

## MINUTES

from the monthly Parish Council meeting of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton Parish Council. Held in the village hall Thursday 4 July 2019

PRESENT: Cllr James Hickman (Chairman), Cllr Chris Ballard, Cllr Jim Douglas, Cllr Adrian Parker, Cllr Jerry Strong, Cllr James Maude, Cllr Mike Taite, Cllr Malcolm Meikle, District Cllr Tony Rowley, Clerk Lorna Hendey and 12 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Thompson, Cllr Martin, Cllr George

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Meikle and invited him to introduce himself. Cllr Meikle explained he lived in Wick within a radius allowing him to be the parish councillor for Netherton. Plus, he owned property in Netherton

OPEN FORUM: Parishioner raised concerns regarding spraying of weed killer around stream in Elmley Castle. Chairman stated weed killer will not be used around the stream again. Parishioner asked why Cllr Douglas was not a member of any of the working groups. Chairman responded this was not his wish and it will be investigated. Parishioner asked why £1500 was required to underwrite the Firework event. Chairman advised this would be discussed later in the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Strong 1 year from 7 March 2019 Queens Public House (discussion but no voting rights)  
Cllr Hickman 1 year from 6 June 2019 Queens Public House (discussion but no voting rights)  
Cllr Parker 1 year from 6 June 2019 Queens Public House (discussion but no voting rights)  
Cllr Parker 1 year from 6 June 2019 Neighbourhood Watch (discussion and allowed to vote)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 6 June 2019 were approved and signed.  
Proposed Cllr Hickman. Seconded Cllr Strong. All in favour.
4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Cllr Hardman was not present
5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Mackison was not present. However, the Councillor for Bricklehampton, Tony Rowley, provided his report. Copy attached. He also stated he would support the planting of wild flowers/pollinators in the verges.
6. REPORTS - Lengthsman – Cllr Douglas reported on the north side of Bricklehampton water is running off the main road and pooling. Cllr Strong agreed to discuss this with the Lengthsman.
7. FINANCE – These were approved. Proposed Cllr Hickman. Seconded Cllr Tate. All in favour.

## 8. WORKING GROUPS

### CRIME PREVENTION & ROAD SAFETY

Smartwater – Cllr Parker reported this has been approved by PCC Rooftop who own 37 homes have been asked to contribute. There needs to be 70% take up to receive funding of Smartwater signage. Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Lorraine Parker, advised on 27 July 2019 there will be, in the village hall, a NW event to include Smartwater information, police and fire services offering advice, Age Concern and maybe defibrillator training.

Defibrillator signage in Elmley Castle – Cllr Mike Tait reported signage for the Telephone Box which now houses the defibrillator would cost £80. This was payment was approved. Proposed Cllr Hickman. Seconded Cllr Strong. All in Favour Except Cllr Meikle who abstained

Highways, traffic and footpaths – Cllr Parker reported Highways had dismissed a parishioner's request to reduce the speed limit into Elmley Castle, however they were offering SLOW markers (at their expense) or 'Dragon's Teeth' (at the parish's expense). No decision made as more information is required regarding speeding through the villages.

Parish domestic funding of CCTV – agreed to hold this issue due to its complicated nature.

Speed activated signs – Cllr Parker reported these signs cost between £3000 - £4000. It was agreed more evidence of speeding problems be gathered.

### GRANTS

The Chairman reported he is gathering information and assisting groups within the parish eg Smart Water from Rooftop, restoration of the Church bells and historical achieving.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Winterfell – Cllr Ballard reported the resident has removed the mobile home and is no longer resident at this site.

Evesham Lodge planning application – agreed unable to comment due to the poor quality of the available plans. Proposed Chairman. Seconded Cllr Strong. All in favour apart from: Against Cllr Douglas. Abstained Cllr Meikle.

Park Cottage planning application – agreed to support this application. Proposed Chairman. Seconded Cllr Tait. All in favour apart from: Abstained Cllr Douglas and Cllr Meikle

5 Parkwood planning application – Cllr Ballard and Cllr Tait left the room for this discussion as they have an interest. Agreed to support this application. Proposed Chairman. Seconded Cllr Parker. All in favour apart from: Abstained Cllr Douglas and Cllr Meikle. Cllr Meikle suggested where the leader of this group had an interest in a planning application they should not be responsible for reviewing the application. This was agreed.

