

Elton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 September 2016 at Elton Community Centre

Present: Councillors Tony Mills (in the Chair), Ruth Ackroyd, Ryan Cash, Neil Hughes, Margaret Lockhart and Maureen Wilson.

In Attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk) and three members of the public

16.100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received. Councillors Martin Dickinson and Claire Thornton were absent from the meeting.

16.101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16.102 OPEN FORUM

The Scouts asked for and were given permission to go ahead with the annual bonfire and fireworks on the Parish Field on Friday 4 November 2016. They confirmed that insurance cover was in place and a risk assessment had been carried out. The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services would be informed. It was agreed to put an advertisement in the Newsletter and on the website.

The Parish Council was reminded about the Remembrance Day Parade which would leave the Community Centre to walk to Ince, but would not return after the service. The Chairman asked if a Councillor was available to represent the Parish Council as he would be attending the evening service.

Andy Eardley had asked, on behalf of his son and friends, if they could make some temporary mounds on the Parish Field to form a BMX track. This was agreed. Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) were being consulted about making this permanent and it was agreed to discuss this again in the future.

16.103 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record subject to it being noted in Minute 16.90 that it was the Church Hall and not the Church that was being considered as a venue for the mobile library.

16.104 VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

No applications had been received to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council. It was hoped to attract people by word of mouth.

16.105 PLANNING

(1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment:

16/03092/OUT	Erection of 2 No. Dwellings - Outline on land at South Bank, Ince Lane, Elton, Chester
16/03295/FUL	Four one bed apartments within a two storey building on Land adjacent to 24 Whitefields, Elton, Chester, Cheshire
16/03516/FUL	32 standby generators with ancillary structures including a DNO metering station, transformer compound, switchroom, store room and oil storage tanks on land off Ash Road, Elton, Chester
16/03777/FUL	First floor extension to side at 1 Firbank, Elton, Chester, Cheshire, CH2 4LY

(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council: None

(3) **Decisions Awaited:**

16/01006/FUL	Change of use of the bakery and sandwich shop (A1) to A5 in the evening for a hot food takeaway at 5 Elton Shopping Precinct, Ince Lane, Elton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4QB
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16.106 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

A meeting of the Elton Partnership Forum on 28 September would concentrate on highway matters and it was hoped that Andy Raynor (CWaC) would be in attendance. A number of issues would be raised.

16.107 UPDATE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- (1) **Police:** A new Community Beat Manager was expected to be announced in November. In the meantime, excellent support continued to be provided by PC Rob Boulton and the local PCSOs. A permanent replacement for PCSO Jake Connolly was awaited.
- (2) **Community Centre:** Ian Cotton (Essar) had offered the Community Centre £15,000 towards the cost of improvements at the Centre. He did not want to influence the work that was to be done, but was keen that safety issues such as meeting fire regulations should be a priority. The Community Centre were recommended to get in touch with companies who specialised in fire doors/equipment to get quotations. Ian Cotton had asked that the Parish Council be asked to approve the contractor to be given the work. Issues that needed to be addressed, amongst other things, were a review of the electrical system, emergency lighting, push bells, a light outside the side door and a fire exit door. In relation to the path requested to the rear of the Community Centre to allow access at the rear for football teams, work was expected to start in early October.
- (3) **Play Area / Parish Field / Jubilee Field:** The area to be set aside for the dog walking area on the Jubilee Field would be cleared during the second week in October.
- (4) **Shops:** The planters would be installed outside the shops at the end of October.
- (5) **Encirc / Essar / CF Fertilisers:** A meeting had been arranged by Encirc but had been cancelled twice. CF Fertilisers had indicated that they would be arranging a meeting in the near future.
- (6) **Protos:** A meeting of the Protos Community Forum was to be held on 5 October. A Community Benefit Fund meeting was to be held on 21 September.
- (7) **Frodsham Wind Farm:** It was noted that the proposed Board for the Community Benefit Fund for the Wind Farm did not include any councillors. Peel had been asked to reconsider this decision.
- (8) **Thornton Science Park:** There was no meeting due.
- (9) **Allotments:** The AGM was due to be held at the end of September.
- (10) **Website / Social Media / Newsletter:** Complaints from residents on the Council's Facebook page had related mainly to antisocial behaviour problems and vandalism which had been passed on to the Police. Some concern had been expressed about the health of the ancient hedgerow on Holm Drive and this would be reported to CWaC to establish ownership. The Newsletter had not yet been produced but would go ahead now that the information about Bonfire Night had been received.
- (11) **Parish Council and Police Surgeries:** The main issue raised continued to be speeding. Other issues raised had been about grass cutting, the trees on the piece of community land opposite The Rigger, which the Parish Council was taking steps to remedy, and rats around the bungalows opposite the shops which would be reported to CWaC.

16.108 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) An email had been received from a resident asking the Parish Council to investigate and remove the rubbish that had been offloaded into the end garage situated in the Dairybank garage area, most of which appeared to be asbestos. The Chairman reported that a number of requests had been received over the years to clear rubbish from this site but that the garages belonged to the householders and were not, therefore, the responsibility of either the Parish Council or CWaC. In the past, residents had been unwilling to take responsibility for the garages.

- (2) Members of the Council had been invited to attend the Awards Evening of the 2016 Community Pride Competition, sponsored by Essar Oil UK. The event would be hosted by Cheshire East Council and would be held in Sandbach Town Hall on Thursday 13 October 2016 at 7.30pm. Councillors Cash and Hughes would attend with the Chairman if he was available.
- (3) CWaC Community Energy Conference and Showcase: It was noted that this was to be held on Saturday 15 October at Ashton Hayes Primary School between 10.00am and 2.00pm.
- (4) Publication: Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2016

16.109 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments:** The following payments were noted/approved:

Method	To whom paid	Amount
BACS	Igoe – Monthly website hosting fee – July	6.99
BACS	Staffing costs – July	923.95
BACS	HMRC – Income Tax July	121.80
BACS	Village Homes & Gardens – Grass Cut Allotments	40.00
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses July	26.65
BACS	Morris & Co – Payroll Administration	97.74
BACS	Igoe – Monthly website hosting fee – August	6.99
BACS	Staffing costs – August	915.13
BACS	Village Homes & Gardens – Grass Cut Allotments	40.00
BACS	David Ogilvie Engineering – Planters	3,564.00
Bank	Transaction stop fee (lost cheque)	8.00
BACS	HMRC – Income Tax August	119.40
BACS	Glasdon UK Limited – Bollards	783.21
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses August	46.55

- (2) **Receipts:** To note any receipts

From whom	Reason	Amount
HMRC	Repayment of VAT	1,723.79

- (3) **Balance:** The balance in the bank at 12 September 2016 was £53,264.73.
- (4) **Quotation for work on trees:** At the Parish Council's request a quotation had been received from Treefellers to do some work on the trees on the Council's land opposite The Rigger on Ince Lane, Elton. The quotation was for £900 plus VAT, a total of £1,080 and it was recommended that it be approved.

16.110 ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION OR FUTURE ACTION

It was noted that CWaC were to withdraw funding for the Youth Club in November and that the Church was to take over. The Parish Council was asked to consider making a grant to cover the cost of providing support for three hours a week. The sum of £1,000 was proposed and seconded, subject to a review every twelve months. A second proposal of £500 was not seconded. This would need to be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting when the request could be put on the formal agenda.

16.111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 7.00pm at Elton Community Centre