



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 October 2017 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

Present: Councillors Maureen Wilson (in the Chair), Ruth Ackroyd, Martin Dickinson, Margaret Lockhart, Ian Miller, Pauline O'Reilly, and Ron Reading

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk)

17.102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colin Crispin and Tony Mills

17.103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Pauline O'Reilly and Ron Reading declared an interest in issues relating to Elton Community Centre as they were Trustees.

17.104 OPEN FORUM

No issues raised.

17.105 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

17.106 FINANCE

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

Method		Amount
BACS	Staff costs (including HMRC)	1,077.40
S/O	Igoe – website hosting fee	6.99
	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00

(2) **Receipts:**

Helsby & Elton Practice – Annual Rent	10.00
Wayleave	12.52

(3) **Balance** as at 9 October 2017 £5,850.32

17.107 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Tuesday Club, which met at the Community Centre, had requested a short-term loan of £5,000. The Club had obtained a grant from the Protos Community Benefit Fund but the goods covered by the grant had to be paid for up front and were then repaid. The Club was a small, not for profit group and did not have that amount of money available. The grant did not cover VAT and the Parish Council was requested to offer a grant to cover the cost of the VAT which was approximately £1,000 of the total expenditure. If the loan was approved the Club would repay the cost of the equipment purchased minus VAT, approximately £4,000. The grant was for the purchase of 40 armchairs, 12 lightweight tables, 2 tools for table erection and 1 large storage trolley for the tables when not in use. The equipment would be stored at the Community Centre and would be available for other hirers to use. It was resolved that a loan of £4,000 be made to the Tuesday Club to purchase the above goods, this amount to be repaid when the Protos Community Benefit Fund grant is paid, and a grant of £1,000 be made to cover the cost of VAT.

17.108 PLANNING

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

17/04166/DIS	Discharge of Condition 4, 8, 9, 10 and 14 on Planning Application 16/05321/FUL (Redevelopment of an existing petrol filling station) at Elton Green Service Station, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4LD
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(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council:

17/03130/FUL	Installation of diesel storage tank at Encirc Glass Ltd, Ash Road, Elton,
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(3) Awaiting Decision

17/03375/FUL	Single storey extension to form meeting room and store room at LH front of Church Hall, Elton Methodist Church, Ince Lane, Elton, Chester Cheshire CH2 4QB (Councillor Ackroyd declared an interest in this item)
17/03757/CAT	Sycamore (T1) directly in front of 18 Anvil Close, Elton - prune branches overhanging boundary of 18 Anvil Close at 18 Anvil Close, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4LA

17.109 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

A suggestion was made that an obstruction be put on the central reservation on the A5117 to stop lorries from turning through the gap, and that a 40mph speed limit be sought at this point.

17.110 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- (1) **Allotments:** The AGM had approved a new Constitution for the Allotments Society and a copy was circulated. Councillor O'Reilly queried why the Society was not receiving copies of the water bill for repayment. The Clerk informed her that bills were only being sent out half yearly rather than quarterly. As soon as the next one was received the Society would receive a copy.
- (2) **Community Centre:** The Community Centre were going to advertise for volunteers to help out at events, including behind the bar. A quote was to be sought for marking out disabled places in the car park and the Doctors' Surgery and School would be contacted to make a contribution towards the cost.
- (3) **Encirc:** Councillor Crispin to be informed of the date of the next meeting.
- (4) **Jubilee Field:** Residents were asking when the new dog walking area would be open. A comment was made that the fence was not high enough to stop dogs from jumping over and that the whole site was not big enough. It was queried why it could not be made bigger.
- (5) **Parish Field:** Costings were awaited for the provision of disabled access to the field.
- (6) **Police:** Speeding surveys were to be carried out on School Lane and Ince Lane. The Police Liaison Officer would attend the Youth Group with a head cam that shows the effects of driving with drink/drugs. With regard to the kids on bikes, what they wanted was a skate park. Councillor Lockhart would not fight for it as long as they were still riding into the path of vehicles on the roads or towards pedestrians on the footpaths. She would welcome the opportunity to work with the kids. It was suggested that Councillor Dickinson should be invited to talk to them about the tree planting project on the Jubilee Field.
- (7) **Protos:** The Community Benefit Fund was now spent for this year. From 1 January 2018 the Fund would be open to bids from other Parish Councils in the area.
- (8) **Shops:** It was proposed to ask the shops if they would be responsible for the bins outside their premises. Streetscene were to be asked for a collection schedule.
- (9) **Surgeries:** The main issues raised were Prevan Place and the dog walking area. Councillor Lockhart was unable to answer questions, especially on traveller issues. She asked for a copy of a map showing the Green Belt around Elton.
- (10) **Website / Social Media / Newsletter:** Councillor Reading had now received the template for the Newsletter and he asked for copy by the end of the month. A meeting was to be arranged with Tim Igoe and the Clerk to transfer responsibility for uploading onto the website. Additional keys were to be cut for the Notice Boards. Councillor Lockhart volunteered to look after them.

17.111 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillors had been asked to read the draft recommendations and make any

comments for this meeting. No comments were made.

17.112 WOODLAND TRUST TRAINING EVENT

A training and networking session focussing on community woodlands and wood allotments would be taking place at Risley Moss, Warrington on 11 November 2017. The day would look at how communities could come together to harvest their own firewood and create better woods. The event would take place at the Mersey Forest offices in Warrington. There will be an opportunity to go out and see one of the project sites. The event starts at 10am and finish at 3:30pm, and light lunch will be provided. It was resolved that Councillor Dickinson would attend.

17.113 ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION OR FUTURE ACTION

Councillor Ackroyd asked whether the trees to the rear of the School could be pollarded as when the leaves were wet they dropped into the playground and made it slippery. This was agreed.

17.114 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.00 pm at Elton Community Centre