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## ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors Wallwork, Atkinson, Horncastle, Laws and Chaplin

### OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### **1.To elect the Chairman for the Meeting**

Cllr Horncastle was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

#### **2.Clerk to receive signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form**

The Clerk was not present but Cllr Horncastle signed the appropriate form and it will be given to the Clerk at the next meeting.

#### **3.Welcome by the Chair and to receive apologies for absence**

Our clerk was unable to attend because of illness.

#### **4.To declare any Interests re items on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

#### **5.To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The July meeting minutes were not presented to the Council, as the Clerk was not present, and will be adopted in January. The September meeting was not held because Councillors were unavailable, due to illness and other commitments.

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

Cllr Laws asked for the council to agree that he write to the Diocese of Norwich in response to a message from them about our request to plant trees on diocese land along the footpath to Peaseland Green. This agreement was given.

#### **7.To discuss any necessary Correspondence.**

There were two emails to discuss and the council prepared responses to each which will be passed to the clerk.

#### **8.To discuss any Planning Issues**

3PL/2022/1235/HOU Mermaid Cottager, Peaseland Green, erection of detached garage/store  
TRE/2022/0198/TPO Riverdale, Mill Street, TPO 1980/07 Walnut tree, which has died, will be reduced down to a 4 metre Monolith Stem Current Crown Spread 7m height 9m (Tree Work App TPO)

The council had no objection or comment about either of these applications.

**9.To discuss any update regarding The Mermaid Inn**

The council expressed positive views about the news that the Mermaid will be opening as a café/restaurant and delicatessen.

**10.To receive an update on the repainting of the telephone boxes project**

This has been postponed until there is some dry and warm weather.

**11.To receive an update on the Borehole, Allotment and Nursery**

Cllr Laws gave an update on the borehole project: the borehole is working and providing water for the site, and the next step is to lay pipes around the allotments so that tenants can have water near to their plots. It is anticipated that the money necessary to buy the pipe and other equipment will be raised by fundraising and the work carried out over the winter.

Cllr Laws gave an update about the allotments: there are going to be some vacant allotments and efforts will be made to rent these out again.

Cllr Laws gave an update on the tree nursery: 10 families in the village will be supplied with a Copse in a Box, which is equipment for raising trees from seed. This equipment will be distributed with a letter describing the tree nursery and encouraging children to become involved. A girl doing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award is going to distribute the letters and kits and make herself available to help children find seed, if requested.

**12.To discuss the possibility of an allotment vineyard**

Cllr Laws explained that an area of the village orchard will be set aside for a vineyard. The council thought this a fine idea.

**13.To discuss hedge cutting around the village**

The hedges encroaching on the road between the Rectory and Mill Farm were discussed and Cllr Atkinson agreed to ask advice of his contact at NCC Highways department in the first instance.

**14.To discuss progress re the Unsuitable for Long Vehicles Signs being provided by N.C.C**

The Council agreed to pursue this and Cllr Atkinson kindly took on the task of making the application for Parish Partnership funding for half the cost of the signs and of approaching our District and County Councillors for their support in this matter.

**15.To discuss the Community Car Scheme**

There was nothing to discuss.

**16.To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk**

The clerk was not present but Cllr Horncastle had distributed a useful financial update which was considered by council.

**17.To authorise any necessary payments:-**

Clerk's net salary, tax and expenses for August to November. This will be paid in January as the Clerk is in agreement to wait until then. Imperative Training Ltd. £140.00

Both these payments were agreed.

**18.To discuss the CCLA form**

The council will need the clerk's input for this matter and will consider it at the next meeting.

**19.To receive items for the January agenda**

No items were forthcoming.

**20.To confirm date and time of next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Cllr Horncastle thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Oliver Las

Chairman

16/1/2023

Date