

Elsing Parish Council

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held on Saturday September 19th 2020 at 11.00 a.m. at the Village Car Park, next to Elsing Church

Present:- Cllr Bill Horncastle, Cllr Pip Wallwork (Chairman), Cllr Henry Atkinson,
Cllr Steve Crebbin, Cllr Stuart Chaplin and Cllr Oliver Laws

Other Members Present: - 11 members of the Public and Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge

1. Welcome, to consider accepting apologies for absence and introduce the new Clerk, Griselda Hubbard

Cllr Wallwork welcomed everyone and there were no apologies to be received. She introduced Griselda Hubbard, the new Clerk to the Parish Council.

2. To approve the minutes of 20th July and 28th August

The minutes were approved. There was an amendment made as the re-election of Cllr Wallwork was not mentioned. In the July minutes the word No should be deleted.

3. To receive any Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda and receive any Requests for Dispensation

None were received.

4. Open Forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the Public and District and County Councillors

A document outlining the discussions is attached.

The question of Speeding through the village was also discussed. It is especially troublesome along Heath Road. Cllr Bambridge suggested that some residents may wish to attend the S.N.A.P. meetings, which are organized by the Norfolk Constabulary, and they can raise these issues at these meetings.

5. To receive an update on the new bench seat by the new sign

The bench by the new sign is in a dilapidated state and a new one is going to be put in. There are no funding opportunities at the moment so it will be bought. There is a bench in the W.I. wood and it has been renovated, so this will be mentioned in the newsletter. Cllr Laws will oversee this project.

6. To receive an update on the new Village Sign

The new Village Sign is in place. A lot of sign renovating has been carried out in the village and Cllr Atkinson would like to be reimbursed £50.00, which he spent on wood that was used for this purpose, so it will be dealt with at the next meeting. Cllr Laws stated that he will soon have some wood and he will contribute it for the signs. The Parish Council wished to minute thanks to Mr Alan Chart of Peaseland Green for renovating two finger posts.

7. To receive an update on co-option of the 7th Parish Councillor and agreement of wording for advert inviting villagers to become a Parish Councillor

There has still been no success with finding a 7th Councillor. A resident had, however, show some interest and the Chairman will discuss the situation with her.

8. To receive update regarding missing Peaseland Green Post-box

Cllr Laws reported that one is going to be put back and the job has been handed over to the Company dealing with this and he has a Job Number so the situation is in hand. Cllr Laws thought it might be a good idea to investigate whether the old one could be put back but the Parish Council does know that eventually it will be put back.

9. To receive update on Bore Hole/water supply project

Applications are still being done. Cllr Laws is still waiting to receive responses from a Trust. Aviva and another small scheme have also been looked at.

10. To consider any Planning Applications

3PL/2020/0858/HOU 6 Heath Road, 2 storey side extension, porch and garage, planning permission has been approved.

11. To receive update on Footpath/Allotment – including update on proposed Pig Pen and Contracts

The footpath going south is open again. However, the Public would still need long trousers, otherwise their legs will get wet. Cllr Laws had contacted the Footpath Dept. at N.C.C. and an audit will be done, along with photographs and these will be sent to N.C.C. There is a footpath near Heath Road regarding Horses as the land owners allow horses down there. The surface is the responsibility of N.C.C. and the overhanging branches should be dealt with by the land owner.

Regarding the allotments, tenants are leaving and new tenants applying and allotments are also being abandoned. There are four plots about to be given up. Three plots are overgrown and some have been given up and are actually in good order.

12. To discuss Orchard Seating

Sean Monahan is going to make them and the Village Hall is going to pay for them. One or two will have back rests.

13. Financial update from Clerk

Claims this month already paid £50.00 for Internal Auditor

Claims for Approval for Payment £284.68 (inc. electric for August £10) for SJH

14. Items for the Next Agenda

Speeding

Wood cost reimbursement for Cllr Atkinson

Accounts – to reconfirm how they will be done

Solar Farm Project – what is the actual area of planned Solar Farm in hectares?

14. To confirm date and time of next meeting]

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th November 2020 at 7.45 p.m. hopefully in the Village Hall and if not Virtually via Zoom. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.35 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date