

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday July 29th at 7.00 p.m.

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

Other Members Present: - Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the Public were present.

1. To appoint the Chairman for the meeting and Clerk to receive signed acceptance form.

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

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

Cllr Laws welcomed those present. There were no apologies for absence received.

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

No interests were declared.

4. To confirm and accept minutes of the Annual meeting held on May 20th.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Brailsford proposed the minutes of May 20th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Adams 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.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2024/0518/VAR Three Bridges, Solar Farm Land, South of Elsing Road. Variation of conditions 3, 10, 17 & 20 of planning permission 3PL/2020/1134/F for ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm along with continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure and security fencing landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works, to amend the approved design of the solar photovoltaic (PV) panels from tracking to fixed panels and the location of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) portion of the layout. The Parish Council wished to know the answers to some questions, so Cllr Horncastle will seek the answers to these questions.

3DM/2024/0002/DEM Three Bridges Farm, Elsing Road, application to determine if prior approval is required for the demolition of 2 storey office building. Prior approval is not required.

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3AG/2024/0024/AG Three Bridges Farm, Elsing Road, replacement office building to service farming business. The Parish Council has not objections to this application.

A draft report has been created regarding the idea of a development at Swanton Morley Robertson Barracks and this will be circulated.

8. To discuss the archeological dig at the Solar Farm Site.

The Parish Council did not feel they wanted to discuss this.

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

The Borehole is operating well. Virtually all the allotments are well maintained but one has been abandoned. Cllr Horncastle and Cllr Laws will have to redraw one that has been subdivided. The tree nursery is looking brilliant. Mr Doubleday is doing very good work on that. Planting will take place in the autumn. He has arranged a Teddy Bears' Picnic to take place on August 31st at 4.00 p.m. A shelter will be made and the children will come along with a teddy bear and bring a picnic. The Vineyard is looking good and 2 loads of cow muck were purchased, costing £25.00 each.

10. To discuss DBS checks.

These have still not been done yet. Cllr Butler is trying to get one done but it is proving very difficult.

11. To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk.

This had been circulated and no-one had any questions regarding it. Cllr Horncastle's figures had been circulated.

12. To authorize any necessary financial payments:-Clerk's net salary, Tax, Clerk's expenses.

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

Clerk's net salary £374.30 HMRC tax £80.00 Clerk's expenses June./July. £31.20.

Since the May meeting, the Hill and Vale magazine received a £100.00 donation, Community Car payment of £20.25 and £51.00. CBR Business Solutions were paid £84.00 regarding DBS check, Bank interest £21.98 and VAT repayment £46.35.

13. To consider a proposal not to renew the NALC Subscription next year.

Cllr Chaplin proposed that a member from NALC be invited to the September meeting as Elsing Parish Council is considering not renewing its membership next year. The Parish Councillors would like to hear from a NALC representative what the benefits would be if they continued the membership.

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14. To approve a letter to parents about the Highways Surveyor Land jumps.

Cllr Horncastle drove past the area one Saturday night and he spoke to the people that were there. He told them he was pleased that there was not much litter lying about. They confirmed that 3 young men were responsible for the damage that had been done. He found a chopping axe, which he called exhibit no 2, and he took the axe home for safe keeping. Cllr Horncastle has created a letter and a copy of it will be given to certain families. Cllr Laws spoke about risk assessments and the insurance company. It is up to the Parish Council to do something that looks reasonable, as far as a risk assessment is concerned. So the Parish Council needs to create a document that would be useful. At each meeting it will be minuted what happened and when an inspection is carried out. If anyone wanted to make a fire, it was thought this would be too dangerous to have one. So Cllr Laws and Cllr Horncastle will be putting together a risk assessment.

At the junction of Heath Road and the Lyng to North Tuddenham Road there is a great deal of overgrowth, so the Clerk will contact the Highways Department to see if she can organize it being trimmed.

15. To discuss hiring a Professional to advise on flood defenses.

The village of Elsing probably does have a weak point somewhere regarding the subject of flooding. Cllr Horncastle will arrange to have a conversation with Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge about flooding.

16. To discuss writing to Dist. Cllr Bambridge regarding proposed car parking charges.

Cllr Laws had circulated a letter which he wishes to be sent to Dist. Cllr Bambridge regarding the car parking charges that Breckland Council intend implementing in Dereham and other Breckland towns.

17. To receive items for the September agenda.

To discuss purchasing a flashing speed sign.

18. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council meeting in September

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday September 23rd 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 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman

23/9/2024

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