

# ELMLEY CASTLE, BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

*From the Extra Ordinary meeting of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton Parish Council.*

*Held remotely on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020** 19:00 hours.*

*Meeting was audio recorded and conducted on video conference platform Zoom.*

*It was fully accessible to the Public and Press.*

**PRESENT:** Cllr James Hickman (Chairman), Cllr Malcolm Meikle, Cllr Adrian Parker, Cllr Andy George, Andy Robinson (Clerk/RFO), 1 member of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr Chris Ballard, Cllr Jim Douglas, Cllr James Maude

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST REMINDERS**

**3. DISPENSATIONS**

- Not applicable to any item on the Agenda

**4. PLAYING FIELD TREES:**

A letter from a Parishioner of Elmley Castle was read to the Council by the Clerk, objecting to the felling of the Ash trees.

Cllr Meikle explained he had spoken to Sally Griffiths, the Tree & Landscape Officer at Wychavon District Council. He reported to the Council that she had not conducted a site visit but had studied the photographs that had been supplied by the reliable expert and she believed that if one of the trees was to remain then it would have a mis-shaped crown. It was also reported that she would find it very difficult to propose a tree preservation order. Cllr Meikle explained that Sally Griffiths' comments supported the proposal. Cllr Meikle requested assurance that replacement trees would be planted in that particular spot.

It was confirmed by Cllr Hickman that it was the intention to replace the felled trees. It was also pointed out by Cllr Hickman that the prices indicated on the motion were the maximum budget authorised and that three quotes would be obtained by the RFO (in relation to motion II & III).

- I. Cllr Hickman proposed to appoint K.W.Boulton Treecare Specialists LTD to carry out the tree works recommended by Barton Hyett Arboricultural Consultants for the sum of £900.00 (excl VAT). Cllr George seconded, Cllr Meikle abstained, all other Cllrs voted in favour. Motion carried.
- II. Cllr Hickman proposed to appoint a stump grinding specialist to remove the stumps left by the felling, up to a **maximum** cost of £750.00 (excl VAT). Cllr Parker seconded and all voted in favour.
- III. Cllr Hickman proposed to source a replacement mature native broad leaf tree (species selected by community consultation) up to a **maximum** cost of £500.00 (excl. VAT). Cllr George seconded and all voted in favour.

**19:17 hours meeting concluded.**