

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday November 20th at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councilors Laws, Palmer, Horncastle, Adams, Butler and Chaplin

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

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. To appoint the Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Palmer proposed Cllr Horncastle, seconded by Cllr Adams and carried. The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form.

2. Welcome by the Chair and to receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Horncastle welcomed those present. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Brailsford and these were accepted.

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

4. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on September 18th.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Laws proposed the minutes of September 18th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried.

5. To discuss any matters arising from these minutes (not on the agenda).

There were no matters arising to discuss.

6. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

The Clerk had received a letter from Barclays Bank stating they are closing their Dereham Branch.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

There were no planning matters to discuss.

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

Some trees have been planted out and they are looking good. Some oaks and a wild cherry have been planted. Some more trees are required. There will be some signage put up to say where the oak saplings have come from. The water supply would be drained. All the vines are looking good and some deer fencing will be put up. Some posts will be required, probably about 30. Some wood posts will be used. The Pop-Up Pub will probably make enough money to pay for the posts.

9. To discuss the Toad Signs and the Fustyweed sign

Mrs Chrissie Gold reported that 2 toad signs have been stolen from the village. The ones that were stolen are not made anymore. Cllr Horncastle has 2 signs to be sited. He thought the signs should be locked with a big chain to a post somewhere. The Fustyweed sign is replaced by Norfolk County Council. It cannot be stolen again now. Will try to locate some. The Elsing Toad Petrol Team is one of the biggest in Norfolk and always looking for volunteers.

10. To discuss the sign that is up for auction.

There was some discussion regarding whether or not to buy the sign that is up for auction. It was decided it would not be bought.

11. To discuss any update re the proposed New Town Development.

Cllr Palmer attended a meeting a while ago but so far there is no more news on this subject.

12. To receive an update on the erection of the 'Not Suitable for HGV' signs.

These are now sited and inn suitable places.

13. To discuss First Aid Classes.

This idea was suggested at a Village Hall meeting and it was arranged but no one attended the class.

14. To discuss Defibrillator notices.

Some notices will be collected by Cllr Horncastle tomorrow and the notices will be fixed below the defibrillators. Cllr Adams will be helping Cllr Horncastle to put up the defibrillator notices.

15. To discuss Village Gateways on Heath Road and Mill Street and signs.

Gateway Signs are very expensive. A sign would have to go where the first 30 m.p.h. sign is situated. They are made in different sizes and the road would have to be closed. Serco would have to come and deal with the situation. The cost would be several thousands of pounds and the Parish Council would have to pay half the cost because it would be a fifty-fifty split with Norfolk County Council, using the Parish Partnership Scheme. The slow road marking did not get done and it was supposed to be, so Mr Matthew Lines would need to be reminded about this.

16. To receive an update on the mobile phone mask in the Church tower.

Cllr Butler explained the situation regarding the mask and the P.C.C. and the Parish Council does not need to take any action.

17. To discuss the idea of a permissive path.

Cllr Laws had marked on a map where he wanted the permissive path to go. The idea of a letter being written to Mr and Mrs Baker was discussed but Cllr Laws decided to approach them and report back the outcome of the conversation at the next meeting.

18. To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk.

This had been circulated and no-one had any questions regarding it.

19. To authorize any necessary payments.

Cllr Laws proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Butler and carried.

Clerk's net salary	£402.67	HMRC tax	£89.00	Clerk's exp. For Oct/Nov.	£50.42
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20. To discuss Budget preparations

Cllr Horncastle explained to Cllrs Butler and Adams why the Parish Council had two bank accounts with Barclays. Cllr Horncastle asked his fellow Councillors to look at this year's estimated expenditure and to come to the January meeting with suggestions for next year's budget.

21. To discuss Parish Council waste to Dereham Recycling Centre

Cllr Horncastle is going to take waste from the allotments to the Centre but there may be a cost.

22. To receive items for the January 2024 agenda.

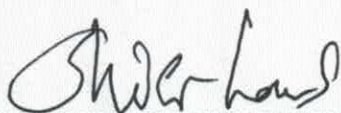
To set the precept for 2024 – 2025

To set the meeting dates for 2024

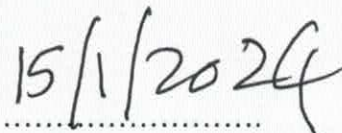
23. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday January 15th 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.



Chairman



Date