

## 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> November 2018 at 7.30pm

**1. PRESENT:** Chairman M Axtell-Powell                      Cllr D Thompson                      Cllr E Stephens  
Vice Chairman K Mackison                      Cllr G Mackison (District Cllr)                      Cllr G Hickey  
Cllr S Speed                      Cllr J Douglas                      Cllr J Strong  
Clerk L Yapp

**2. APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr K Lewis

**OPEN FORUM:** Nothing to report

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr J Strong – The Queens Public House  
Cllr E Stephens – Planning Application 18/02162

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Proposed Cllr Speed, seconded Cllr K Mackison. It was agreed that following the last meeting and the presence of John Campion (Police & Crime Commissioner) that there should be a follow-up meeting in the New Year, concentrating specifically on the ongoing crime issues in and around Elmley Castle.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Available from the clerk

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Axtell-Powell commented on the response from County Cllr Hardman, for the lengthsman to undertake future tree works on trees in Millend, and the fact that this would not be permitted under the criteria of duties under the LM scheme as laid down by WCC. This was re-enforced by Cllr Speed following a recent workshop event held at County Hall

### 7. REPORTS

- Lengthsman – It was reported that saplings from the verge by the stream in Main Street had been cleared along with those within the stream
- Youth Bus – Cllr Speed reported that the driver of the bus would speak to the children at the next visit to see if changes to their after school activities would have any effect on the evening they would like to see the bus in the village.

### 9. PLANNING:

- 18/02161 – Agricultural land off Netherton Lane – installation of all-weather gallop - there were no objections to this application – proposed Cllr Strong, seconded Cllr Thompson
- Site Visits – it was agreed that during the winter months, site visits and planning application meeting would be help, if necessary on Saturday mornings

### 10. FINANCE:

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

706	Grass Cutting	60.00
SO	Clerks Salary	539.40
SO	Clerks	15.00

707	Expenses	
708	PAYE	12.80
709	Grass Cutting	72.00
710	External Audit	240.00
711	Grass Cutting	72.00
	Lengthsman	165.00

**b) Account balances:**

Current Account	£7,543.76
(less u/p cheques)	
Deposit Account	£28,309.28
Playground Account	£2.80
Tree Fund	£2661.18

**10. TREES/PLAYING FIELD**

- Trees, Millend – It was agreed that these trees were not the responsibility of the parish council
- John Eaton Tree – this dies during the hot weather and will be replaced, free of charge, shortly.
- Dog fouling – complaints had been received again regarding one dog in particular. It was agreed that the clerk write to the dog owner concerned, stating that if the situation continued we would involve the Dog Warden. It was also agreed that a notice be placed in the LINK

**11. QUEENS PUBLIC HOUSE** – The clerk and Cllrs Thompson, Strong and Douglas recently meet with Mr Lavender-Jones to discuss ways that the parish council could help The Queens with increasing their footfall and to promote the pub. A number of options were discussed, namely:

- "Subtle" External Down Lighting to Front of Pub - Having visited the local authority planning portal, there appears to be no planning regulations for this. The parish council were supportive of this, as long as full consultation with neighbours took place
- Brown Tourism Signs – it was agreed that the clerk speak to WDC Tourism Officers to see if these could be paid for from any tourism budget
- Additional Security Cameras down Main Street – the parish council were not supportive of this
- Community Beer Garden / Shop –both of these projects could be an asset to the village and would need much fuller discussion and consultation – IF they could show evidence that the whole community could benefit, they could be funded from the NHB monies and/or new Community Legacy Grant Scheme. It was suggested that Mr Lavender-Jones speak to WDC for further guidance

**12. CRIME** – the clerk gave details of a forthcoming event at Three Counties Showground, Malvern, specifically catering for the farming / agricultural and the on-going issues with regard theft and crime

**13. CRICKET CLUB** – Nothing further to report at this time

**14. THE RIDDINGS** – although nothing had been received from WCC, it had been reported that the home would be closed. No further details had been received as yet. The clerk had raised the issue with County Cllr but no response had been received.

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

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

- Traveller Kersoe Lane – assurance had been given that they would be moving on in a couple of weeks

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Next meeting on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm – *Apologies were given by Cllr Stephens*