

# ELMLEY CASTLE, BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

From the meeting of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton Parish Council.  
Held in the Village Hall Thursday 9th January 2020 19:00 hours.

**PRESENT:** Cllr James Hickman (Chairman), Cllr Jerry Strong (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mike Taite, Cllr James Maude, Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr Dave Thompson, Cllr Andy George, Cllr Chris Ballard, Cllr Jim Douglas, Cllr Malcolm Meikle, District Cllr Tony Rowley, Andy Robinson (Clerk), approximately 14 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Adrian Parker.
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 5th December 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 ROWLEY'S REPORT** - report given verbally.
8. **FINANCES to 30th November 2019**  
Cllr Taite declared an interest, as his business was a recipient of a payment in the list of expenditures, he 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. **2020-2021 BUDGET / PRECEPT**  
It was resolved to approve the budget forecast and no increase in the Precept.
10. **AUDIO RECORDING DEVICE**  
It was resolved to approve the Policy of use in relation to the Audio Recording Device.
11. **ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**  
Cllr Taite declared an interest and left the room.  
It was resolved to approve further investigation to seek Assets of Community Value protection for the Village Hall, School and Churches in the Village.
12. **CLERKS PAY**  
It was resolved to approve a 10% increase in the Clerks Pay to reflect the increase of work time in submitting all future orders and grant applications, previously this was done by Councillors which is not best practice.
13. **CLERK TRAINING**  
(1) It was approved to fund Clerk Training (ILCA - distance learning package) and membership to the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks).

#### **14. SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

It was noted that a decision between meetings, by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to support BHCG in the collective objection of building 1,000 new homes at Mitton, between Bredons Hardwick and Tewkesbury. The effects of the proposed allocation would extend around Bredon Hill and direct impacts would be felt by the majority of residents within the Bredon Hill Parishes.

#### **15. APPLICATION TO WYCHAVON FOR COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANT (MUGA)**

It was resolved to support the proposal to amend the application submitted in the name of the Parish Council by the Grants working Party, in particular with reference made to the fact that £10,000 from the Parish reserves had not been approved by the Council.

It was also pointed out by the Chair that these funds would only need to be considered for use in the event that match funding was not achieved from Sport England and local fund raising efforts fell short. It was also made clear that the Council would be required to vote prior to any allocation of funds to this project.

#### **16. PC INSURANCE**

It was resolved to approve the increase in insurance cover for Parish Council assets where the current level is inadequate. This increase equates to a rise in the premium payable by £37.07 including Insurance Premium Tax.

#### **17. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Cllr Maude proposed an amendment to the motion and suggested November 5th was unsuitable for a public meeting due to events on Guy Fawkes Night. It was then resolved to hold the meeting in November on the second Thursday of the month on the 12th November.

It was resolved to approve the following dates for meetings held in 2020:

March 5th  
May 7th  
July 2nd  
September 3rd  
November 12th.

#### **18. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence of note.

#### **19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7pm.

#### **PLANNING**

- No planning application matters to report.