

# Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 in Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall.**

### **Present**

Chair: Councillor. K Preece and Councillors R Powell, D. Lewis and L. Neale.

### **In Attendance**

D. Roscoe (clerk), Phil Awford (County Councillor) and 6 members of the public

### **372 Apologies for absence.**

372.1 No apologies from Councillors were received.

### **373 Declarations of Interest**

373.1 Councillors Preece, Powell and Lewis declared an interest in Planning Application 15/00801/FUL the Solar Farm at Cursey Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke.

### **374 Requests for Dispensation**

374 Requests for Dispensation regarding discussion on Planning Application 15/00801/FUL the Solar Farm at Cursey Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke was granted by the clerk to Councillors Powell and Preece.

### **375 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015.**

375.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

### **376 Clerks Report**

376.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated with actions from previous Minutes.

### **377 County Councillor's Report**

377.1 No report. Councillor Awford made appropriate comments on agenda items during the meeting.

### **378 Borough Councillor's Report**

378.1 Cllr Waters gave his apologies.

### **379 Police Report**

379.1 No report..

### **380 Finance**

380.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed by the clerk and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Powell, seconded Councillor Neale. Unanimous

380.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Powell, seconded Councillor Neale. Unanimous.

Date	Chq No	Payee	Reason	VAT	Amount incl VAT
19/08/2015	DD	D Roscoe	Clerks Salary	0.00	134.51
19/09/2015	DD	D Roscoe	Clerks Salary	0.00	134.51
24/08/2015	789	HMRC	Tax	0.00	103.00
03/09/2015	791	D Roscoe	Clerks Expenses	6.00	76.23

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03/09/2015	792 & 794	J Preece and Sons	Grass Cutting	53.00	318.00
03/09/2015	793	L Neale	Expenses	0.00	5.61

- 380.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Neale, seconded Councillor Powell. Unanimous.
- 380.4 The Budget was reviewed and accepted.
- 380.5 **It was resolved that** The Scheme of Allowances for Councillors was not appropriate for this Council.

### 381 Planning

381.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details
15/00682/PDAD	Barn North Of Phoenix House Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke	Conversion of agricultural barn to 1no. residential dwelling. <b>Withdrawn</b>
15/00730/PDD	Phoenix House Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Change of Use of Ground and First Floor Offices (B1a) to 18no. Residential Units (C3). <b>Prior Approval Approved</b>
15/00696/FUL	Brookwood The Hoo Gloucester Road Tewkesbury	Single storey rear extensions to provide new kitchen and enlarged lounge. <b>Permitted.</b>
15/00719/FUL	Stanboro Nurseries Stanboro Lane Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Change of use of nursery (agricultural diversification) to a mixed comprising Small Scale Storage (sitting of up to 24 static shipping style containers, class B8) and retained agricultural (horticultural) use. <b>Objections submitted 12/7/15</b>
15/00753/FUL	The Stables Lowdilow Lane Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Erection of a chalet style bungalow (demolition of existing building). <b>No objections submitted 21/7/15</b>
15/00761/FUL	Toujours Lowdilow Lane Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Erection of a new chalet style dwelling together with associated parking, landscaping and garden area following demolition of existing bungalow. <b>No objections submitted 6/8/15</b>
15/00727/FUL	Queenwood Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Proposed annex building to Queenwood. <b>No objections submitted 9/8/15</b>
15/00801/FUL	Solar Farm, Cursey Lane. Previously referred to as Green Farm The Green Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Proposed solar photovoltaic farm with associated landscaping, ground based racking systems, static mounted solar panels, associated infrastructure, site security fencing and security system. Application supported by an Environmental Statement. Site Adjacent to Public Right of Way.

381.2 **Action:** The clerk will enquire why "Prior Approval Approved" had been made by TBC on 15/00730/PDD Phoenix House Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham.

381.3 **Action:** 15/00801/FUL Solar Farm, Cursey Lane. Previously referred to as Green Farm The Green Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham. The clerk will raise issues concerning the lack of an appropriate planning notice on the lane crossing the field and submit comments recorded at the Public Meeting held on the 27/8/15 (due to declarations of interest it would be made clear that these were public comments and not official comments from the Parish Council). Also will raise serious questions as to why the original planning notice recorded the location as a wrong address, A further extension for responses will be requested,

### 382 Risk Register

382.1 The register was reviewed and updated. No issues reported.

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## 383 To consider completion of Winter Maintenance Forms

383.1 **Action:** Councillor Preece will complete the forms. No further stocks of grit were required.

## 384 To report any Highways Issues.

384.1 **Action:** The clerk will once again raise issues of speeding from the Boddington Turning up and over the motorway bridge with the police. Also suggest speed monitoring should be sited at Stanboro Lane or the Old Spot Pub car park.

384.2 **Action:** The clerk will report pot holes on the motorway bridge.

384.3 **Action:** The clerk will report pot holes along the Piff Elms to Stoke Orchard road.

## 385 To consider Code of Conduct refresher training 29/9/15

385.1 **Action:** The clerk will write to confirm Councillor Neale's attendance.

## 386 To agree next steps with regard to the application for Grant Funding for the Speed Sign

386.1 **Action:** The clerk will confirm the Council's interest in joining a scheme (partly funded by Highways) to share a speed sign with other parishes. Councillor Awford agreed to contribute some funds towards the costs. **It was also resolved that** the Parish Council would also contribute £500 towards costs. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous. Locations included the Piffs Elm to Stoke Orchard road and Knightsbridge area.

## 387 To consider fund request from the Chest Fund

387.1 The request for funds was deferred.

## 388 To consider fund request from Victim Support

388.1 The request for funds was deferred.

## 389 To consider fund request from SARA (Severn Area Rescue Service)

389.1 **It was resolved that** a donation of £50 be made. Proposed Councillor Neale, seconded Councillor Powell. Unanimous.

## 390 To agree next actions regarding Healthwatch Gloucestershire

390.1 **Action:** The clerk will take up the offer of a short presentation at the next meeting.

## 391 Items for Future Agenda

391.1 None

Date of the next meeting **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 at the Uckington & Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall commencing 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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### PQT

- Much discussion took place regarding the application for the Solar Farm on Cursey Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke.
- The applicant explained the reason why such a projects had been chosen.
- Issues were raised regarding the location address as advertised on the original planning application notification emailed to local parishes. The clerk will raise concerns with TBC Planning and request that the application process be re-started with the correct location address.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of a green notice at the entrance to the footpath crossing the field. The clerk will raise this also with TBC Planning.
- Mike Griffiths informed the Council that he had had discussions with TBC Planning regarding The Stables at Lowdillo Lane (15/00753/FUL) and had been informed by David Taylor (Enforcement Officer) that the issue of enforcement could only be investigated after the application had been processed. The clerk will write to the Planning Officer (Linda Vincent) informing her that we considered the activities on site to be in breach of permissions.