

Minutes of Elmsett Parish Council meeting held on the 23 January, 2017 at the Methodist Church Hall.

- 01.17.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mrs M Hinton, Mr J Sones, Mr S Coram, and District Councillor Alan Ferguson the Clerk and two members of the public.
- 01.17.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr N Bird, Mr G Hinton and Cty Cllr Mrs J Antill.
- 01.17.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No declarations
- 01.17.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December were signed as an accurate record.
- 01.17.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Jenny was unable to attend but submitted her report which highlighted a shortfall in the budget and that money may have to be spent from the reserves.
- 4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Alan Ferguson updated on Devolution and that Suffolk was putting a bid in to go it alone. Mid Suffolk and Babergh staff are moving to Endeavour House. There is strong pressure to ensure that Corks Lane will not be left empty longer than is necessary. The Boundary Commission is looking at the structure of the District and any likely changes to be implemented in 2019. Both District councils have decided to adopt 'Cabinet' governance rather than the current 'Committee' arrangement. He also said that hard decisions still lie ahead regarding maintaining levels of service. The chairman thanked Alan Ferguson for attending the recent meeting with the Babergh planners regarding the Maltings Site and the provision of a footpath. Good progress is being made.
- 01.17.05 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR:** The Clerk confirmed that the necessary procedure of advertising had been followed and the council can now co-opt.
- 01.17.06 **MATTERS ARISING:** The clerk confirmed that a request for the defibrillator training to be rescheduled has been made. Grit heaps – Chairman confirmed that a base will be provided at the junction of Mill Lane for an additional heap and the bin for the triangle will be ordered. John Sones reported on the meeting held with the village hall management committee regarding the possibility of building a new village hall. Various people were looking into options and funding opportunities. It was agreed that the village hall would prefer the parish council to donate 50% towards the annual grass cutting, rather than towards hedge cutting.
- 01.17.07 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Aldham Parish Council has arranged for a meeting with Anglian Water, to discuss their proposals for renewing the water main in the spring, for Wednesday 22 February at 8pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

- 01.16.08 Emergency Plan – The order for the switchgear has been made. This will be installed in the village hall during the week commencing 13 February. John Sones to arrange a meeting to finalise the Plan.
- 01.17.09 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The discussion revolved around the village hall and emergency plan.
- 01.17.10 **FINANCE:** A cheque was signed for Tree and Lawn Co for £540.00 for the removal of the brambles on the green. **Savings Account** – financial regulations and standing orders have been forwarded, still ongoing.
- 01.17.11 **PLANNING: BDC approval notice** - B/16/01424 – Erection of side extension to garage and conversion to provide annexed accommodation – The Mill, Mill Lane, Elmsett.
- 01.16.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 6 March, 2017, 24 April and 5 June
The meeting closed.

Signed:-..... Dated:-.....
Chairman