton, Mrs J Hobbs, Cllr Steve Davies GCC Mr Matt Brandon (MB)		
1 Apologies Cllr Oxley SDC		
2 Open Question Time	No questions were asked	
3 Police Report	PCSO Ben Rollins and McGaugie were invited to attend but were unable to and sent no report.	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 28 th September 2021	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 28 th September 2021 were proposed as a true record by JF and seconded by MH	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 28 th September 2021	These items to be discussed during the meeting. i10) Highways – Salt /Grit bins + Litter Bins + Footpaths (JF) + Highways (NM) i11) First Aid Session (MH) i13) Community Project i14) Communications i15) Planning DJ to put the revised version of the Emergency Plan on our website.	JF
7 County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	Reported: Trees are being replaced after Ash Die Back tree loss. The need for increased Secondary School capacity in the area is being addressed. Sites in Whaddon and Whitminster are under consideration. Building time for Primary Schools – 9-10 months and Secondary Schools - 2 years. There was a GCC £12.3M levelling up fund but no bid as yet from SDC	
8 District Councillor's Report	Cllr Gill Oxley was unable to attend. Redrow held a public consultation event on the 25th November at the Royal British Legion in Hardwicke. 1350 houses planned for Hardwicke. Excellent turnout, main concerns were: 1350 houses over-development, especially of the rural part of Hardwicke	

	<p>Lack of infrastructure to support, ie doctors surgeries, leisure provision]</p> <p>Although there are several primary schools in the vicinity no plans for a secondary.</p> <p>Concern over the extra traffic, lanes becoming rat runs and further problems for the A38 and Junction 12.</p> <p>New campaign launched by SDC "Shop Local" video produced by SoGlos and available to view on SDC website.</p>	
<p>9 Finance</p>	<p><u>Account update: FY 2021/1922</u> Balance £6,340.88 at the end October 2021.</p> <p>Expenditure up to end of FY:</p> <p>£200 annual Donation to Elmore Village Hall. £84.99 Norton Securitiy £250 Clerk's Salary £40 SV clerk Mrs Murray</p> <p>The precept for 2022- 2023. It was agreed to continue with the same Precept request – ie no change.</p> <p>Scheme of Delegation of Authority to the Clerk, allowing direct payments on behalf of the Council should continue in consultation with the Chair and or Vice Chair.</p> <p>Online banking payments were reported to be working well. It was agreed that both Lloyds Bank Statements as well as Forecast Spreadsheet should be scrutinised at each meeting</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>10 Highways</p>	<p><u>Purchasing Salt/Grit Bins.</u> JH reported all were in place and filled with Salt/Grit by the Highways. Problem with Bin lids being lifted open in the wind, allowing them to fill with water. It was agreed to put a brick on top of each to stop this happening. We need to dispose of the old grit bins and their contents. Action to talk to Jerry Hobbs.</p> <p><u>Rubbish Bins.</u></p> <p>NM placed a Rubbish Bin in the Layby near Stonebench turning. It was stolen. Discussed what we should try next.</p> <p><u>Footpath Survey:</u></p> <p>JF agreed to contact Glos Highways to ask about replacing missing footpath sign posts. JH said that field stickers were needed to point walkers in the right direction. It was pointed out that clearing impassable paths was the responsibility of the landowner and not GCC.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>NM</p> <p>JF</p>

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	<p>NM reported that the Highways work on the Elmore /Longey road loop, including the trench across the road left from Gigaclear Utilities work had all been done well. NM agreed to thank Highways.</p> <p><u>20s Plenty</u> – email from Scott McNeil – Cllr Davies said that this was under discussion with GCC and Police. Public consultation will follow. We will have to wait to see what decision are made.</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>11 Defibrillators update</p>	<p>MH reported both defibrillators were monitored and reported on to the Heartbeat Trust. Checking for outdated pads would continue.</p> <p><u>Associated First Aid / Defibrillator Training.</u> MH reported that there were 11 attendees for 12th March 2022. TJ agreed to repeat the invitation, in the February Bridge.</p> <p>Dates for use of Village Hall have been confirmed for 12th March and 26th March 2022.</p>	<p>TJ</p>
<p>12 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</p>	<p>Attendance at EVH October meeting was poor and so no firm decisions could be made. Discussion will be deferred until January 2022.</p>	
<p>13 Community Projects</p>	<p>Repainting Red Phone Box MH reported that work was progressing and will be completed when weather is right.</p> <p>Renewal of Fencing around Millenium Ponds – historical reasons for fencing on some ponds was not known. Generally it was thought that the part broken fencing could be removed.</p>	
<p>14 Parish Communications</p>	<p>Website The Bridge could again include Councillors’ email addresses Emails JF and NM will continue this record email addresses which is maintained securely to comply with GDPR rules. MH agreed to ask permission to join the Elmore Facebook Group.</p>	<p>TJ MH</p>
<p>15Planning: Review / Update</p>	<p><u>Elmore Court’s Tree Houses:</u> The PC has submitted comments giving tacit support to the tree house project but highlighting certain concerns: JF circulated these comments for approval prior to submission to SDC Status: Awaiting decision. <u>Hollow Farm Barn</u> Status – awaiting decision.</p> <p>Haywicks Lane Barn Status – refused permission on retrospective planning application. JF has written to SDC many times but with very little response.</p>	

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	<p>The Committee discussed the existing planning application process. The vast majority of people in the village have followed the process fully. It was felt that people considered it unfair that some applications have not been rigorously monitored by the planning officials. Enforcement of decision did not appear to be happening.</p> <p>It was agreed that JF would continue to monitor the planning process and request that some planning enforcement decisions should go to 'Committee' at SDC for proper discussion.</p> <p><u>Hollow Farm: access to events field from the road</u> The entrance is on a fast stretch of the road, with limited visibility for vehicles coming out of the gateway. NM agreed to ask the family if it could be moved to a different position to make safer exit from the field.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>NM</p>
<p>16 EPC Membership</p>	<p><u>New Vice Chair and Co-opting</u></p> <p>Selecting the Vice Chair – NM asked for nominees. VM proposed Mike Hodge and JF seconded.</p> <p>Co-opting Matt Brandon – The Council all voted that Matt should be co-opted as the new Councillor to fill the vacancy created with John Field's retirement from Elmore Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Standing Orders</u> JF stated that he would draft an amendment to EPC Standing Orders outlining the max tenure for a Chair in line with GAPTC's recommendation "<i>that the maximum term of office for the Chair of Elmore Parish Council is no longer than 3 years.</i>"</p>	<p>JF</p>
	<p>Guests joined the Councillors to celebrate the work of the retiring Chairman John Field.</p>	
<p><u>2022 Meeting Dates</u> Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7 pm Tuesday 24th May 2022 A{2 x Annual Meetings) at 7pm Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7pm Monday 5th December 2022 at 7pm</p>		
<p>The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.</p>		
<p>Signed..... Date</p>		