

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall
20th January 2022

Present

Councillor K Preece (Chairman) and Councillors Stephens, Lewis and Garside.

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Clerk via Zoom) plus 1 member of the public.

1054 Apologies for absence.

1054.1 No apologies were received.

1055 Declarations of Interest

1055.1 Councillor Preece declared an interest in agenda item 13. "To agree Grass Cutting Tender"

1056 Requests for Dispensation

1056.1 None requested.

1057 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2021

1057.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1058 Clerks Report

1058.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

1059 County Councillor's Report

1059.1 Councillor Awford's Report was circulated (see report below). No decisions were required of the Parish Council

1060 Borough Councillors Report

1060.1 T No report.

1061 Finance

1061.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Stephens. Unanimous.

1061.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Stephens. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
19/12/2021	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	229.49	0.00	Clerks Salary
04/11/2021	ICO	DD	35.00	0.00	Information Commissioner
26/11/2021	Charles Lewis	OB038	165.00	0.00	Grass Cutting
19/01/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	229.49	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/02/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	229.49	0.00	Clerks Salary
20/01/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB039	111.43	11.46	Clerks Expenses

1061.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Garside

1061.4 The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed and approved.

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1061.5 **It was resolved that** Ian Selkirk be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the 2021/22 audit at a cost of £110. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous.

1061.6 **It was agreed in principle** that we would purchase a licence for Parish Online System at a cost of £60 subject to seeing examples of how it may be used. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous.

1062 Planning

1062.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details
21/01446/FUL	New Home Cottage Lowdilow Lane Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Erection of a open fronted car port, and retrospective outbuilding. No comments made.
21/01510/FUL	Sewerage Treatment Works Knightsbridge Green Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Renew the existing Sewerage Treatment Works that serves the 7 homes at Knightsbridge Green. Decommission the existing process plant that has reached end of life. No objections.

1063 To consider the issue of bright lighting around the building at the Elmstone Business Park/ Phoenix House development.

1063.1 Councillor Preece informed Council that he had been in touch with TBC Enforcement but was still awaiting action.

1063.2 **Action:** The Clerk will write to Enforcement.

1064 Risk Register

1064.1 No issues reported.

1065 To report any new Highways Issues.

1065.1 **Action:** The Clerk will request Highways to remove the redundant road work signs at the junction of the Stoke Road and Playmates Riding Stables in Elmstone Hardwicke..

1066 To agree Grass Cutting Tender.

1066.1 Councillor Preece, having declared an interest in this agenda item, left the room and took no further part in the discussion.

1066.2 **Action:** It was agreed that the clerk would advertise the invite to tender on the website.

1067 To discuss signs at Knightsbridge Green.

1067.1 **Action:** The Clerk will report a missing sign and a damaged sign on the A401 in at Knightsbridge Green.

1068 To discuss repairs to the bridge on the pathway at The Ponds.

1068.1 The Chairman will inspect the location and advise the Clerk.

1069 To report on the Neighbourhood Plan meeting with Uckington Parish Council.

1069.1 Nothing further to report. A meeting is planned for next week and Councillor Garside will attend.

1070 To discuss the M5 J10 Road Improvement Statutory Consultation.

1070.1 **Action:** It was agreed that Councillors would complete the paper consultation response and forward to the clerk so that a coordinated reply can be made.

The Parish Council Meeting was suspended for Public Question Time.

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1071 To consider a funding request from the Residents Action Group.

1071.1 No applications had been received and therefore no further action will be taken.

1072 Items for Future Agenda.

1072.1 No items were raised.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th March 2022 commencing at 7.30 PM at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall.

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Report by County Councillor Phil Awford 20/1/22

My work has been dominated by the GCC Budget including a five and a half hour Scrutiny session for Members on Thursday week

Given a better than anticipated RSG settlement from Government the budget will be £519,833 million and based on just a 2.99% increase in Council Tax made up of a 1.9% increase in Council Tax and 1% increase for Adult Social Care. This equates to £42.14 on the typical Band D property Obviously Adult Social Care and Childrens Services remain key priorities for GCC together with Highways and Climate Change

There are nine strategic priorities in all as we face up to the ongoing issues and increasing demand , for example 848 children are looked after in Gloucestershire together with 28,600 adults over 65 needing Care Services.

Locally and helpfully there will be an increase in the Elected Members Highways Local Funding of £10k per annum which will help bring some of the local schemes forward.

That said , I have to spread this £30 K a year across the whole division and will seek to bring forward schemes given GCC investing another £100 Million in improving our highways with more focus on Rural roads together with nearly £10 million going into the pothole action fund.

Other highlights are investment in Rural bus services and £300,000 into identifying 20MPH zones together with a commitment to plant 1 million trees to aid the challenges around climate change and carbon reduction.

Anyone interested can view the Scrutiny session on the link on the GCC website

Kind Regards

Phil Awford