



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

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

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk), PCSO Sue Keers and one member of the public

**17.89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Miller and Ron Reading

**17.90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Colin Crispin, Ian Miller and Pauline O'Reilly declared an interest in issues relating to Elton Community Centre as they were Trustees. Councillor Ackroyd declared an interest in the planning application relating to the Church Hall.

**17.91 OPEN FORUM**

With the approval of the Parish Council, the annual bonfire and fireworks would be held on the Parish field on Friday 3 November 2017. The Police had been informed.

There would be the usual Remembrance Day parade from the Community Centre to the Church at Ince on the morning of Sunday 12 November.

PCSO Sue Keers reported that there had been some speed monitoring on Ash Lane and the police had been asked to monitor Ince Lane as well. There had been very few antisocial issues, especially kids on bikes. The management of Encirc had been approached to provide funding for a skate park and had asked for the proposal to be put in writing. A BMX track had been made for them at the bottom of Marsh Lane and they kept this area very tidy. A very small consultation exercise had been undertaken by Active Cheshire but it was not foreseen that anything would happen for around 18 months.

A Fiesta (or similar) had been parked in front of the shops at Elton for a week without movement. This would be investigated.

**17.92 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

**17.93 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
BACS	A J Eardley-Dog Walking Area	755.00
BACS	Play Inspection & Maintenance Services – Repairs to Play equipment	552.00

(2) **Receipts:** None

(3) **Balance** as at 11 September 2017 £57,850.32

**17.94 PLANNING**

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

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

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

17/01820/S73	Variation of condition 4 (HCV movements) of planning permission 13/03999/S73 and 13/04000/S73 to remove requirement to reduce movements over time at Encirc Glass Ltd, Ash Road, Elton, Chester CH2 4LF – APPROVED
17/02695/FUL	Single storey rear extension and covered way at 59 Parkland Drive, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4PG – APPROVED
17/02683/FUL	To develop an electricity battery storage facility on land off Ash Road, Elton, Chester – APPROVED
17/02862/HHE	Conservatory to rear at 15 Farmdale Drive, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4PJ – PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED
17/02309/FUL	Single storey side extension at 1 Hallfield Drive, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4PD – APPROVED
17/03130/FUL	Installation of diesel storage tank at Encirc Glass Ltd, Ash Road, Elton, Chester CH2 4LF – APPROVED
17/03667/TPE	Remove to ground level 3 x whitebeam - significant basal and stem cavities with internal decay at 1 Cherry Tree Close, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4NH - APPROVED

**17.95 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

The branches of the tree on the corner of Old Hall Lane were overhanging the pavement. Clerk to report to CWaC. The ownership of the path by the Rigger was not clear. There was a health and safety issue because people were unable to walk along the path upright. The Parish Council had been consulted on a proposal to make Old Cryers Lane and dead end and was in favour of this. There had been a huge increase in agricultural traffic on the Lane and the Parish Council offered to contribute £250 towards the costs of speed reduction measures. With the temporary closure of Pool Lane, HGVs were going through Elton village at speed. The lack of traffic management and the lack of appropriate signage was at fault. It was noted that no further closures were needed for Scottish Power work.

**17.96 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

- (1) **Allotments:** Councillor O'Reilly reported that the AGM was to be held on 2 October 2017 at Elton Community Centre. Only 14 plots were currently rented out and it had been agreed that the availability of plots should be advertised appropriately. Plot rentals were to be increased to £20 a year from next year. A walk was requested to look at the perimeter fencing. This would be arranged with the Chairman of the Allotment Society. A suggestion by Councillor Ackroyd to have a Community plot would be considered.
- (2) **CF Fertilisers:** £10,000 had been made available for community funding and allocations would be made in small amounts.
- (3) **Community Centre:** There had been quite a lot of activity. Martin Dickinson was no longer on the Committee and Colin Crispin had taken over the role of Chairman. Two new trustees had been appointed. Further information would be available at the next meeting.
- (4) **Encirc:** An offer with regard to funding would be borne in mind.
- (5) **Essar:** Thanks to Ian Cotton for the funding for the new doors at the Community Centre.
- (6) **Frodsham Wind Farm:** A meeting was due. Councillor Mills to inform Councillor Crispin who would also attend.
- (7) **Jubilee Field:** The new Dog Walking area had been laid out and comments had been made that it was very small. The Chairman reminded Councillors that so far £2,850 had been spent to clear the area and that further expenditure would be needed to provide a bench and a bin. This was considered to be sufficient for a small project. The remainder of the field was waiting for winter to plant up to new trees and it was hoped to get the Scouts and the Youth Group involved with this.

- (8) **Parish Field:** Contact had finally been made with CWaC with regard to the grass cutting contract. The Parish Council had not received any invoices, and had therefore not made any payments for some time and it had been estimated by CWaC that the amount owing was £6,000. As the fault lay with CWaC, it was proposed that the Parish Council should pay half of this, i.e. £3,000. Clerk to contact Neil Bowdler to confirm.
- (9) **Play Area:** The Chairman had met Graham Garnett, CWaC's Access Officer to discuss the provision of a disabled access to the play area and would get costings for the proposals for approval by the Parish Council. It was proposed to allocate three disabled parking bays and the school and doctors' surgery would be asked to contribute towards the cost of marking these out.
- (10) **Protos:** A Community Benefit meeting was due to be held. There was about £1,000 remaining in the fund.
- (12) **Shops:** The Post Office was now fully operational in its new location. Benmill had arranged for the access road to be tarmacked.
- (13) **Surgeries:** The residents of Whitefields reported a rat problem. Councillor Lockhart had referred this to Sharon Marshall at CWaC. There was no further news about when Sanctuary proposed to start work on the four properties for which planning permission had recently been received.
- (14) **Website / Social Media / Newsletter:** Councillor Reading was to have met Ryan Cash to discuss the website, but this had not yet taken place..

#### **17.97 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Cheshire West and Chester. A ten-week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations for new ward boundaries across Cheshire West and Chester Council had started on 29 August and would close on 6 November 2017. The draft recommendations were available on the CWaC website [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) where there are interactive maps, a report and guidance on how to 'have your say.' It was resolved that any comments should be passed to the Clerk before the next meeting.

#### **17.98 UNCONVENTIONAL EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS WORKING GROUP**

A recent meeting of the Working Group had been poorly attended and it was queried whether this was something with which Elton Parish Council wished to be involved. It was resolved that Councillors Mills and Dickinson should attend the next meeting following which a decision would be made whether it was something they wanted to attend on a regular basis.

#### **17.99 DEFIBRILLATOR – ELTON SHOPS**

A proposal had been made by CWaC to purchase a lockable defibrillator which would be sited outside the Spar in Elton. The Parish Council was asked to support this with a financial contribution towards the initial purchase and help with the upkeep for the device in the future, along with the Spar. Training would be arranged with the North West Ambulance service and offered to anyone in the community who was interested. It was resolved that the Parish Council would ask CWaC to approach other organisations before the Parish Council made a final decision on the amount of its contribution.

#### **17.100 ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION OR FUTURE ACTION**

No issues raised.

#### **17.101 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9 October 2017 at 7.00 pm at Elton Community Centre

