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## ELSING PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Elsing Parish meeting held on Monday May 20th at 7.00 p.m. in Elsing Village Hall.

Present:- Mrs G Hubbard (Parish Council Clerk), Mr Oliver Laws and Mr Clive Horncastle (Chairmen of the Parish Council), Mr Stuart Chaplin, Mrs Helen Palmer, Mr Luke Adams, Mr Philip Butler, Mr Alan Brailsford, Sally Hautot, Amanda Clarke, Christine Gold, Nicola Fears, Catherine Zammit-Haber and County Cllr Bill Borrett.

### **1. To appoint the Chairman for the meeting**

Mr Laws proposed Mr Horncastle for the position, seconded by Mr Adams and carried.

### **2. Welcome by the Chairman and to receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Horncastle welcomed those present and no apologies for absence *was were* received. Cllr Gordon Bambridge had sent apologies for absence.

### **3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on March 20th 2023**

The minutes had been circulated. Mr Laws proposed the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting and this proposal was seconded by Mr Chaplin and carried.

### **4. To discuss any matters arising from these minutes (not on the agenda)**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. To receive a report from the County Councillor of N.C.C.**

County Cllr Borrett had sent a comprehensive report, which was available at the meeting for anyone to read. It will be put on the website, attached to the minutes and circulated to the Parish Councillors.

### **6. To receive a report from the District Councillor of Breckland District Council**

Dist. Cllr Bambridge had sent a comprehensive report, which was available at the meeting for anyone to read. It will be put on the website, attached to the minutes and circulated to the Parish Councillors.

### **7. To receive a report from the Chairmen of the Parish Council**

An annual report by the Chairmen was made available, summarising the Council's main actions. Mr Horncastle had produced a Tree Report, which was available for people to read and it will be attached to the minutes.

### **8. To receive any other available reports**

The Clerk had received a report regarding the Village Hall, which was available at the meeting for people to read. It will be attached to the minutes.

### **9. To discuss children playing on the Highway Surveyor's Land**

Mr Horncastle explained that between the top and the bottom there are 4 yellow marker points. Beyond that the land belongs to a farmer. There is still a litter problem and sometimes tools are left behind. Sometimes there is destructive behaviour happening.

#### Cycle Jumps

Some of the parents present felt that the jumps were not a concern, but one parent felt that they were a bit near the road. Everyone seemed to be very careful about the situation and there was no concern.

#### Dens

There is no problem with dens, but once abandoned, a lot of litter *is* being left inside them.

#### Litter/Tools

Bins are sometimes destroyed. There is occasional destructiveness occurring. It was decided that an article be put on Facebook asking for the co-operation from parents. Also, a notice will be put up, explaining the situation and asking for co-operation.

#### Occasional Destructiveness

This happens occasionally. Mr Horncastle thought it might be a good idea for some of those present to take a walk to coincide with the time when the children are playing there. If rules are put on a sign and in the public domain and on the website, that would be helpful action. So, putting the rules for the public to read and occasional patrols might help to stop the destructiveness. Mr Horncastle will take away any tools that he finds left behind. The Parish Councillors will walk through the wood to see if they can engage with anyone of a young age, or later when they might meet older children and ask them to take their bottles home with them. The onus should be on the parents to try to get their children to behave sensibly.

#### **10. To discuss any future village plans**

There were no future plans discussed.

#### **11. To discuss the Clerk's Financial Update**

No-one had no questions regarding the financial situation.

#### **12. To discuss any other business from those present**

There was no further business to discuss.

#### **13. To confirm date and time of next Annual meeting in 2025**

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting was set for Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.00 p.m. Mr Horncastle thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business to discuss, he declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date