

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at
Elmore Village Hall on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00 pm**

Present Parish Councillors: Mr N Meek (NM) Chair, Mrs J Hill (JH), Mr M Hodge (MH) Vice Chair, Mr V Meredith, (VM), Mr M Brandon (MB), Mrs D Jones (Clerk)		
In attendance. Mr Hamish Pitt		
1 Apologies PSCO's but report sent as shown		
2 Open Question Time	No questions from the floor.	
3 Police Report	<p>9 calls to the police, from 7th January 2022 to 28th February 2023</p> <p>1 was a found missing person. 1 was a smoke from a factory 2 concerns for welfare 2 were neighbours with a dispute 2 Hoax calls to 999 system</p> <p>Information on Personal fraud and how to prevent it was included. This has been put on the Parish Council website.</p>	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 5 th December were proposed as a true record by MH and seconded by VH.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 5 th December 2022	Points arising from the minutes will be included in this meeting.	
7 County Councillor's Report	Cllr Stephen Davies -no report received.	
8 District Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr Gill Oxley sent a report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change in parliamentary boundaries for the Hardwicke Ward. Proposal that Hardwicke Ward would come under Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP for The Cotswolds. Despite representation from County, District and Parish Councils it looks as though this proposal will go through. I will keep you advised as soon as I hear. 2. There appears to be an increase in fly tipping in the Ward. If you have any concerns, please contact your neighbourhood warden or myself. 3. SDC's policy on single use plastics and recycling has been published on SDC website. <p>New Unified Code of Conduct for County, District and Parish Councillors available on SDC.</p>	

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9 Finance Update	<p><u>Account update: FY 2022/2023</u> The account remains in a healthy state with a balance at at Lloyds on 2nd February £6044.02. Preparations for the Annual Audit are underway.</p>	DJ
10 Special Projects	<p>Rubbish / Litter Picking All agreed that this was a good idea. Proposed date was 8th May 2023. This is the Coronation Bank Holiday Day which is suggested as a volunteer day. Hamish Pitt offered to set up this event. Nick Meek agreed to email the information to Elmore Residents on our database. Plan is to meet at Elmore Village Hall at 10 am. Litter picking equipment from SDC would be handed out with a plan to meet up again at 12 at the Village Hall where there will be something to eat.</p> <p>Gateway Signs Delivered in January 2023. Highways will install these as soon as they can.</p> <p>Layby Bins VM is getting mixed responses from SDC but is working hard to encourage the agreement to install a bin in the Kenton Green Layby.</p> <p>Jubilee Tree is producing new leaves.</p>	<p>Cllrs HP</p> <p>VM</p>
11 Assets Update - MH	<p>Both defibrillators are fully operational. NM reported that the cabinet at Elmore Back was deteriorating. DJ agreed to contact The Heartbeat Trust to investigate the cost of replacing this. A new battery will be needed in November 2023 and the up-to-date cost of this would be included in the spreadsheet for FY 2023-2024.</p>	DJ
12 Comms Update – D & TJ	<p>The Bridge. Next issue is due in May 2023. TJ to add message about contact details needed.</p> <p>Website – Some documents on the site needs may need to be updated. MB offered to work DJ with this</p>	<p>TJ</p> <p>DJ/ MB</p>
13 Data Update - MB	<p>NM continues to update the resident’s database. MB is working with NM on GDPR aspects of information. It was agreed that a message should be put in the Bridge asking for more contact details.</p>	NM/ MB
14 External Services Update - JH	<p>Fly tipping. When the litter picking event takes place, larger items stuck in verges will be reported as fly tipping.</p>	Cllrs
15 Highways Update - VM	<p>VM is working with SDC to provide wheelie bin ‘speed’ stickers. This will be voted on at the May meeting.</p> <p>Footpath project</p>	<p>VM</p> <p>JF</p>

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	JF previously reported that he was not getting any response from the department in Shire Hall with responsibility for helping with this.	
16 Planning Update - NM	<p>Enforcement of planning decisions by SDC is still to be done by the planning officers. A meeting at SDC to be held soon may prioritise actions to be taken.</p> <p>NM was agreed to follow up Haywicks Lane Barn. The settlement appears to be getting bigger.</p> <p>SDC have been informed that the Hollow Farm Common Room is currently being lived in full time, which is contrary to the granted planning permission.</p> <p>Planning applications are still being processed and there are no issues with current recent applications.</p> <p>Yew Trees and Weir Green applications were discussed. No specific objections had been raised.</p>	
17 Plans for Coronation of King Charles III 6 th May 2023	The Parish Council has not received any offers from the Village volunteers to set up a Committee.	
18 Any Other Business	<p>The Cllrs plan to Zoom a meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>JH will attend the Severn Voice meeting on 15th March 2023</p> <p>The bright security light in Graham Taylor's Yard has been adjusted but may still need a little more adjustment.</p>	<p>Cllrs</p> <p>JH</p> <p>NM</p>
<p>Date of the next Parish Council Meetings - Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00 pm</p> <p><u>2023 Meeting Dates</u> Tuesday 16th May 2023 (Annual Meetings) Tuesday 19th September 2023 Monday 4th December 2023</p>		
<p>The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.</p>		
<p>Signed..... Date</p>		