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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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm

- 1. PRESENT:**
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| Chairman M Axtell-Powell | Cllr D Thompson                            | Cllr E Stephens |
| Vice Chairman K Mackison | Cllr G Mackison (District Cllr)            |                 |
| Cllr S Speed             | Cllr J Douglas                             | Cllr J Strong   |
| Cllr A Steele            | Clerk L Yapp                               |                 |
| County Cllr A Hardman    | Police & Crime Commissioner – J Campion    |                 |
| P C Dee Stanley          | Lou Tooze (Rural & Business Crime Officer) |                 |
| 16 members of the public |  |                 |

- 2. APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr G Hickey & K Lewis

### OPEN FORUM:

*Police & Crime Commissioner John Campion – Cllr Axtell-Powell welcomed and introduced Mr Campion, PC Dee Stanley and Lou Tooze (Rural & Business Crime Officer) to those in attendance. There were a large number of parishioners from the farming community, voicing their concerns regarding the high increase in rural crime (and the fact that rural crime statistics didn't appear to be included in the published figures by the police), and the seemingly lack of support from the Police. Lou Tooze advised that she had been working within the community and was keen to engage further wherever possible. Lengthy discussion took place, and it was agreed after 45 minutes that this part of the meeting should wind down, with a further meeting scheduled for 6 months time, inviting Mr Campion and his colleagues back, to see if there had been any improvement with regard the interaction between the police and the community. The clerk had prior to the meeting sent a number of questions asking for statistics and additional information. The clerk would circulate this information as soon as received, by email*

- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr J Strong – Item 12- The Queens Public House

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from previous meetings dated 12<sup>th</sup> July and July 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 were approved and signed

- 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS** – Cllr Mackison reported that Universal Credit is rolling out across Wychavon in November 2018. The Plum Festival had been a success, and The Fleece had been voted Wychavons favourite pub, with The Queens coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- 7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Hardman reported:

- The Riddings – there has been some issues, and that members from WCC had been out to visit the property. It may be a case that the home will be closing and no longer operating for the purpose of the purchase.
- Tree, Millend – work is to be carried out on the trees shortly. Cllr Hardman would ensure that all residents affected would be notified – *further discussion to take place later on in the meeting*
- Cllr Axtell-Powell asked if the road surface in Main Street could be looked at with a view to re-surfacing

### 8. REPORTS:

- Lengthsman – Nothing to report
- Youth Bus – Cllr Speed advised that the bus had been off the road awaiting repairs but it is hoped that visits will resume shortly

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**9. PLANNING:**

- 18/01467 – Elmbrook Farm, Hill Lane – replacement dwelling – following the site visit, there were no objections to this application, proposed Cllr K Mackison, seconded Cllr Axtell-Powell
- 18/01813 - – Agricultural Access Track – there were no objections to this application – proposed Cllr Strong, seconded Cllr Speed – all in favour
- 18/01561 – Nosterns Well – erection of agricultural barn – no objections to this application **although it had been pointed out that there had been no application for change of use to equestrian.** Proposed Cllr Axtell-Powell, seconded Cllr Strong – all in favour

**10. FINANCE:**

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

699	Lengthsman	143.00
700	Grass Cutting	72.00
701	Clerks Salary	45.00
	(increase)	
702	Play Bark	417.51
SO	Clerks Salary	539.40
SO	Clerks	15.00
	Expenses	
703	Lengthsman	209.00
704	ICO	40.00
	Registration	
705	Lengthsman	165.00
706	Grass Cutting	72.00

b) **Account balances:**

Current Account	£1,670.40
(less u/p cheques)	
Deposit Account	£28,309.28
Tree Fund	£2661.18

**10. TREES/PLAYING FIELD**

- Playground – Playbark had been laid , and repairs in line with the safety report had been completed
- Trees, Millend – work is shortly to be carried out on trees in Millend, but it had been suggested that the LM take over any future tree works on the leylandii once they had been reduced in height. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the parish council would not agree to this, a) because the LM budget has not increased despite additional duties being handed over to the LM over the years, b) any tree works would involve ladder and in line with Health & Safety would require a second person to assist, and c) this could set a precedent to other parishioners for the parish council to take on tree maintenance. The clerk would pass these comments on to Cllr Hardman

**12. QUEENS PUBLIC HOUSE** – It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up with members of Pubco. Cllr Thompson agreed to take the lead, with Cllrs Strong and Douglas also volunteering to assist. The clerk would arrange the meeting.

**13. CRICKET CLUB** - Now that the season was drawing to a close, it was agreed that we focus on working with the Club towards the agreement they have requested, and to formalise terms from the parish councils point of view. The clerk would write to those involved at the cricket club

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

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

- Millers Walk – a request had been received from the ‘residents association’ asking for the parish councils support in CC adopting the highway. There were no objections to this, proposed Cllr Axtell-Powell, seconded Cllr G Mackison

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Next meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm