

Elton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11 July 2016 at Elton Community Centre

Present: Councillors Tony Mills (in the Chair), Ruth Ackroyd, Ryan Cash, Martin Dickinson and Neil Hughes

In Attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk) and Rachel Foster, CWaC Libraries Manager.
There were no members of the public present.

16.87 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Margaret Lockhart, Claire Thornton and Maureen Wilson.

16.88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16.89 OPEN FORUM

There were no issues raised.

16.90 MOBILE LIBRARY CONSULTATION

CWaC were consulting on a proposal to implement a three week rota for the Mobile Library Service, instead of the current four week rota, across 100 stops. A library service would continue to be provided in Elton on a Thursday but it had not yet been decided where the vehicle would stop in Elton. Rachel Foster, CWaC Libraries Manager, was present at the meeting to assist with discussion of the options. Three possible sites had been identified (the shops, the Community Centre and the Church) and it was proposed that the bus should stop at a different site each week. However, it was agreed that the shops was not a viable option as the bus would take up too much space. The other two options would be explored further.

16.91 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

16.92 VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

No applications had been received to take up the vacancy. It was agreed that a new Notice should be prepared with no closing date on it and that it should be displayed on the Notice Boards, the website and the Council's Facebook page.

16.93 PLANNING

(1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment: None received

(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council:

16/01477/FUL	Two Storey Extension to side and rear elevations and Detached Garage/Office at Roughshoot, Station Road, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4NJ – APPROVED
16/00626/OUT	Erection of 2 dwellings (Outline, with all matters reserved) on land at The Willows, Ince Lane, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4QB - APPROVED

(3) **Decisions Awaited:**

16/01006/FUL	Change of use of the bakery and sandwich shop (A1) to A5 in the evening for a hot food takeaway at 5 Elton Shopping Precinct, Ince Lane, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4QB
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(4) **Proposed Development at Whitefields, Elton**

It was reported that Sanctuary Housing Group owned a piece of land at Whitefields in Elton, formerly a garage site. The garages had been demolished some time ago and Sanctuary were considering developing the site. The proposed development was for 4 x 1 bed apartments to be available at affordable rent. The building had been designed to resemble two semi detached houses with individual apartment front doors. The proposals also included enclosed, landscaped gardens, off road parking for 4 vehicles and a public footpath from

Whitefields through to the interconnecting footpaths running behind Whitefields, Brackendale and Hallfield Drive. The proposed properties would be built, owned and managed by Sanctuary Housing Group. Residents were being asked to give their views on the proposal before plans were developed further and a full planning application was submitted to CWaC. The Parish Council noted the proposal and would comment once a planning application was received.

16.94 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND STREET CLEANING

The following issues were raised:

- (1) The white lining on Parkland Drive was not straight.
- (2) Complaints had been received on the Council's website/Facebook page about inconsiderate parking. The complaints had been passed on to CWaC who would visit and review the situation.
- (3) It was agreed that Councillor Dickinson should liaise with the Woodland Trust regarding advice on its use.

16.95 PLANTERS AT SHOPPING PARADE

Further to Minute 16.83(4), the Clerk had received an email from David Ogilvie Engineering advertising a steel planter measuring 1000x500x630mm for £534+VAT. It was agreed that if several of these were laid along the edge of the car park with a bollard between them and then planted up it would not only prevent vehicles from driving across the verge, it would also make the shopping parade look more attractive. It was agreed to purchase five planters from David Ogilvie Engineering, in black with the word "Elton" on the side in gold, at a cost of £2,775 plus VAT and delivery (total cost £3,564) and six Enviropol bollards from Glasdon at a cost of £652.58 plus VAT. A quotation of £575 had been received to install them, which was accepted.

