

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday September 23rd at 7.00 p.m.

Present: - Councillors Laws, Palmer, Chaplin, Adams, Butler, Horncastle, and County Councillor Bill Borrett.

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.

Cllr Laws proposed Cllr Horncastle, seconded by Cllr Palmer and carried.

2. Clerk to receive signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Chairman.

The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form.

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

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

Sarah Bristow, from NALC, had also sent apologies.

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

No interests were declared.

5. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on July 29th.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Adams proposed the minutes of July 29th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Horncastle and carried.

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

The Clerk will contact the Clerk at Bawdeswell Parish Council and Gressenhall Parish Council to discuss the possibility of hiring their SAM2 speeding sign.

7. Parish Councillors to discuss with Sarah Bristow from NALC the benefits of subscribing to NALC.

Sarah Bristow was not able to be present, so she will be invited to the next meeting.

8. To receive a report from Cllr Bill Borrett.

Cllr Borrett delivered a report to those present, saying that the Government has rules that Breckland Council will have to organize a 68% increase in the number of houses it needs to build. It is now nearly 1,000 increased from 600. This increase of 68% is creating a real problem as it could prove impossible. The New Town proposal did not go ahead but the Minister has asked for a list of sites and the New Town is in that list. Breckland Council will be under immense pressure to look at the Swanton Morley Robert Barracks site. There will be 2,000 houses there. Cllr Borrett felt there is a case to be made about not encouraging

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this development. The Government has put the Northern Western Link under review, so it has gone on-hold. He will send the Clerk details regarding problems that may arise because of the A47 road works. Breckland Council will have to find some more sites for houses because of the new Local Plan call for more sites.

Cllr Laws spoke to Cllr Borrett about the car parking charges that will be implemented in the Breckland area. Charges will be put in place but it may be possible for the Public to push for 2 hours free parking. There will be a consultation out before Christmas. Cllr Horncastle will compile a letter for the Clerk to send to Breckland Council.

9. To discuss the Elsing village cycle jumps and Risk Assessment and Updates

Cllrs Laws and Horncastle have completed a Risk Assessment and it will be circulated. The Risk Assessment will be displayed on the website. The Clerk will create an extra heading for the cycle jumps, so updates on the situation can be in-puted on the website. The crash barrier in front of the cycle jumps at Heath Road have been put there to prevent bicycles from speeding into the road and hurting themselves.

Cllr Horncastle has spoken to Dist. Cllr Bambridge and he sent a lot of information to Cllr Horncastle regarding water flooding. Cllr Horncastle has drafted a letter and the Clerk will send it to the East Haarling Internal Drainage Board.

Cllr Adams suggested that a SAM2 speed sign would be advantageous and it could be sited on Heath Road. The Clerk will contact surrounding parishes to see if they would be interested in buying one with Elsing, if they do not already have one,

10. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

11. 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. Update from Cllr Horncastle, if possible, as he was seeking answers to some questions. Cllr Horncastle had circulated some information regarding this application regarding the nature and location of the battery block.

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

The apple pressing day was very successful. The vines are growing well and will be mulched soon.

The allotments have one vacant now and the tenant has given it up and two people want sections of it, so it will be sub divided. It may be possible to have a communal muck heap.

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13. To receive an update on the DBS checks situation.

The check has now been completed. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Butler for all his hard work getting this sorted out. The invoice from CBR Solutions had been paid.

14. 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.

15. To authorize any necessary financial payments.

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

Clerk's net salary for Aug.- Sept. £301.24 HMRC tax £63.80 Clerk's expenses £28.50
Cllr Horncastle £28.15 (reimbursement for crash barrier materials).

Since the last meeting, the following finances were paid: -

Community Car £41.25 and £32.50, Cllr Laws £7.50 for diesel and £10.00 for petrol, CBR Solutions £14.40 for DBS check.

£17.41 was received from UK Power Networks and £21.90 in Interest.

16. To receive an update on the Lemon and Rosemary Yard situation.

Cllr Palmer thought it would be a good idea to send out a detailed questionnaire to the residents of Elsing. She had recently been involved with the people connected with the establishment and it lasted one and a half hours. The questionnaire could say that the Parish Council would like to try to get the Pub up and running again as a non-profit making business. The parishioners need to know that the Parish Council is thinking about this idea and would like to see the Pub opening again. The questionnaire will inform the Parish Council whether there is support from the residents on this idea. Cllr Palmer and Cllr Butler will create their own questionnaire. They will produce a first draft and it will be circulated.

17. To receive items for the November agenda.

Possibly set the precept for 2025 -2026 (The cost of a SAM2 sign to be considered)

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

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday November 18th 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 8.40 p.m.

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