



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 July 2021 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs Andy Canham (Chair), Christine Leith, Stephen Garrity, Pauline O'Reilly, Margaret Lockhart, Maureen Wilson

21.126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Serna (annual leave), Clerk (sick leave)

21.127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21.128 VISITING MEMBERS SPEAKING TIME

There were no visiting members present.

21.129 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No members of the public wished to speak.

21.130 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 14 May 2021 and 12 July 2021 were proposed as a true record by Christine Leith and seconded by Pauline O'Reilly – a vote on this was not recorded so invalid motion. Approval to be sought at the September meeting.

21.131 PLANNING

- (1) To note applications received by CWAC since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

21/02078/FUL	30 Coppice Green Elton Chester Cheshire CH2 4RH - Single storey rear extension – Closing date for comments 15 July 2021 – Noted
21/02169/FUL	11 Birchwood Close Elton Chester Cheshire CH2 4R - wo storey side, single storey front and rear extension and loft conversion with dormer – Closing date for comments 14 July 2021 – Noted

- (2) To note decisions made by CWAC since the last meeting of the Parish

Council

20/00773/FUL	Land Adjacent To Little Meadow Green Shotwick-Frodsham Road Thornton Le Moors Chester - Change of use of land for the siting of caravans for residential purposes for 20 transit gypsy pitches together with the formation of ancillary hard standing – Refused - Noted
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- (3) To note appeals made to CWAC since the last meeting of the Parish Council

None	
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- (4) To note appeals made to the Planning Inspectorate

None	
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- (5) To note decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate

None	
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- (6) To note matters before the Planning Committee

None	
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21.132 CHAIR REPORT

There was no Chair Report this month.

21.133 POLICE REPORT

Given by Cllr Lockhart in the absence of the PCSO:-

From 9th June to 8th July 2021 8 incidents of criminal activity in Elton and surrounding area:-

- 8 June Anti-social behaviour threats
- 14 June Threats to the public
- 16 June Hate Crime
- 17 June Anti-Social behaviour
- 19 June Vehicle damaged by stone throwing
- 29 June Spar incident
- 4 July Scout Hut damaged seriously
- 7 July Window damage bt thrown item

Any images of offenses – phone or car cam - please give to the Police.
Dog mishandling – please phone the Dog Police.

21.134 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

- (1) ECO WORKING GROUP
- (2) FINANCE
- (3) CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
- (4) DOG PARK
- (5) PARISH FIELD
- (6) JUBILEE FIELD COMMITTEE
- (7) LEGAL & POLICIES
- (8) PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- (9) COMMUNITY EVENTS
- (10) FUNDRAISING
- (11) ELTON & HELSBY GP SURGERY
- (12) ALLOTMENTS
- (13) ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Nothing recorded for Councillor's Reports

21.135 FINANCE

- (1) To note/approve payments made in June 2021 – Proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Lockhart but no record of a vote. Resolve at the September meeting.

Date	For	Amount
01.06.21	Elton Gardener's Association – Replenishing the planters	£330.00
01.06.21	Centrewire – Kissing gate for Jubilee Field	£481.20
14.06.21	Countrywide – Grass Maintenance	£726.59
14.06.21	Chair's Allowance	£150.00
15.06.21	HMRC	£231.36
15.06.21	Staff Salaries	£1517.88
22.06.21	Peninsula Business (HR) – Notice Period is to be advised by the Chair	£131.56
30.06.21	Bank Service Charge (April-June quarter)	£18.00
	Total	£3586.59

- (2) To note income for June 2021

Date	For	Amount
	Total	£0

- (3) To note the amount in the Bank on 30 June 2021 is £36,326.59 - Noted

21.136 CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from a resident in relation to weeds and brambles on the Allotments coming through their fence – no comments were recorded.

21.137 ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSTITUTION

Defer to next meeting.

21.138 ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEW LEASE

Defer to next meeting.

21.138 ADOPTION OF 2 X CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

To resolve to adopt the Sorbus Close children's play area from Cheshire West and Chester Council and agree that the Redwood Drive play area will not be adopted – Deferred to the next meeting.

21.139 POGOS WOOD/MARSH LANE GREENWAY

Following the clearing of the pathway by local residents the pathway was now easily accessible. The branches need to be reduced to dust – waiting for that work to be carried out.

21.140 ELTON NEWSLETTER/COLLABORATION WITH THE CHURCH'S PUBLICATION

Examples of the Church's "New Link" magazine were shown by Nigel Goodliffe. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged for September between the Parish Council, the Church, the Scouts, Elton Primary School and any other groups. It was suggested the possible circulation round the village each quarter.

21.141 CCTV FOR SCOUT HUT

It was discussed and proposed by Cllr Garrity and seconded by Cllr Leith to pay half the costs of purchasing CCTV equipment for the scout hut up to a maximum of £750 being the Parish Council's contribution to 2 cameras (1 facing the lane and 1 facing the Parish Field) to ensure the Parish Council's assets are protected. This was resolved unanimously.

21.142 MAINTAINING THE DOG PARK

Cllr Lockhart reported that there were several holes which the dogs could escap through. Andy Eardley had done some repair work but more needed to be done. Cllr Lockhart would carry out an inspection on 27 July 2021 and if necessary the park may need to be closed.

21.143 POGO'S WOOD VOLUNTEERS REFRESHMENTS

It was proposed by Cllr Leith and seconded by Cllr O'Reilly that the Parish Council pay Elton Community Centre's invoice of £45.10 for refreshments supplied by them for the resident volunteers who cleared the pathway through Pogo's Wood. Agreed unanimously.

21.144 ELTON GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION PERMISSION REQUESTS

To discuss and resolve if permission can be granted to Elton Gardener's Association to allow them to keep chickens on the Allotments and for small fruit orchard – Deferred to the September meeting.

21.145 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

To discuss and resolve the responsibility of the Children's Play Area being passed to Cllr Garrity – Deferred to the September meeting.

21.146 ACTIVE ELTON

To agree to reinstate Active Elton and discuss who would lead the project – Deferred to the September meeting.

21.147 JUBILEE PARK

To discuss and resolve officially opening the Jubilee Field and having a grand opening in September 2021 – discussed and agreed.

21.148 WILDFLOWER SEEDS

To discuss and resolve if the wildflower seeds could be donated to Elton Gardener’s Association for the Allotments – Deferred to the September meeting.

21.149 MATTERS ARISING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To note matters arising for the next meeting are:

Christmas events/lights/tree

Concern regarding the number of Councillors still not attending meetings.

Cllr Lockhart will be ending the Wednesday meeting at the shops on Council business.

Concern was expressed on the Minutes from April to date.

AGENDA Part 2 – Matters to be considered in the absence of the Press and Public

21.150 This item was not on the Agenda but as the Clerk had recently moved out of the area, concern was expressed as to the impact on the Parish Council’s budget in relation to travel expenses.

21.151 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.00pm at Elton Community Centre.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.55pm.