

2018/08

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 following the Annual Parish Meeting

**OPEN FORUM:** Nothing to report

**1. PRESENT:** Cllr M Axtell-Powell                      Cllr J Strong                      Cllr A Steele  
                    Cllr K Lewis    Cllr J Douglas                      Cllr G Hickey  
                    Cllr S Speed    Cllr D Thompson                      Cllr K Mackison  
                    Cllr G Mackison (also as District Cllr)                      Cllr E Stephens  
                    County Cllr A Hardman                      Clerk L Yapp  
                    + 1 members of the public

**2. APOLOGIES** were received from District Cllr M English

### **3. ELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR**

- Chairman – Cllr Axtell-Powell was nominated Chairman, proposed Cllr Hickey, seconded Cllr Lewis – all in favour
- Vice Chairman – Cllr K Mackison was nominated vice chairman, proposed Cllr Axtell-Powell, seconded Cllr Hickey – all in favour
- Playground – in view of his appointment as chair, Cllr Axtell-Powell suggested that Cllr Thompson take over the responsibility of the playground. This was approved by all

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meeting March 1st 2018 - All in favour

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

**7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – County Cllr Hardman reported that:

- A review is being carried out of the situation with regard large vehicles trying to get through the Hole-in the Wall. This is to include signage and possible height restrictions. Cllr Axtell-Powell advised that advanced warning should be given as far back as Ashton Under Hill, to allow drivers time to re-negotiate their route

### **8. REPORTS:**

- Lengthsman – approval was given for the request for £21.66 for tools and £40 for weed killer
- Youth Bus – Cllr Speed advised that revised summer dates are awaited

**9. PLANNING** – nothing to report

### **10. FINANCE:**

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

2018/09

201 Tree Fund	2660.76
202 Tree Fund	302.19

677		B Arrowsmith (16/17)	176.00
SO		L Yapp	353.60
SO		L Yapp	15.00
678		L Yapp (s/fall by SO)	176.67
679		Cancelled	
670		Cancelled	
681		M Axtell-Powell (Turf - JE Legacy)	196.20
682		Cancelled	
683		CALC	487.18
SO		L Yapp	15.00
SO		L Yapp	530.40
684		PCCC	20.00
685		Playsafety	88.20
686		WDC - Scouts	1500.00

b) Clerks Contract of Employment – this was approved and signed

c) Year End Accounts 2017/18 – these had been circulated to all Cllrs, and were approved at the meeting

d) Asset Register / Insurance – it was agreed that both these items would be discussed at a Finance Meeting, to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

#### 10. TREES/PLAYING FIELD

- Tree works had been completed
- Bonfire debris had been spread
- Playground Report – this has been received. A few minor areas to be considered. This would be discussed at the Finance Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May

#### 12. NEW HOMES BONUS:

- The Scout Group had returned their cheque for the £1500 donation towards the new mess test. Funds would be repaid to WDC, and allocated back to our New Homes Bonus monies

13. **PHONE BOX RENOVATION** – A quote for £150 + materials had been received for the repainting of the phone box. This was agreed by all.

#### 14. CRICKET CLUB

- Agreement – the parish council are still keen to formalise an agreement between the cricket club and the parish council.

15. **LAND AT HILL LANE** – a request had been received for a small area of land at the top of Hill Lane, to be cleared overgrowth, by a small working party. It was agreed that the family be contacted in the first instance

16. **SITE VISITS/MEETINGS** – the parish council were asked their opinion as to whether they would like to consider monthly meetings, rather than bi-monthly. All were in agreement that arrangements stay as they are.

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**17. VILLAGE GATES-** A suggestion was made as to whether there was any support for 'white village gates' to be placed at various entrances to the villages, with a view to slowing traffic. Discussion took place as to where these would be most affective, if at all. There was also the element of cost to consider. The proposal as to whether we move forward with this, was decided with a vote. 4 Cllrs were in favour, 5 against, with one abstention. It was agreed that no further action be taken for the time being

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

### **19. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- Tree Fund – This is now down to just over £2100, with a final application received which will see the account closed. It was agreed that a notice of thanks be put in the next LINK, thanking James and Anita Hickman for their generosity with the fund. This was agreed by all

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Next meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July (changed from the first Thursday due to the clerk attending a training session