

ELMLEY CASTLE, BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

From the meeting of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton Parish Council. Held in the Village Hall Thursday 3 October 2019

PRESENT: Cllr James Hickman (Chairman), Cllr Jerry Strong, Cllr Mike Taite, Cllr James Maude, Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr Dave Thompson, Cllr Andy George, Cllr Jim Douglas, Cllr Adrian Parker, Cllr Malcolm Meikle, Clerk Lorna Hendey and 15 members of the public

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Chris Ballard, Cllr Tony Rowley, Cllr George Mackison, Cllr Adrian Hardman

OPEN FORUM: There was a public participation section

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the meeting 5 September 2019**

It was resolved to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the chairman. Cllr Meikle requested that the voting be recorded in accordance with Standing Order 3s.

Cllr James Hickman (Chairman) - For
Cllr Jerry Strong -For
Cllr Mike Taite -For
Cllr James Maude -For
Cllr Jane Martin - For
Cllr Dave Thompson - For
Cllr Andy George -For
Cllr Adrian Parker - Abstained (Not present at the meeting of 5th September)
Cllr Jim Douglas - Against
Cllr Malcolm Meikle - Against

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the meeting 19 September 2019**

It was resolved to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the chairman.

- 3. FINANCES to 31 AUGUST 2019**

The current bank balances and a list of income and expenditure was presented to the Council.

Cllr Taite declared an interest - as his business was a recipient of a payment in the list of expenditures, he left the room. It was resolved to approve the financial statements, receipts and payments.

- 4. STANDING ORDERS**

It was resolved to approve the revised Standing Orders

- 5. VILLAGE APPEARANCE AND MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP**

It was resolved to switch on the Christmas Lights on Friday 29 November 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020; between the hours of 15.30 to 23.00

It was resolved to adopt the Telephone Box in Bricklehampton at a cost of £1.20

- 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP**

It was resolved to approve an investigation into the actions the council could take if it were to declare a Climate Emergency

It was resolved to approve that the council write to the head of Children's Services Worcestershire, West Mercia Police, Harriet Baldwin MP and Nigel Huddleston MP expressing concern about the outbreak of anti-social behaviour in Bricklehampton; and reminding them the Parish Council was given express assurances at a public meeting that the Riddings would not be used for older children as a transition stage

7. GRANTS & FUNDRAISING WORKING GROUP

It was resolved to approve that the council develop a feasibility study for tennis courts and multi game area; and apply for the grants necessary to finance the project.

8. EMPLOYMENT OF PARISH CLERK

It was resolved to approve the contract of employment for the Clerk

It was resolved to approve that future council meetings be recorded for the benefit of the Clerk

It was resolved to approve that the Clerk investigate and recommend a suitable audio recording device

9. REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was resolved to hold future meetings on 5 December 2019, 9 January 2020, 5 March 2020 and 7 May 2020

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 December 2019 at 7pm. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC / PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND