

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
5th January 2017 in Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall.**

Present

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

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public

513 Apologies for absence.

513.1 No apologies were received.

514 Declarations of Interest

514.1 Councillor Preece declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 To agree the advertising of the Allotment field.

515 Requests for Dispensation

515.1 None requested.

516 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd November 2016.

516.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record. In view of the clerk's absence they will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting..

517 Clerks Report

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

518 County Councillor's Report

- 518.1 Council was informed that there is likely to be an uplift in the precept due to the Adult Social Care Levy.
- 518.2 Councillor Awford assured that he will get some Highways Local funding and needs to know if there are any issues within the parish that could be applied to this initiative.
- 518.3 **Action:** Councillor Awford will speak to Richard Waters regarding the very long outstanding issue over passing places along Cursey Lane which have still not been addressed.

519 Borough Councillor's Report

- 519.1 Council was informed that the Boundary Review was still ongoing.
- 519.2 It was noted that Ward Boundaries will change.
- 519.3 The Medium Term Financial Strategy was ongoing and spending power may be reduced by £300,000. A Council tax increase is to be expected.

520 Police Report

520.1 No report.

521 Finance

- 521.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed by the clerk and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Neale, seconded Councillor Powell. Unanimous.
- 521.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Neale, seconded Councillor Powell. Unanimous.

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Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
19/12/2016	D Roscoe (Salary)	DD	137.28	0.00	Clerk's Salary
21/11/2016	HM Revenue & Customs	819	103.80	0.00	Tax
28/11/2016	C. Lewis	820	150.00	0.00	Grass Cutting
05/12/2016	GCC	821	168.00	28.00	Traffic Monitoring
19/01/2017	D Roscoe (Salary)	DD	137.28	0.00	Clerks Salary
05/01/2017	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	822	262.60	27.27	Clerk's Expenses

521.3 The budget for 2017/18 was agreed.

521.4 The Precept for 2017/18 was agreed at £2500. **Action:** The clerk will inform TBC.

522 Planning

505.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details
16/02000/OUT	- Elms Park North West Cheltenham Off Tewkesbury Road Uckington	Outline application for up to 4115 new homes Objections submitted 5/12/16
16/01434/FUL	- Lowdilow Farm Lowdilow Lane Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Development of 1no. accessible dwelling (ancillary to principle dwelling) following demolition of existing agricultural building. This application is not within the parish and TBC have been informed otherwise. No objections

523 To agree the advertising of the Allotment field

523.1 It was agreed that the following short advert be inserted in the Gloucestershire Echo:
"To Let: 10 acres of land at Elmstone Hardwicke. Available for 3 years (renewable).
Tenders required by 15/3/17. Contact telephone 07950118355 or email elmstonehardwickepc@gmail.com."

524 Risk Register

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

525 To report any Highways Issues.

525.1 It was reported that, even though there have been 2 accidents in 5 days along the Piffs Elm to Stoke Road, Highways refused to include this road for gritting. **Action:** Councillor Awford will discuss with Richard Waters.

525.2 **Action:** Councillor Awford will take up the issue of the ditch opposite Councillor Neale's house with Richard Waters as no action has been taken by Highways.

525.3 **Action:** The clerk will report a deep pothole outside Hill View Farm, along Lodillow Lane.

526 To report on the meeting of the 6 parish councils forum meeting with Tewkesbury Borough Council.

526.1 The Chairman gave his report following the meeting with TBC in September and raised concerns about the recent large development having a negative impact on the local environment. It was suggested that the Parish Council produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Council decided that, as we were not a Service Village, that no action would be taken to develop a plan.

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527 To undertake clerk's performance review

527.1 Council agreed that the clerk's grade be increased to SP 24.

528 Items for Future Agenda

528.1 None

Date of the next meeting **Thursday 2/3/17 commencing at 7.00pm at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm

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- A question about the situation at Barn Farm was raised and it was pointed out that this was still in the hands of Tewkesbury Borough Council Enforcement department.
- It was reported that the 30 miles per hour road signs near to Longacre on New Road needed attention – one is in the ditch and needs replacing, and the other has been turned around the wrong way. **Action:** Suggest write to Highways to request this matter be rectified.
- **Action:** Cllr. Powell asked that we contact Tewkesbury Borough Council to point out that Western Arable have still not carried out the landscaping around the site. This was a condition of the planning permission and a least two planting seasons have passed and nothing appears to have been done. Should be carried out this planting season.
- **Action:** It was also agreed we chase up the matter with Highways about the passing bays in Cursey Lane still not finalised by Grain Store.
- The planning application for Elms Park was raised and Mr. M. Griffiths of Uckington advised they had arranged for a public meeting to be held at Village Hall on 24th November to view the plans and discuss the application – residents of Elmstone Hardwicke were welcome to attend.