

ELMLEY CASTLE, BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton and Netherton Parish Council, held in the village hall on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.30pm

OPEN FORUM: Nothing to report

Following the resignation of Cllr Shaw, Cllr Axtell-Powell chaired the meeting

1. PRESENT: Cllr M Axtell-Powell Cllr A Steele
 Cllr S Speed Cllr J Strong
 Cllr K Mackison Cllr J Douglas
 Cllr K Lewis Clerk L Yapp
 County Cllr A Hardman

2. APOLOGIES were received from District Cllr M English, and Cllrs G Hickey, G Mackison and E Stephens.

It was recorded that the resignation from Cllr D Shaw had been received due to ill health. The clerk had notified WDC and arranged for the relevant notices to be issued

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from previous meetings – proposed Cllr Strong, seconded Cllr Speed. All in favour

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: County Councillor A Hardman reported that

- Footways Besscaps past the Village Hall – it is likely that these will be reviewed in the next financial year
- The Lane, Bricklehampton is scheduled to be re-surfaced
- Recently, a large lorry had got stuck in the 'Hole in the Wall' – it was being considered to establish a height restriction as well as a width restriction with signage being placed in Kersoe, with Kersoe Lane being the last place to reverse.
- The clerk raised the point that the LM budget had not increased despite the fact that the number of duties placed on the LM had. Cllr Hardman suggested the clerk contact CC officers direct.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS – District Cllr G Mackison report had been circulated to Cllrs. No comments were raised.

7. REPORTS:

- Lengthsman – The clerk raised the point that the LM budget had not been increased despite additional duties. The parish council were in agreement that we contact CC, and ask for the budget to be increased, initially by 15%
- Youth Bus – Cllr Speed reported that the bus was continuing to be well supported with new families adding to the numbers

8. PLANNING:

- **17/01691 – Wenlock, I Millend** – Kitchen extension – following a previous site visit, there were no objections to this application. Proposed Cllr K Mackison, seconded Cllr Strong

- Further applications had been received and it was agreed that a site visit be organised for Saturday 18th November followed by a planning meeting at 10:30 am to discuss all

9. FINANCE:

a) Payments made since the last meeting/to be paid:

657	B Arrowsmith	187.00	
658	ECCC - NHB	1500.00	
659	EC Scouts NHB	1500.00	
660	Elite Electrics (Defib)	220.00	
661	B Arrowsmith (incl. Stream work)	286.00	
662	Axtell-Powell Dev.	76.80	VAT12.80
663	S Harte (BHCG)	30.00	
664	CALC (J Douglas Training)	30.00	VAT 5.00
SO	L Yapp (Nov)	15.00	
SO	L Yapp (Nov)	353.60	
665	CALC (J Douglas Training)	30.00	VAT 5.00
666	B Arrowsmith	165.00	

b) External Audit – this had successfully been carried out with the only raised with regard to trust funds. This had been clarified

c) Clerks Contract of Employment – deferred to next meeting

10. PLAYGROUND / PLAYING FIELD:

- Nothing to report, however it was suggested that bulbs be planted near the new entrance. Agreed by all. Cllr Axtell-Powell would review the area under the trees in the spring to see if there was anything that could be done to 'tidy up' the area

11. TREES:

- Tree Warden – Clerk to make contact

12. NEW HOMES BONUS:

- Defibrillator – This was now in situ in the old phone box. One CPR training session had taken place and well attended with interest for more to follow. As the kiosk is used to house a defibrillator there would be no charge for electricity for 7 years. The defibrillator has been registered with WMAS and users would be covered by NHS Insurance. The parish council insurers, Came & Co have been contacted and advise that our policy covers the unit for damage or theft. BT have been informed that electrical work to connect an earthed cable had been carried out and that BT would cover any costs for electricity for 7 years
- Scout Group/Cricket Club – payments had been made to both of £1500 each. The clerk had advised that reports/updates would be required by WDC early in the New Year

13. **VILLAGE CROSS** - Little movement had been recorded but a full structural engineers report is to follow

14. **DOG WASTE BIN/LITTER BIN** – The clerk was advised that the clasp on the litter bin had broken and to report to WDC

15. **PHONE BOX RENOVATION** – following the recent adoption of the phone box it was agreed to investigate costs of having the kiosk sandblasted and re-painted. Action Clerk

19. **CORRESPONDENCE** – emails had been circulated to Cllrs

- Cllr Axtell-Powell referred to an email he had received from an ex-local resident, requesting carparking and toilet facilities for a 'family reunion' on Bredon Hill. It was agreed that this was not something the parish

council were able to assist with but the clerk would respond, suggesting they contact the VH committee or Overbury Estate.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION - None

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Next meeting on Thursday 18th January 2018