16.96 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- (1) **Police Update:** Nothing to report. PCSO Jake Connolly had now left.
- (2) **Community Centre:**
 - (a) A quotation for the concrete platform at the rear of the building was still awaited.
 - (b) A quotation had been received for remedial work, which was under £40K.
- (3) **Play Area / Parish Field / Jubilee Field:** Nothing to report
- (4) **Shops:** The planters had been ordered and would be delivered to Yew Tree Farm to await installation.
- (5) **Encirc/Essar/CF Fertilisers:**

There had still been no contact about a meeting at Encirc or Essar and, although CF Fertilisers had asked for confirmation of the Parish Council's representation at their meetings, no date had yet been advised.
- (6) **Protos:** The AGM had been held on 30 June at Ellesmere Port Boat Museum. Councillor Mills was re-elected Chairman. It had been agreed that representatives from Thornton-Le-Moors could join the community forum. The issue of opening up meetings to be public would be debated at the next meeting in September. Peel had started the ground works for the main site. The biomass development site was also under construction and the stack would be constructed in July. The Air Quality monitoring equipment would be installed in mid September. An application for planning permission for the Covanta EfW scheme was likely to go to CWaC's planning committee in the autumn. Proposals have been made to build a standby electricity generation site alongside the fertiliser plant. This was to be a gas fired installation able to generate electricity at very short. Peel had been challenged about their use of local contractors and their commitment to employing local apprentices during both the construction and operational phase of their sites.

- (7) **Frodsham Wind Farm:** The recent poor weather conditions had delayed construction at the Wind Farm but it was now anticipated that all the turbines would be erected by the end of July. The site should be completed by October.
- (8) **Thornton Science Park:** The close links with Protos continued and it was noted that they were very keen to make it work.
- (9) **Allotments:** No issues raised
- (10) **Website/Social Media/Newsletter:** The Newsletter had been put on hold until September and it was resolved that Speedwatch should be an agenda item for the September meeting in order to clarify what was reported about it. Councillors Hughes and Mills and the Chairman of the Community Centre had attended the meeting with Cheshire Community Action with regard to the Parish Council's entry for the Community Spirit Award. The only negative comment had been about the lack of a welcome pack for new residents.

16.97 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments:** The following payments were approved

BACS	Staffing costs	923.95
BACS	HMRC – Income Tax June	118.80
S/O	Igoe – Monthly website hosting fee	6.99
BACS	PIANDMS – Maintenance of play area	138.00
BACS	Elton Community Centre – Half share of insurance	782.68
BACS	Village Homes & Gardens – Grass Cut Allotments x2	40.00
77	Jacks Home & Garden – Street Orderlies' sundries	42.83

- (3) **Receipts:** None
- (4) **Balance:** The balance at 15 July 2016 was £57,465.41

16.98 ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

- (1) Councillor Ackroyd informed the meeting that the Youth Club was going well, but that those attending were mainly from the 14-18 age group which was not the group it had been hoped to attract. Unfortunately the Youth Service were unable to provide a Youth Worker to support the 10-13 age group. A meeting was to be held to discuss this, to include Ward Councillor Smith. It was known that in Blacon there was a 10-13 Club which was supported by CWaC, including the provision of a Youth Worker.
- (2) It was reported that "Pogle's Wood" had been cleared free of charge by CWaC and that the Parish Council would take on the continued maintenance. A resident had offered to keep the site tidy for £50 a year and it was proposed that this offer be increased to £100, which was agreed.
- (3) It was agreed that the production of ID cards should be pursued. Councillor Hughes would manage this.
- (4) Protos Community Benefit Fund Panel meetings: The Chairman reported that Ince Parish Council had requested the resignation of Councillor Dickinson from the Panel meetings because he had missed the last three meetings. Councillor Dickinson told the Parish Council that the problems of attending were to do with the start time and the day the meetings were held. He found it difficult to get away from work in time to start at 6.30pm but could manage 7.00pm. He also found Tuesday a difficult day and preferred Wednesday. It was agreed that a request should be made to change the start time to 7.00pm and to ask for meetings to be held on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday.

16.99 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.00pm at Elton Community Centre