

Meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7pm at Elton Community Centre

In attendance: Councillors Tony Mills (in the chair), Maureen Wilson, Martin Dickinson, Ron Reading, Margaret Lockheart, Ruth Ackroyd and Stephen Smith

1. **Chairperson Mills read out his report for the year**
2. **Vice-Chairperson Wilson talked about her highlights of the year** - which included the planters and being on different working groups.
3. **Councillor Lockheart provided an update;**
 - a. Speed limit being reduced to 40mph at the bottom of the village
 - b. Speed watch is doing well
 - c. School Lane has improved a little
 - d. Surgery is doing well – especially on police matters
 - e. PCSO Kears has been doing a great job
 - f. Dog walking area has been a success, but getting muddy due to weather and the grass needs reseeding. Councillor Ackroyd asked if it was possible to fence of the muddy area whilst it is reseeded to help it grow and to avoid the danger to dogs paws.
4. **Councillor Reading provided an update:**
 - a. Website and Facebook page are up and running and getting good responses.
 - b. Newsletters have been delivered, but took 4 weeks instead of 2 weeks.
 - c. Since adding the allotments to the website, they have had 4 new rentals
5. **Councillor Dickinson provided an update:**
 - a. Discussed issue regarding the community centre committee. He discussed an employment tribunal claim that had been bought against the community centre and that he believed there would be a further tribunal claim bought against it. Councillor Mills said that he had consulted with CHALC regarding the tribunal and that he was advised to stay clear of matters involving the Community Centre.
 - b. Jubilee Field – said planting had been done with residents and that more saplings would be added in the autumn. And that he has some wild flower seeds that can be used in the village. He has an idea of an Elton 'Bulb Bank', which is 10sq metres (on the path that leads to know where), that will have flowers throughout the year. He said the idea has been popular on Facebook, but he would need help to push this forward. Councillor Mills stated he would rather the focus be on completing work on the Jubilee field first.
 - c. Councillor Dickinson stated he would send the Clerk plans for the inclusive swing, which the Clerk will then email to all Councillors.
6. **Annual Meeting** - Councillor Mills proposed that the annual meeting and the general meeting should be merged into one meeting every May, from 2019. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.
7. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record
8. **Finance**
 - a. **Payments**

Date	Method	Description	Amount £
31-Mar	SO	Service Charge	18.00
19-Mar	BACS	Staff Costs	1,040.97
15-Mar	SO	Igoe - web hosting fee	6.99
 - b. **Receipts**

Date	Method	Description	Amount £
06-Apr	BACS	CWAC - Precept and CTRS	33,203.00
 - c. **Balance** as at 9th April 2018 £68,372.37
9. **Fly Tipping** - Councillor Smith advised that villagers should report any instances of fly tipping. And that the Parish Council should contact companies whose land any fly tipping is on, to get them to clean it up.
10. **Grass Cutting Contract** – Councillor Dickinson is looking at companies.
11. **The Woods** – Councillor Smith stated that they are not owned by CWAC. It is unadopted and the Parish Council would need to adopt it.

12. Ash Road - Encirc are dealing with Highways with regards to yellow lines.

13. OPEN FORUM:

- a. Councillor Smith spoke about the following;
 - i. There is an Elton Ward Partnership meeting on Tuesday 29th May at 6pm in the community Centre
 - ii. There was another planning application submitted for Plevin Place, despite the enforcement notices. An Appeal will be heard.
 - iii. Issues with CWAC plan on Farm Dale – with taking land
 - iv. Shower blocks in peoples gardens causing issues with drainage
 - v. He completed a ward walk with Mark Brazil, and noticed that many residents should be paying CWAC for the right of access to CWAC land (where they have gates in back gardens that lead onto CWAC land. This is also happening in Plevin Place, but that is unadopted land). Councillor Mills stated that there needed to be action sooner on these issues.
 - vi. Grass verges – these are high maintenance – suggested that these should be turned into wild areas for the parts that CWAC own. Suggested working with the School or Scouts to get bulbs/seeds planted. Councillor Dickinson offered seeds to use. Councillor Smith wants to do a whole village plan for the grass verges
 - vii. School Lane 20mph zone – waiting for the data from the 12 month review – he believes the average speed has been reduced
 - viii. Governance review – Elton will become part of Gowry Rural. There was then a general discussion on the boundary changes
- b. Going forward, minutes will include financial data
- c. Community Centre cheque written for half of the insurance cost as agreed. Cheque for £749.09
- d. Community Centre planning committee to meet soon
- e. Councillor Wilson stated that CHALC will send a list of training opportunities that Councillors can go on. She has included £100 in the budget for training, but more can be spent if needed
- f. Requirement for monthly and ongoing yearly spend to date of all costs.
- g. Councillor Wilson stated playground is going to take a large amount of this year's budget.
- h. Councillor Wilson wants to brighten up the village with flowers. Councillor Smith offered to buy some bulbs. Councillor Ackroyd suggested that the Parish Council co-ordinates a day where the villagers come together to do this, and that the Parish Council should arrange refreshments
- i. Cheque written for Playground inspections £126.00
- j. Cheque written for Igoe web £30

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 14th May 2018