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ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday March 21st 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Cllr Oliver Laws, Cllr Stuart Chaplin and Cllr Henry Atkinson

Other Members Present: - Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the Public were present

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Laws welcomed those present. Cllr Wallwork, Cllr Horncastle and Cllr Crebbin sent apologies for absence and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests received.

3. To appoint Cllr Laws as Chair for the March meeting and receive signed Form

Cllr Atkinson proposed Cllr Laws is appointed as Chair for this meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried.

4. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 17th January 2022

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Atkinson proposed the minutes of 17th January be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried, so the Chairman signed the minutes.

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

There were no matters arising.

6. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

The Clerk had received a letter from the Editors of the Hill & Vale magazine asking for a donation. A decision on the amount will be made at the May meeting.

The Clerk had received an email from Norfolk Parish Training & Support stating that local government staff have been awarded a pay increase of 1.75%, as from 1st April.

7. To discuss planning applications and note any approvals or refusals

3PL/2022/0088/F Elsing Hall, installation of a 70 kw ground mounted solar PV array.

3PL/2021/1496/F Holly Cottage, Fustyweed, proposed extension to Holly Cottage and proposed end terrace cottage. Refusal of Planning Permission.

8. To discuss The Mermaid Inn

Cllr Laws proposed that the Parish Council send a letter to the owners of The Mermaid Inn to try to ascertain what is happening to The Inn.

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9. To receive an update on the Borehole, Allotments, Nursery and Highway Surveyor's Land

The Borehole is looking good. At the moment there is a shortfall of £600.00 for the solar panels and pump for the Borehole. The Pop Up Pubs raised some money and there will be another one in April and June so some more money will be raised. The allotments are looking good and there are two available for renting. The Tree Nursery is also looking good and nearly all the work is done. The children will be invited to another event for planting. Sweet chestnuts saplings from Elsing Hall were given to them and they will plant them eventually. The trees on the Highway Surveyor's Land were felled and a lot of wood has been cut up and residents have taken a large amount away.

10. To adopt the amended Tree Policy

Cllr Laws proposed the amendment to the Policy be accepted, seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried. The old Policy will be removed from the website and the new one put on.

11. To discuss paying a Hire Fee to the Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings

A donation of £400.00 will be given to the Village Hall Committee in May. Also at the May meeting the subject of having a representative on the Village Hall Committee will be discussed.

12. To receive financial update from the Clerk for January to March

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

13. To authorise any necessary payments

Cllr Laws proposed the following financial payments be authorised, seconded by Cllr Atkinson and carried.

Clerk's net salary for February and March £249.60	HMRC tax for February and March £62.40
Clerk's expenses for February and March £32.45	NALC Subs £104.33
Norfolk Parish Training & Support £50.00	

14. To receive an update on the General Power of Competence situation

The Clerk had received the training from Norfolk Parish Training & Support and has put together the module for marking.

15. To discuss a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Thursday June 2nd there will be a Pop Up Pub event in the Village Hall and at 9.45 p.m. the bonfire will be lit by Mr Han Yang Yap. On Friday June 3rd there will be a Children's Street Party in Church Road. Highways will be approached regarding closing the road from The Mermaid Inn down to The Guild House. It will need to be closed from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. At the moment there are no plans for Saturday June 4th. On Sunday June 5th Elsing Hall is open for the National Gardens Scheme.

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16. To present the Clerk with a Contract of Employment

A draft contract had been drawn up. The Clerk will be meeting with Cllrs Laws and Horncastle to finalise it and it will be ready for the next meeting.

Cllr Laws had created an advertisement to be included in the Hill & Vale magazine. It will be altered slightly and then circulated for approval before being submitted.

17. To discuss a Village Litter Pick

The Parish Council wish to organise a Village Litter Pick and this will take place sometime in the spring months.

18. To receive items for the next agenda

To elect the Chairmen for the forthcoming year.

To adopt the end of year accounts.

To authorise the donations to The Village Hall Committee and the Hill & Vale magazine.

To present the Contract of Employment to the Clerk

19. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th May at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Cllr Laws thanked everyone for attending and he declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chair

C. Horncastle -

Date

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