

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday March 18th at 7.00 p.m.

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

Other Members Present: - Dist. Cllr G Bambridge and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Bambridge reported that the Local Plan will be having a briefing soon to discover Breckland Council's opinion on the Local Plan. This will take place between the 6th and 8th of April. After that comments can be made on the Breckland Plan regarding sites if there are any for Elsing village. Drainage issues are vulnerable because of the River Wensum. The New Town development looks like it is going to fail on its first issue but it is still quite a lucrative site, although it will not be successful this time. The general opinion is that Breckland will need two or three extra Councillors so there will be changes with Ward boundaries. Most developments will happen in the five large market towns because most people want to live where there is a sizeable community. When the occupants move out of the base at Swanton Morley there is the potential to have about 2,000 houses and there is commercial use of some buildings. They are likely to move out post 2029.

1. To appoint the Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Palmer proposed Cllr Laws, seconded by Cllr Butler 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 apologies for absence received from Cllr Horncastle due to personal circumstances and these were accepted.

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

There were no Interests declared.

4. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on January 15th.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Adams proposed the minutes of January 15th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Brailsford and carried.

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

Cllr Chaplin had thought that the Annual Parish Meeting was going to be held that evening but it had not been advertised as taking place, so it will take place in May.

6. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

A request for a donation had been received from Dereham Cancer Care and it will be discussed at the May meeting.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2023/1117/F Mermaid Cottage, Peaseland Green, change of use of existing annexe into holiday/Airbnb use. The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

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

The borehole is running well and Cllr Horncastle tested it recently. All the allotments are let out. The tree nursery was visited by some people from the Tree Council and carrying out some work. They wanted to talk to Mr Doubleday and interview him, which they did, and they asked him about the Tree Nursery. They were given a tour of our Nursery and our plans were discussed with them. Mr Doubleday has bought some saplings to grow on for a couple of years so the next Pop-Up Pub profits can be given to him to cover the cost of these. Most of the trees that were going out for winter planting have gone. Some work is also being done on the Hundred Year Wood and it is gathering pace.

9. To discuss H.S.L. children's activity

Children have been making jumps for their bikes. There were some problems but they have been sorted out now. Cllr Horncastle and Cllr Laws will have to speak to the children and ask them not to bring too much equipment down onto the land. The Clerk will check with the insurance company to find out if cover is in place for the Highways Surveyors Land as it is owned by a charity. The Parish Council are trustees for the charity and wish to know whether there is public liability cover for the land.

10. To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk

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

11. To authorise any necessary payments

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

Clerk's net salary £301.24 HMRC tax £63.80 Clerk's expenses for
February/March. Norfolk Parish Training & Support Subscription £55.00
Posts £290.00 (this will be bought using money from the Friends of Elsing account)

12. To discuss DBS checks when they are necessary

There are two different types of DBS checks available to be carried out, a Basic one and an Enhanced one. The Enhanced one is more expensive than a Basic but the Parish Council decided that if one needed to be done, then it should be an Enhanced Check.

13. To discuss letter from Barclays regarding the Community Account

Cllr Horncastle is dealing with this and as he is absent, no update is available.

14. To discuss a village litter pick

This will take place and Cllr Laws will give the Clerk a date so she can arrange the collection of the litter picking equipment from Breckland Council.

15. To receive items for the May agenda

To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council for the forth coming year.

To adopt the end of year accounts.

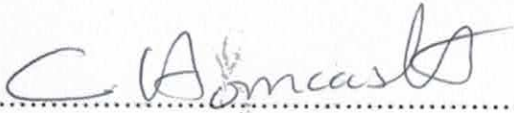
To consider sending a donation to Dereham Cancer Care

To discuss developments regarding the photo electric farm at Heath Farm

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16. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council meeting in May

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday May 20th 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting. This will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.



Chairman



Date