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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 7th March 2019 at 7.30pm

1. PRESENT: Chairman M Axtell-Powell Cllr K Lewis Cllr G Hickey
Vice Chairman K Mackison Cllr G Mackison (District Cllr) Cllr S Speed
Cllr J Douglas Cllr J Strong Cllr D Thompson
Clerk L Yapp 9 Members of the public

2. APOLOGIES were received from Cllr E Stephens and County Cllr A Hardman

OPEN FORUM: Nothing to report

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:-

- Cllr D Thompson – Planning application 19/00130
- Cllr S Speed – Neighbourhood Watch / Village Hall
- Cllr G Hickey – Neighbourhood Watch
- Dispensation – to consider Dispensation Request from Cllr J Strong regarding The Queen Elizabeth public house. *Cllr Strong left the meeting.* His Request for Dispensation was discussed and the options were put to the Council. The remaining 8 Councillors were all in favour of Cllr Strong participating in discussion and providing information, with 6 Cllrs in favour of him having no voting rights and 2 in favour of him having voting rights. It was therefore recorded that Cllr Strong participate in discussion but unable to be included in any decision making/voting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from meetings 10th January and 11th February 2019 were approved and signed

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Available from the clerk

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – In the absence of County Cllr Hardman it was reported that:

- The footway outside the village hall had been completed. Comments were made that concerns had been made with regard the fact that we had not received advanced warning of the road closure

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- Lengthsman – It was requested that the Lengthsman attend to grips in Kersoe and Netherton. Cllr Lewis reported that the LM had sided out the footway in Main Street following a complaint from the school and Cllr Speed advised that an effective job had been completed near Hall Farm, Bricklehampton. The clerk was asked to pass on thanks to the LM for his efforts and that this should be recorded in the minutes
- Youth Bus – next scheduled visit Tuesday 12th March from 4:30 to 6pm

9. PLANNING:

- 19/00234 – 4 Kersoe Cottage – replacement conservatory with room extension – a site visit had been held and whilst objections had been made by a neighbour, there were no objections from the Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Hickey, seconded Cllr K Mackison. All in favour
- 19/00130 – Sawmill Premises – outline planning permission for a new house – *Cllr Thompson left the meeting* – A site visit had been carried out and discussion took place. It was reported that 2

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previous applications for this site had been refused, that it was outside the development boundary and falls within the AONB. It was also reported that the site was home to a large slow worm population. A vote followed on whether the parish council should support or object to the application – Cllr Hickey proposed and Cllr Axtell-Powell seconded that we should object to the application - 5 Cllrs were in favour of objection with 2 abstaining. The clerk would comment accordingly.

10. FINANCE:

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

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| 718 | Donation | 100.00 |
| 719 | Lengthsman | 308.00 |
| 720 | Cheque cancelled | |
| 721 | Defib Housing Unit | 570.00 |
| 722 | Grass Cutting VAT | 12.00 |
| 723 | Lengthsman | 165.00 |
| SO | Clerks Salary | 528.80 |
| SO | Clerks Expenses | 15.00 |
| 724 | Tree Works | 243.00 |
| 725 | Defib Electrics (replace Q 720) | 260.00 |
| SO | Clerks Salary | 528.80 |
| SO | Clerks Expenses | 15.00 |
| 726 | Village Hall Hire | 40.25 |
| 727 | Clerks PAYE | 37.20 |

b) Account balances:

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| Current Account | £3,761.76 |
| (less u/p cheques) | |
| Deposit Account | £28,317.68 |
| Playground Account | £2.80 |

Accounts had been circulated to Cllrs for approval, proposed Cllr Strong , seconded Cllr Thompson – all in favour

10. TREES/PLAYING FIELD

- Trees, Recreation Ground – following concerns raised by a resident with regard the trees adjacent to Graces Cottage, tree works had been satisfactorily carried out
- Car Parking on Recreation Ground Grass – a letter had been sent to all near residents requesting that there is no parking on the Recreation Ground. Those who had unknowingly assumed that there parking was permitted had confirmed that this would now stop.
- The RoSPA inspection on the playground is due to be carried out in March

