

# ELMLEY CASTLE, BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

From the meeting of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton Parish Council. Held in the Village Hall Thursday 5th December 2019 18:30 hours.

**PRESENT:** Cllr James Hickman (Chairman), Cllr Jerry Strong (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mike Taite, Cllr James Maude, Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr Dave Thompson, Cllr Jim Douglas, Cllr Adrian Parker, Cllr Malcolm Meikle, District Cllr Tony Rowley, Clerk Andy Robinson, approximately 10 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Chris Ballard, Cllr Andy George, Cllr Adrian Hardman
2. **OPEN FORUM:** There was a public participation section.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST REMINDERS**
4. **DISPENSATIONS**
  - 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)
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the meeting 3 October 2019**

It was resolved to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the chairman.
6. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** - Unfortunately Cllr Hardman was unable to attend to give a report.
7. **DISTRICT Cllr TONY ROWLEYS REPORT** - report given verbally, written copy available from the Clerk on request.
8. **FINANCES to 30th October 2019**

Cllr Taite declared an interest, as his business was a recipient of a payment in the list of expenditures, he left the room.  
Cllr Martin declared an interest, as a recipient of an expense claim in connection with the Halloween event, she left the room.  
The current bank balances and a list of income and expenditure was presented to the Council.  
It was resolved to approve the financial statements.
9. **CLERKS EXPENSES**

It was resolved to approve the Clerks expenses.
10. **CALC TRAINING**

The Chairman explained that Training for Cllr Douglas was approved between meetings by the Clerk and Chairman under the approved delegation scheme.
11. **AUDIO RECORDING DEVICE**

It was resolved to approve the purchase of a Sony ICD-UX570 Digital Stereo Recorder for a maximum purchase price of £120.00.
12. **JOHN EATON LEGACY**

It was resolved to spend the remainder of John Eaton's Legacy on flower planting and a bench at the playground entrance.
13. **PROMOTION OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES**
  - (1) It was approved to include a copy of the bus timetable in the Village News.
  - (2) It was approved to budget £200.00 for production of Credit Card size timetables for distribution.

(3) It was approved to pause on any spending until conclusion of WCC 5 yearly review on services due in Spring 2020.

**14. BREDON HILL CONSERVATION GROUP (BHCG)**

It was resolved to approve that the council support BHCG in requesting a lower speed limit between villages around Bredon Hill by writing to Cllr Hardman.

**15. THE RIDDINGS**

Cllr Maude declared an interest and left the room.

It was resolved to approve the request to invoke the Community Trigger process to deal with the ongoing anti-social behaviour from the Riddings (home for teenagers with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties).

Cllr Tony Rowley also agreed to support action taken by the PC.

**16. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)**

(1) It was resolved to approve the payment to the Churches for Grass Cutting for £750.00 for the 2nd half of 2019.

(2) Proposal withdrawn.

**17. HALLOWEEN EVENT**

(1) It was resolved to approve the financial report re the cancelled Halloween Event.

(2) The Chairman offered for inspection a revised version of the Gambling Commission Return. It was resolved to approve the new version of the Gambling Commission Return.

(3) Cllr Taite declared an interest as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee in the proposed payment to the village hall and left the room when that element of the donation was voted on.

Cllrs with dispensations for their interest in the Queens Public House were reminded that they had no vote on that element of the donation and they did not vote.

It was resolved to donate 16.67% of the surplus funds raised (£173.97) to the each of the following community groups: Scouts, Elmley First School PTA, The Village Hall Charity, The Elmley Castle Cricket Club, The Queen Elizabeth Public House and the Friends of St Mary's Church.

**18. THE QUEENS PUBLIC HOUSE**

Cllrs with an interest and dispensation were reminded that they can speak but not vote in relation to this item.

It was resolved to approve the proposal to write to Mr Scully re the unfinished B&B accommodation at the rear of the Public House.

**19. VE DAY**

(1) It was resolved to approve the PC to organise a VE Day celebration in Elmley Castle on Friday 8th May 2020.

(2) It was resolved to approve the proposal to Budget £1,500 for this celebration. It was noted that the PC will make a plan in case of inclement weather.

**20. MOVEABLE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)**

It was resolved to approve the funding of the VAS at a maximum cost of circa £3,860.91+VAT. It was noted that Grant funding was likely to significantly reduce the amount paid by Council.

**21. PARISH NEWS**

In light of the short period of time that councillors had been given to review the contents of the Winter Edition of the Village News, coupled with a widespread desire to avoid an Extraordinary General Meeting, solely to approve the contents, the proposal to approve the Winter Edition of the village news had an amendment tabled.

An objection on a point of order was raised by Cllr Meikle that the tabled amendment was invalid for lack of notice. (Presumably, although not specified, pursuant to standing order 9(b).)

The Chairman was of the view that as this was an amendment (as defined in standing order 1(e) and allowed under 1(r)) it did not require notice. However, to avoid a threatened complaint by Cllr Meikle, the chairman applied standing order 10(a)xv and proposed that any requirements for notice be waived in this instance. The proposal to waive any requirements for notice for the tabled amendment was passed by the Council

The Chairman then moved the amended resolution (words added shown in italics) Parish News Proposal to *delegate to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman, the right to approve the contents of the forthcoming Winter Edition considering any comments raised by Cllrs before next Monday, 9th December.*

The amended resolution was approved by the Council.

## **22. CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Verbal update given by Cllr Taite, written report also handed out and a copy is available via the Clerk on request.

## **23. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Taite declared an interest and left the room.

It was resolved to approve that the PC continue to use the Village Hall for meeting purposes in light of the revised charging structure.

## **24. UPDATE ON THE WYCHAVON LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION**

The Chairman reported that the application was submitted by the November 18th deadline and that District Cllr Tony Rowley had supported the application. The Chairman also updated the room that the feasibility study would continue whilst the application is being processed.

## **25. PLAYING FIELDS UPGRADES**

Cllr Thompson provided an update on the possible playing fields upgrades and explained that he is still obtaining quotes to improve the Children's play area.

## **26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning matters covered by the approved delegation scheme:

The Clerk after consultation with Councillors led by the Planning and Development Working Group commented as follows:

Application 19/01868/HP - No objection 4/10/19

Application 19/02134/HP - No objection 22/10/19

Application 19/02121/FUL - No objection 11/11/19

Application 19/02352/HP - No objection 18/11/19.

## **27. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing of note from the Council.

## **28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.00pm.