



Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2021 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs Steve Serna (Chair), Andy Canham (Vice Chair), Stephen Garrity, Lynne Williams, Christine Leith and Martin Dickinson.

ALSO PRESENT: Police Liaison Margaret Lockhart. Members of the public: Nigel Goodliffe

21.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Wilson and O'Reilly

21.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21.3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

21.4 MINUTES

The minutes of 14 December 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Canham and seconded by Cllr Williams and subsequently approved unanimously.

21.5 PLANNING

(1) Applications received by CWAC since the last meeting of the Parish Council

20/04466/FUL	4 Mimosa Close Elton Chester Cheshire CH2 4RX - Single storey side extension, single storey rear extension – closing date for comment 9 January 2021 - Noted
20/04396/FUL	Land at Plot 13 Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port - Resource recovery facility (Plastics Recycling Facility) – closing date for comment 9 January 2021 - Noted
20/04642/FUL	23 The Paddock Elton Chester Cheshire CH2 4PT – 2 storey and first floor extension – Closing date for comment 27 January 2021 - Noted

(2) Decisions made by CWAC since the last meeting of the Parish Council -
Noted

None	
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(3) Appeals made to CWAC since the last meeting of the Parish Council

None	
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(4) Appeals made to the Planning Inspectorate since the last meeting of the Parish Council

None	
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(5) Decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate since the last meeting of the Parish Council

None	
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(6) Matters before the Planning Committee

None	
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21.6 CHAIR REPORT

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and he hoped it would be better than the last one!

21.7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Lauren Davies sent her apologies for tonight's meeting. Margaret Lockhart is Cheshire Constabulary's liaison officer and she read the Police report. The Chair read out the Police report. Notable incidents reported to Police this last month are:-

Another incident of Criminal damage over the last couple of weeks to a car windscreen has occurred.

Ongoing issues with ASB in the Village with some instances of criminal damage. Police please urge any members of the community who witness such acts to please contact us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. The Police hear a lot more through community members from private groups on social media that they don't have access to. If things are reported officially this will allow the Police a greater opportunity to deal accordingly there and then. Police are continuing to work with the schools on this element and hope that incidents do reduce. The PCSO has attended at the Community Centre last week and removed a box full of used gas canisters. Regular patrols here will continue.

Ince & Elton train station – Police are not aware of any further issues here, no further reports.

Off Road Bikes – Police have had a number of reports of scrambler style bikes being ridden on the marshes from Frodsham & Helsby through to Ince & Elton. Police believe they are also being ridden on the roads as well as on the marsh land. The PCSO has today made contact with the Police traffic unit to try and take some positive action. Not only are traffic offences being committed here, but breach of Covid restrictions too.

21.8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive updates since the last Parish Council meeting from each of the working groups as follows:-

(1) ECO WORKING GROUP

Nothing to report.

(2) FINANCE WORKING GROUP

The next meeting will be held on 6 April 2021.

(3) CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Nothing to report.

(4) DOG PARK

Margaret reported the dog parks were a muddy mess with all the rain we have had. She will monitor the situation. The Chair will chase Andy Eardley regarding the flagging to the entrance to the second dog park.

(5) PARISH FIELD

The Chair advised that himself, Cllr Canham and Steve Yandell had removed some of the dilapidated fencing where the trees had been felled. Steve Yandell had taken the tops off some of the stumps and would soon be doing the rest. Steve Yandell advised that the roots of the trees be poisoned and the Chair said he would contact the tree surgeon who felled the trees to quote for this.

(6) JUBILEE FIELD COMMITTEE

The Jubilee Field Committee have not met but the Chair agreed that a meeting would be called within the next couple of weeks.

(7) LEGAL & POLICIES

Nothing to report.

(8) PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

(9) COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nothing to report.

(10) FUNDRAISING

Nothing to report.

(11) ELTON & HELSBY GP PRACTICE

Nothing to report.

(12) ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

(13) ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Williams advised that in order to protect volunteers the Trustees of Elton Community Centre had put in place a system on only allowing 3 people in the centre at a time.

21.9 FINANCE

- (1) To note/approve payments made in December 2020 – Cllr Canham proposed to approve the expenditure and Cllr Leith seconded, a unanimous vote to approve all payments.

Date	For	Amount
02.12.20	HMRC (November 2020)	£206.00
02.12.20	Oaklands Fencing (Christmas tree fence)	£390.00
02.12.20	PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit)	£408.00
02.12.20	Bell Graphics Printing (Foodbank Leaflets)	£77.90
07.12.20	Pauline O'Reilly (£18.80
07.12.20	A J Eardley (Christmas Tree)	£950.00
07.12.20	Then Media (Website)	£554.40
07.12.20	Pauline O'Reilly (Selection boxes)	£356.00
09.12.20	Elton Community Centre Café (Jubilee Field Volunteers Lunch)	£120.00
15.12.20	Clerk's Expenses	£34.00
15.12.20	Staff Salaries	£1452.04
15.12.20	HMRC (December 2020)	£210.60
21.12.20	Pauline O'Reilly	£318.35
22.12.20	Penninsula (HR Service) the Notice Period is	£131.56
31.12.20	Bank Service Charge (quarterly)	£18.00
	Total	£4877.65

(2) To note income for December 2020 - **Noted**

Date	For	Amount
02.12.20	West Cheshire Foodbank (Donation to Elton/Ince/Thornton Le Moors Foodbank)	£100.00
03.12.20	JH Willis & Son (Donation towards purchase of selection boxes)	£200.00
11.12.20	Recharge of 50% for Elton Community Centre Website	£231.00
11.12.20	Recharge of 50% for cost of Video Conferencing Equipment for Elton Community Centre	£436.27
	Total	£967.27

(3) To note the balance in the Bank as at 31 December 2020 £16,398.32 of which £ is the Covid 19 Support Group funds (Foodbank).

(4) **FINANCE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON 4 JANUARY 2021**

(i) **STREET ORDERLIES HOURLY RATE OF PAY**

The recommendation from the Finance Working Group to review the Street Orderlies hourly rate in 6 months was noted.

(ii) **PARISH CLERK'S SALARY**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Canham to follow the Finance Working Group recommendation to pay the Clerk's salary in 12 equal monthly payments. This was subsequently approved unanimously.

(iii) It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Canham to follow the recommendation of the Finance Working Group to not increase the Precept for 2021/22. This was subsequently approved unanimously.

21.10 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the owner of Orchard Park Caravan Park, Wildcrest, was again attempting to breach planning regulation by adding further homes to the site. The residents of the park had been in contact with Cheshire West & Chester Council who had visited the site.

21.11 ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSTITUTION

It was proposed by Cllr Canham and seconded by Cllr Dickinson to approve the new CIO. This was resolved unanimously.

21.12 ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEW LEASE

Cllr Canham proposed and the Chair seconded that once the new Constitution was ratified then the Lease can be signed off by the Parish Council's solicitors. This was resolved unanimously.

21.13 JUBILEE FIELD GATE

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Williams that a large wooden kissing gate, suitable for mobility scooters to pass through, be installed on the field. The Chair will get a quote from Andy Eardley for fitting the new kissing gate and also for the fixing of the post on the existing large gate. Once quotes had been received then the Chair would fix a date for the next Jubilee Field Committee.

21.14 ADOPTION OF THE 2 CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Information had been received from Cheshire West & Chester Council

20.17 POGOS WOOD AREA/MARSH LANE GREENWAY

This matter seems to have reached an impasse. The Chair stated that he thought it was time our Ward Cllr should take this matter up on our behalf.

20.18 ELTON NEWSLETTER/COLLABORATION WITH THE CHURCH'S BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION

Cllrs Garrity advised he had not heard anything back on costs for a joint collaboration. He will chase this up.

20.19 SPEEDING QUESTIONAIR

It was discussed and agreed that Councillors thought that the issue of speeding was within their top 3 priorities.

21.20 MEMORIAL TREE – JUBILEE FIELD

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Canham that Cllr Dickinson be allowed to plant a tree in the Jubilee Field in memory of his late mother.

21.21 MATTERS ARISING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters arising for the next meeting at this time.

The Chair requested that members of the public leave before the commencement of Part 2

AGENDA PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

21.22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.00pm in the Elton Community Centre. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.07pm.