Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Elmore Village Hall on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present Parish Councillors: Mrs J Hill (JH), Mrs D Jone	Mr N Meek (NM), Mr M Hodge (MH), Mr M Brandon (MB) is (Clerk)	
In attendance Mr Dudley Fo	ord, Cllr Steve Davies.	
1 Apologies Cllr Mike Hod	ge, Mr V Meredith, Cllr Oxley SDC	
2 Open Question Time	Questions were asked about: The Common Room (Hollow Farm) Haywicks Lane Barn (Planning Refusal) Wild Swimming information. Disruption from Soul Circus These were addressed during the minutes.	
3 Police Report	No report received from the Police team.	
4 Declaration of member's interest in Agenda items	No declarations were made.	
5 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 226 th September 2023	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 26 th September were proposed as a true record by JH and seconded by MB.	
6 Matters arising from the Minutes of 16 ^{1h} May 2023	A map showing the location of properties in Elmore is underway with MH and NM is ongoing.	
	Floodlight in Taylors Yard appears to be in a better location but could still be improved to avoid blinding motorists at night.	
	Yellow Lines near the Pilot Bridge have been redone. Stonebench Lane. Road problems are in the Quedgeley PC area. They need to push Highways to deal with rough road edges and potholes.	VM
	Event Field (Hollow Farm) access has not been improved. This field used for Agility and Soul Circus should be licensed with SDC. We will check that this is in place.	
	Complaints about very loud, late-night music were made by residents who visited the site to speak to the organisers. No satisfactory outcome.	DJ
7 County Councillor's Report from Cllr Stephen Davies	Cllr Stephen Davies reported: Winter road plans – 29 new Gritters and tons of grit were ready. 4.4 million pounds were to be used for a bus improvement plan, possibly a 'Dial a Ride' similar to one used in the Forest of Dean.	

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	needed Secondary Schools. Without housing decisions, no schools can be planned. Road closures around Weir Green by Gigaclear scheduled for 22 – 29 January 2024.	
8 District Councillor's Report	Cllr Gill Oxley sent apologies but sent this report. The Polling District Review and Place consultation closes Wednesday 22 November 2023	
	The Member Development Working Group with the help of officers have created a Jargon Buster of acronyms to help peoples understanding. Jargon-Busting-Doc-for-Youth-Council (Worth a look)	
	Rural England Prosperity Fund - Now Live (Grants available for business and community organisations	
9 Report from Severn Voice Meeting	Shown in AOB.	
10 Finance Update	Account update: FY 2023/2024 The account remains in a healthy state with a balance on 10 th November 2023 of £7,623.98. No major spending is expected.	
11 Special Projects	Layby Bins In the absence of VM, JH will contact him for an update.	VM JH
12 Highways Update - VM	Bin Stickers (40mph) have been distributed.	
	Question about why speed rumble strips appeared on the road by Hollow Farm. Cllr Steve Davies agreed to follow this up.	Cllr SD.
	NM had received a phone call from a new owner of the field at Hollow Farm which a Sale notice on it. A question to the PC	

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	about a plan to build a firewood storage building measuring 40 x 60. NM referred him to the planning requirements.	
13 Planning Update – NM	Haywicks Lane Barn. Planning enforcement agent was attempting to deal with the owner. New applications would be needed. Common Room, Hollow Farm. Planning enforcement agent believes the tenants still live here. The tenant told them to speak to the owner but would not say who it was. Wild Swimming. SDC had informed us that as the access road to it was on an unadopted road and so was no issue for them. Nothing was said about whether planning was needed for use of this area as a public business.	
14 External Services - JH	JH agreed to follow up work with VM.	
15 Data - MB	WhatsApp group for the village. He would send information to TJ for The Bridge.	
16 Assets - MH	Both defibrillators have been checked regularly and they are working properly. Both will need new batteries in the coming year.	
	Oil needs to be applied to preserve the notice board. It was agreed that new oil could be purchased for this.	TJ
17 Any Other Business	Report from the Severn Voice Meeting: Lower Severn Drainage Board – work in Elmore is completed, C&RT – villagers have serious issues with Live on Board resident people on boats. Use of local resources are being overstretched. The School Admissions Policy for the area is not working fairly for local families. Verge Cutting contract. All PC's in this scheme know in advance when and how much payment will be due. Prompt payments must be made to the Contractor.	
Date of the next Parish Cour	ncil Meetings - Monday 18 th March 2024 at 7.00 pm	1
Monday 20 May 2024 (As Monday 16 September 2024 Monday 2 December 2024	nnual Meetings)	
<u> </u>	present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.	
Signed	Date	