11. QUEENS PUBLIC HOUSE:

- Asset of Community Value – the clerk reported that the Asset of Community Value interest expired on 3rd March. WDC did not notify us until the end of January 2019 of this fact, which did not allow us enough time to organise a continuation of the ‘registration’. There is a formal process which has to be applied, including Land Registry checks, which means that the next committee meeting at WDC, which considers such applications is not until 8th April. WDC had since advised that the owner of the pub has indicated that he would be placing it on the market for sale
- The Clerk had made an enquiry with the owner for a guide price and been advised that he would be looking for around £980,000
- Working Group - It was agreed that a working group be set up to meet between parish council meetings, but all decisions would go through the full parish council. It was further agreed that NL-J would have a direct communication route/link to the clerk and/or chairman. Cllr Axtell-Powell invited members of the public to join the working group but interest was only shown from NL-J. Cllrs Thompson, Strong and Douglas and NL-J from PubCo would form the basis of the working group

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- Independent Valuation – it was agreed that the parish council would pay for an independent valuation (estimated at around £300) – proposed Cllr Axtell-Powell, seconded Cllr Hickey – 6 Cllrs in favour and 1 Cllr abstaining (Cllr Strong did not participate in the vote)

12. CRIME:

- John Campion Visit – this been scheduled for Thursday April 11th at 7pm in Elmley Castle Village Hall. Residents from neighbouring villages have been invited
- Property Marking to be carried out at Elmley Castle Village Hall on the same day between 3 and 6.15 pm
- Neighbourhood Watch – It was reported that 42 properties in Elmley Castle had signed up to become part of the NW scheme, with 2 in Bricklehampton and 1 in Netherton. It is hoped that increased social media coverage will reach the larger community. A request was made for the parish council to finance the printing of postcards/business cards with contact numbers and information to be handed to residents. A proposal was made by Cllr Axtell-Powell (for the parish council to meet the costs), seconded by Cllr Strong – all in favour (Cllr Hickey did not take part in the voting process). Thanks were made to LP for her hard work in the setting up the NW scheme
- CCTV Cameras – a request had been made for the parish council to finance community CCTV cameras. The clerk had carried out extensive enquiries and some of the issues that would need consideration:
 - Where would the cameras be sited
 - Where would the power come from (as there is no street lighting in the villages)
 - Would Bricklehampton and Netherton be considered
 - Data ProtectionIt was agreed that a working party be set up to carry out the initial investigation in the first instance, and to report back to the parish council – Cllrs Hickey, Speed, G Mackison and NW co-ordinator LP would form the working group although, again Cllr Axtell-Powell did invite parishioners present to join the group.

13. CRICKET CLUB – On hold for the time being

14. THE RIDDINGS – County Cllr Hardman had reported that the young man previously residing at the home had been transferred to a more suitable accommodation. An Edge of Care review is being carried out and there are plans to move two young people into the home and for the home to continue in its present use for the foreseeable future. Cllr Douglas offered to liaise with CC/Adrian Hardman with regard the Edge of Care review and to become involved if he was able to

15. MEETINGS/ROLE OF COUNCILLORS - The question of having monthly meetings was again discussed following the recent need to organise additional meetings to deal with planning applications, crime and The Queens. The clerk advised that monthly meetings would also enable decision making to be made quicker and reduce the number of extra meetings required. Cllr Axtell-Powell proposed move to monthly meetings, seconded by Cllr Hickey – all in favour. It was agreed that meetings would be held on the first Thursday of every month with the exception of August and December where there would be no meeting (unless in case of emergency). One Cllr had felt it necessary to email all Cllrs reminding them of their role as a Cllr and that the clerk relied on input and responses to emails, in order for her to carry out her duties efficiently. Cllr Axtell-Powell supported this and asked all Cllrs to take on board the comments made.

16. ELMLEY CASTLE FIRST SCHOOL 150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS – The clerk had been contacted by the chair of Elmley Castle School PTA regarding their plans to hold a one-off party in a marquee on the cricket field on Saturday 22 June this year , to celebrate the 150th anniversary year of Elmley Castle First School. The school will be making all the necessary licence arrangements for music and alcohol and had spoken with the Cricket Club to ensure there was no clash with dates. The parish council were in full support of this event and had no objections to the recreation ground being used

18. CORRESPONDENCE – emails had been circulated to Cllrs

19. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Elections – the clerk reminded Cllrs that their term of office ends on 7th May, with elections to place on 2nd May. Nominations forms/packs were handed out to Cllrs. Cllr Tony Rowley (Chairman of WDC) intended to stand for the Bricklehampton Ward in the next elections

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20. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- Parish Council Meeting 4th April
- Annual Parish Meeting 9th May to be immediately followed by Parish Council Meeting