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**ELTON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

**Present:** Councillors Tony Mills (in the Chair), Ruth Ackroyd, Colin Crispin, Martin Dickinson, Margaret Lockhart, Ian Miller, Pauline O'Reilly, and Maureen Wilson

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk) and PCSO Sue Keers. There were no members of the public present

**17.79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ron Reading

**17.80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Colin Crispin, Martin Dickinson and Pauline O'Reilly declared an interest in issues relating to Elton Community Centre as they were Trustees

**17.81 OPEN FORUM**

It was reported that both a quad bike and a motor bike had been riding across the field behind The Paddock. Councillor Mills was advised to ring 101 while they were there so that the Police had an opportunity to catch them red handed.

**17.82 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

**17.83 FINANCE**

(1) **Payments:** The following payments were noted:

Method		Amount
BACS	Staff costs	1,077.40
S/O	Igoe – website hosting fee	6.99
BACS	Wellfield Accounting Services Ltd – Internal Audit Fee	120.00
BACS	Play Inspection & Maintenance Services – Monthly Inspection	48.00
BACS	Parish Clerk - expenses	103.34
BACS	ChALC-Training-Cllr Wilson-Management and Meetings	35.00

(2) **Receipts:**

		Amount
28.06.17	Elton Allotments – Repayment of Water Charge	57.08

(3) **Balance** as at 10 July 2017 £65,578.98

- (4) **Annual Governance Statement:** In order to complete the Annual Return, the Parish Council was required to approve the Annual Governance Statement by considering the statement in each box and ticking either yes or no. The Parish Council was satisfied that they had put the relevant procedures in place, all boxes were ticked as yes and the Chairman signed the document.
- (5) **Accounting Statements:** It was noted that the balance brought forward from last year was £14 more than had been shown in the final accounts. This was due to an accounting error in a previous year which had been carried forward. The new starting figure reflected the actual amount in the bank account. It was resolved that the accounting statements for 2016/17 be approved.

#### 17.84 PLANNING

- (1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment (details available on the Cheshire West and Chester website):

17/02695/FUL	Single storey rear extension and covered way at 59 Parkland Drive, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4PG (20 July 2017)
17/02683/FUL	To develop an electricity battery storage facility on land off Ash Road, Elton, Chester (18 July)
17/02862/HHE	Conservatory to rear at 15 Farmdale Drive, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4PJ

- (1) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council: None taken by CWaC

- (2) **Decisions Awaited:**

17/02309/FUL	Single storey side extension at 1 Hallfield Drive, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4PD
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#### 17.85 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

No specific issues raised.

#### 17.86 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- (1) **CF Fertilisers:** A Community Benefit Fund had been set up in the sum of £10,000.
- (2) **Community Centre:** It was reported that Councillor Miller had resigned from the Community Centre. The £2,000 with which he was entrusted had been put into another account. There had been a problem with the drains and an emergency company had been called out. The Parish Council agreed to pay the bill of £220. The new front door was to be installed the next week. The main issue remaining was to get the banking sorted out.
- (3) **Jubilee Field:** The Dog Walking Area in the Jubilee Field had been ploughed up and levelled. Fencing had been installed and the gates had been put in. The next job was to get it levelled.
- (4) **Shops:** The Post Office was to be installed in the newsagents. The old Post Office was to become an Indian restaurant.
- (5) **Surgeries:** The main issue that had arisen in the Surgeries was

grass cutting.

**17.87 ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION OR FUTURE ACTION**

Councillor Crispin raised the matter of disabled parking at the Community Centre. He would advise on the best location, Councillor Mills would check on the cost of marking out etc.

**17.88 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.00 pm at Elton Community Centre