

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall
17th March 2022

Present

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

In Attendance

D Roscoe, Cllr Awford, Cllr McLain plus 3 members of the public.

1073 Apologies for absence.

1073.1 No apologies were received.

1074 Declarations of Interest

1074.1 Councillor Preece declared an interest in agenda item 12. "To agree Grass Cutting Tender"

1075 Requests for Dispensation

1075.1 None requested.

1076 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2022

1076.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1077 Clerks Report

1077.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

1078 County Councillor's Report

1078.1 Councillor Awford gave his report. See below.

1078.2 The issue of the pumping station was raised and asked if he could arrange a site meeting with Severn Trent. Councillor Awford said he would arrange as a matter of priority.

1078.3 The Chairman raise the issue of the long outstanding issue of flooding at the Cross Roads on the Piff's Elm/Stoke Orchard Road. It was confirmed that Highways had recognised that the drain was blocked but nothing has been done. Councillor Awford agreed to take up the issue with Highways

1078.4 The Clerk raised the issue of the failure of Gloucestershire Highways in paying the grass cutting contribution which was submitted in November 2021. Councillor Awford said he would chase Craig Freeman as a matter of urgency.

1079 Borough Councillors Report

1079.1 Councillor McLain gave her report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1080 Finance

1080.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

1080.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
27/01/2022	Geosphere Ltd	OB040	43.20	7.20	Software
19/03/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	229.49	0.00	Clerks Salary

31/03/2022	D Roscoe (Back Pay)	OB041	49.92	0.00	Back Pay
18/03/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB042	128.00	9.93	Clerks Expenses
28/03/2022	GAPTC	OB043	61.60	0.00	GAPTC

1080.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Garside, seconded Councillor Lewis.

1080.4 The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed and approved.

1081 Planning

1081.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details	Result
21/00401/FUL	Ridgelands Gloucester Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire	Removal of Condition 4 of application reference 15/01333/FUL	Permit
21/00565/FUL	Unit 29 Highfield Business Park Tewkesbury Road Deerhurst	Change of use of unit 29 from B1 to a dual use B1/B2 to allow for the running of a micro brewery	Permit
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

1082 Risk Register

1082.1 **It was agreed that** the trees on the greens at Knightsbridge and Elm Stone Hardwicke be added to the risk register.

1083 To report any new Highways Issues.

1083.1 **Action:** The Clerk will forward the request for an additional bus stop from Councillor Cody to Councillor Awford for further action.

1083.2 **Action:** Councillor Garside will forward a photograph of a damaged road sign in Elm Stone Hardwicke to the clerk for reporting to Highways.

1084 To agree Grass Cutting Tender.

1084.1 Councillor Preece, having declared an interest in this agenda item, left the room and took no further part in the discussion.

1084.2 **It was resolved that** the quote from J. Preece and Sons for £340 per cut be approved being the only tender received. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous.

1085 To discuss the M5 J10 Road Improvement Statutory Consultation.

1085.1 Completed.

The meeting was suspended for Public Question Time.

1086 To consider a request for amalgamation with Uckington Parish Council.

1086.1 **It was resolved that** Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Council would not take up the offer of a possible merger with Uckington Parish Council at this moment in time.

1087 Items for Future Agenda.

1087.1 No items were raised.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19/5/22 commencing at 7.30pm. This will also be the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting.

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Report from County Councillor Awford 17/3/22

Cllr Awford opened his report with updates on the recent flood events which fortunately had not impacted in Gloucestershire when compared with Shropshire and Worcestershire

He had been invited to submit a report to the EA and attend a debrief with the Severn and Wye RFDC

His report had been critical around aspects of the EA and also highlighted Comms issues and highway concerns with GCC

He responded to concerns raised by the Parish Council firstly with Severn Trent in relation to the pumping station in the village

He was aware of the concerns given work he was doing with the MP,s Office

He undertook to seek answers and try to get a meeting organised

In response to concerns from the Clerk about outstanding payment for grass cutting he would take this up with the LHM

He was advised that for the third time highways had carried out yet another camera inspection on a long outstanding drainage issue, possibly the third to confirm it had collapsed under the highway

He would pick this up with the LHM as he had put dedicated funding into highway drainage issues

He was asked about Junction 10 and the consultation that was now closed

Throughout the presentations he had been part of he had raised the point of local highways being up to standard as they would be used during the scheme

Of particular concern was the scheme at Coombe Hill and the length of time that work was scheduled to take

He did not share the highways confidence about the status quo on traffic numbers

He pledged to update the Parish between meetings on the issues raised

Phil Awford