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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm

**OPEN FORUM:** All were in favour of Cllr Axtell-Powell as acting chairman.

Acting chair M Axtell Powell welcomed Cllr D Thompson to the parish council

**1. PRESENT:** Cllr M Axtell-Powell (Acting Chair)

Cllr K Lewis	Cllr J Douglas
Cllr S Speed	Cllr D Thompson
Cllr K Mackison	Cllr G Mackison
Cllr A Steele	Cllr J Strong
Clerk L Yapp	
+ 1 members of the public	

**2. APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs E Stephens and G Hickey

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllrs Speed and G Mackison as members of the Village Hall Committee

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meetings January 18th 2018 - proposed Cllr G Mackison, seconded Cllr S Speed. All in favour.

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

**6. REPORTS:**

- Lengthsman – A request had been made by the LM for approx. £30 as a contribution towards a petrol hedge cutter and special spade. This was discussed and voted on, with 7 in favour of supporting this request with 2 against – with reasoning that as a contractor he should provide his own tools. Approved,
- Youth Bus – Cllr Speed reported that numbers had dropped slightly during December but this quite common and there had been a number of other school commitments going on at the moment.

**8. PLANNING:**

- 18/00263 The Rest, Bricklehampton – addition to driveway to house via adjoined field. Area to be changed from agricultural to residential use – this was touched on, in principal, and to be addressed further at a later site meeting

**9. FINANCE:**

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

SO		L Yapp (Dec)	353.60
SO		L Yapp (DEC)	15.00
	668	Grant Thornton	240.00
	669	B Arrowsmith	165.00
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SO		L Yapp	15.00
SO		L Yapp	353.60
	671	British Legion	100.00
	672	L Yapp (U/Pmt)	2121.00
SO		L Yapp	15.00
SO		L Yapp	353.60
	673	B Arrowsmith	165.00
	674	Worcs CALC (Cllr Guide Books)	8.50

b) Clerks Contract of Employment – this had been circulated and Cllr J Douglas had offered to review. There was one point that needed to be included regarding an indemnity clause, and would be re-addressed at the next meeting.

c) Tree Fund Application – the village hall committee had made an application for funding for a community orchard. One of the approved signatories felt that his own personal feelings on the use of the land in question, compromised his position, however the application was approved by acting chair, Cllr Axtell-Powell and Cllr K Mackison – noting that this was a village hall project and not a parish council decision. A request was made that the Village Hall committee provide the parish council with confirmation that the committee were in support of the orchard project.

It was suggested that as the Tree Fund was coming to an end and funds were now limited, that applications should be limited. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 10. TREES/PLAYING FIELD

- Cllr Axtell-Powell had asked both Skywalkers and K Bolton to carry out a Health and Safety Audit of the trees – there had been 2 very different reports received and these were discussed at length. Acting chair Cllr Axtell-Powell had compared like for like on several items and it was agreed that Skywalkers were the better value of the two. Crown lifting, removal of scrub and dead branches, and an all-round tidy up were agreed, with the unanimous approval that an oak tree be planted in memory of Mr J Eaton, whose generous bequest has made the improvements to the playing field/recreation ground possible. It was agreed that the oak tree be purchased via an application from the tree fund.

**11. STREAM, MAIN STREET** – It was acknowledged that the LM had made a significant improvement to the stream last summer – but tis would need to be monitored closely

#### 12. NEW HOMES BONUS:

- District Cllr G Mackison advised that there were changes – the clerk had advised she would be attending a ‘workshop’ at WDC - scheduled for July 2018
- Defibrillator - there was a surplus from the electrical costs of £80. It was agreed that a donation of £30 be made to the First Responders. It was suggested that future training events could be co-ordinated with Little and Great Comberton. Cllr Speed would liaise with the clerk with regard progress with the defib,

**13. PHONE BOX RENOVATION** – In hand

#### 14. CRICKET CLUB

- Phone Line –The parish council had no objections to the phone line being installed and that costs would be met by the cricket club. Proposed Cllr Axtell-Powell, seconded Cllr D Thompson. All in favour.
- Agreement – it was agreed that the best way forward was for the PC and CC to meet – and establish what is required by the CC/ what is required by any funders and what is necessary by the Charity Commission – the clerk would arrange a meeting between the CC and PC. Acting chair Axtell-Powell and Cllrs G Mackison and A Steele agreed to represent the PC

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

**16. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- An email had been received regarding land, apparently 'un-owned', in Hill Lane – from a resident of Hill Lane. A suggestion that a 'working party' could be established to maintain the area. It was agreed that initial enquiries be made to adjacent residents in the first instance. Action Cllr Lewis

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Next meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm – to include the Annual Parish Meeting for Elmley Castle and Netherton, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting for Bricklehampton would be held on a separate evening.