

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday November 22nd 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- Cllr Pip Wallwork, Cllr Steve Crebbin, Cllr Oliver Laws, Cllr Henry Atkinson and Cllr Stuart Chaplin

Other Members Present: - Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk and 1 resident

The meeting commenced with the Parish Council receiving from Mr Han Yang the specially commissioned Plaque to commemorate the Community's resilience during the time of the Pandemic. He explained why it had been decided to create the plaque and how communities had pulled together in such a strong way during the Pandemic. The plaque will be placed on the Village Hall wall.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Laws welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies received from Cllr Bill Horncastle and these were accepted. Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge also sent apologies.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests received.

3. To appoint Cllr Laws as Chair for the November meeting

Cllr Wallwork proposed Cllr Laws is appointed as Chair for this meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Atkinson and carried.

4. To receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form from Cllr Laws

The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance form from Cllr Laws.

5. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 20th September 2021

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Chaplin proposed the minutes of 20th September meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Wallwork and carried.

6. To discuss any matters arising from theses minutes (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

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Cllr Laws discussed with those present the idea of lighting a Beacon on 2nd June next year to celebrate the Queen's anniversary. It could possibly be lit on some high ground. If Breckland Council happen to organise a fund to help with the cost of this event, then some funding will be sought.

A resident present at the meeting spoke about her concerns regarding the planning application 3PL/2021/1496/F because of the flooding problems in the past.

7. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

No correspondence had been received that required discussion,

8. To discuss planning applications, any approvals, and in particular the apparent new gateway in Fustyweed

3PL/2021/1493/HOU Mermaid Cottage, Peaseland Green, Proposed single storey and two storey extension to rear, including garage conversion to ancillary use. The Parish Council supports this application.

3PL/2021/1496/F Holly Cottage, Fustyweed, proposed extension to Holly Cottage and proposed end terrace cottage. The Parish Council supports the development but wishes to know what provision will be made for alleviating flooding.

In a separate issue Fustyweed locals are concerned about the amount of soil appearing on the road. Two posts have appeared in the place of the former hedge so a letter expressing these concerns will be sent to the land owners and a copy to Breckland Council.

9. To receive an update on the Borehole, Orchard, Allotments and Tree Nursery

The borehole has been drilled and lined and a pipe has been installed and capped off. It is located on the North East side of the allotments, next to the track. All that is needed now is a pump but a decision has not been made yet regarding a purchase. Money will be raised to help purchase this. Breckland Council will be asked if they might consider match-funding the remaining work. The cheapest option so far considered is about £1,500.00

The Orchard is looking good and also the Allotments. All the allotments are now let out. There might be a young person helping to do the fence because of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Tree Nursery is also looking good. The earth has been dug over and it has been fenced. It is ready for planting. The children in the village will be contacted to find out if they would like to come along and hear about the idea and see if they want to get involved. In Harnser Wood, some hedgehog houses have been built and some hedgehogs may be released by a hedgehog rescue charity.

10. To receive a report on the Pop-up Pub evening on 6th November

This was a success and £320.00 was made for the Borehole Project. Another Pop Up Pub event will take place at lunch time on Christmas Day but will be mainly a village community event. On 8th January there will be a wassailing event on the orchard, with a bonfire, and a bar in the village hall.

11. To receive financial update from the Clerk & authorise payments: Clerk's salary, expenses and tax

The Clerk had distributed the financial update and no questions were asked.

Cllr Laws proposed the following financial transactions be made, seconded by Cllr Wallwork and carried.

Clerk's net salary for October - November	£280.80	HMRC tax	£70.20	Clerk's Expenses
£26.50		Norfolk Woods and Hedges Ltd.	£390.00	

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Cllr Laws reported that there will be an amount of logs available in the future for residents. If anyone wishes to have any they should contact either himself or Cllr Horncastle. The person wishing to have the logs must wear protective clothing when cutting them up. However, if it is not possible for the resident to cut up the logs themselves, then either Cllr Laws or Cllr Horncastle will do that for them.

12. To receive an update on Telephone Boxes, and request for more paint

Painters have been approached regarding this project. Cllr Laws proposed that the Parish council agree that another tin of paint be purchased, seconded by Cllr Wallwork and carried.

13. To set the precept for 2022-2023, starting from the sample figures distributed last meeting

After discussing relevant costs for the future, Cllr Laws proposed the Precept be set at £4,585.00, seconded by Cllr Wallwork and carried. The Clerk will inform Breckland Council.

14. To discuss the opportunity to meet Breckland Council Officers

The Parish Council decided that on this occasion they did not feel there was a need to meet the Breckland Officers. The Clerk will inform Dist. Cllr Bambridge of their decision.

15. To discuss what is regarded as a definition of Acceptable Requests for the annual PACE money

The Parish Council had sent a letter to NALC and Norfolk Training & Support asking these organisations for advice. Both organisations recommended that the Parish Council adopts the General Power of Competence, so the Clerk will investigate what training is required for her to achieve this for the Council.

16. To receive items for the next agenda

Update on the General Power of Competence situation
To discuss the lack of hedge cutting around the village

17. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Cllr Laws thanked everyone for attending and he declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date