Copperfields planning application – agreed to support this application. Proposed Chairman. Seconded Cllr Strong. All in favour apart from: Abstained Cllr Meikle

Cllr Tait will investigate if a projection screen could be made available in the village hall so plans could be shown

## VILLAGE APPEARANCE & MAINTENANCE

Grass cutting – Cllr Strong confirmed the School pay for their own grass cutting, and the grass bank at the playing field is now being mowed.

Road verges and signs – Cllr Parker reported the local signs are in poor condition. He has reported some but suggested parishioners also report problems.

Millend entrance – Cllr Strong reported the Lenghtsman is now cutting this area of grass

AONB sign – Cllr Strong reported the parish is now on the Cotswold Preservation Group's waiting list to for a sign, which hopefully will be supplied next year.

Village entrance signs/gates – Cllr Strong reported wood signs have been rejected by Highways as unsafe but there are other attractive options. It is likely residents will be asked for their preferred choice. Cllr Douglas requested Bricklehampton, in addition to Elmley Castle, have signs. The Chairman hoped all 4 villages may eventually have signs/gates

Restoration of village cross – Cllr Parker explained it is Grade 2 listed. The lean and condition has worsened since it was last assessed. English Heritage will be sending a structural engineer to assess it.

Playground – Cllr Thompson was not present but sent a report saying the school Big Bash event was a success and communications with the school continue to improve. He also reported Peter Hayes, Churchwarden, was delighted to be a member of the Village Appearance & Maintenance working group and approved the Storyboard proposal. Cllr Jerry Strong reported the rubbish bin is unsuitable as Cllr Thompson has to insert waste bags himself otherwise it will not be emptied. It needs replacing.

Dog fouling – Cllr Parker suggested purchasing a 'Poo Bag' dispenser. It was agreed not to proceed with this. Education and signage was the preferred option. Cllr Parker will locate an appropriate Wychavon officer to discuss the problem with.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Cllr Taite reported the registration of web address [Elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://Elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk). He explained unfortunately there were not enough characters available to include Bricklehampton and Netherton in the address.

It was agreed a bimonthly newsletter would be produced and printed for distribution to the community. Proposed Cllr Hickman. Seconded Cllr Strong. Against Cllr Douglas. Abstained Cllr Meikle. Motion carried.

## COMMUNITY GROUP LIAISON

It was agreed the Cricket Club would be offered a 7 year lease. Parish Council costs agreed up to £750. Proposed Cllr Hickman. Seconded Cllr Tait. All in favour. Motion carried.

## VILLAGE EVENTS

Fireworks/Halloween event will be on 26 Oct and Roy Brotherton (horse racing yard) has been informed and is supportive of the event. Parishioner requested other horse owners in the parish be informed which was agreed. It is unlikely the event will require underwriting but the deposit for the

fireworks will need to be paid before any income is received. However, £660 has already been raised through crowd funding. It was proposed a Small Lottery license be purchased at a cost of £40. This would allow raffle tickets to be sold prior to the event. Proposed Cllr Hickman. Seconded Cllr Parker. All in favour apart from: Abstained Cllr Meikle and Cllr Douglas. Motion carried.

#### 9. PLAYGROUND

Discussed earlier

#### 10. DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Douglas reported the training session was successful. However, attendance certificates were not available. He will organise an opportunity to handle the defibrillators within the parish.

#### 11. BREDON HILL CONSERVATION GROUP

Cllr Maude will attend the next meeting which will be held in Eckington on 17 October

#### 12. REPLACEMENT CLERK

There have been no applicants

#### 13. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was proposed merging Netherton electoral ward with Elmley Castle. Netherton only has 35 voters which is the smallest electoral ward in all of Wychavon, it is also less than Kersoe which does not have its own ward. Had the recent election been contested the cost to the parish council could have been £2000. However, there was little support for this suggestion and the proposal was dropped.

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

Emails have been circulated to councillors

#### 15. OTHER INFORMATION

Bricklehampton Wayside Stall is on 3 August and will be promoted in the parish newsletter

#### 16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 September 2019 (there is no meeting in August)