

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

Present

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

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1126 Apologies for absence.

1126.1 No apologies.

1127 Declarations of Interest

1127.1 Councillors Preece and Lewis declared an interest in planning application 22/01048/FUL Norton Field and took no part in those discussions.

1128 Requests for Dispensation

1128.1 None requested.

1129 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st July 2022

1129.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1130 Clerks Report

1130.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

1131 County Councillor's Report

1131.1 No report.

1132 Borough Councillors Report

1132.1 No report.

1133 Finance

1133.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Garside, seconded Councillor Preece. Unanimous.

1133.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Garside, seconded Councillor Preece. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
19/09/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	233.65	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/10/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	233.65	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/11/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	233.65	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/11/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary) Back Pay	DD	138.67	0.00	Clerks Back Pay
18/11/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB054	141.22	0.00	Office Expenses

1133.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Garside.

1133.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and approved.

1133.5 The budget for 2023/24 was discussed and approved.

1133.6 The precept for 2023/24 was agreed at £3730. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Stephens. Unanimous.

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1133.7 **It was resolved that** Iain Selkirk be appointed as internal auditor for the 2023/24 audit at a fee of £115. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

1134 To discuss the footpath from Elmstone Hardwicke Business Park to the A4019

1134.1 **Action:** The Clerk will pursue Highways regarding the footpath from this development to the A4019.

1135 Planning

1135.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details	Result
22/00940/FUL	Sunnyside Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Technical Details Consent for proposed erection of 2 detached dormer bungalows (pursuant to permission in principle 22/00539/PIP - granted 7th June 2022)	Permit
22/01048/FUL	Walton Fields Farm, Cursey Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke, Gloucestershire	Erection of a Poultry Farm Managers Dwelling (Agricultural Occupancy) LOCATION: Walton Fields Farm, Cursey Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke, Gloucestershir	No objections
22/01089/FUL	Heather Cottage Elmstone Hardwicke Tewkesbury Gloucestershire	The creation of a new vehicle access and erection of gate, post and rail fence.	No objections
22/00982/FUL	Hardwicke House Barn Elmstone Hardwicke Tewkesbury Gloucestershire	Conversion of existing barn to a dwelling house, with associated open garden space and car parking.	In support but comments submitted

1136 Risk Register

1136.1 No issues raised.

1137 To report any new Highways Issues.

1137.1 **Action:** Passing bays and the state of the road in general in Cursey Lane. The clerk wrote to Highways 21/1/22 requesting urgent attention to this long outstanding issue.

1137.2 **Action:** The clerk will request urgent attention to the long outstanding problem of flooding at the entrance to Church Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke. Councillor Awford confirmed that cameras will be used in order to check the gullies and this was arranged for the 28/11/18.

1137.3 **Action:** The clerk will request urgent attention to the long outstanding problem of the issue of flooding along Lowdillo Lane with Highways.

1137.4 **Action:** The clerk will inform Highways of the serious cracking along roads within the parish that require urgent infilling before the onset of winter. This particularly applies to the full length of Copse Green Lane.

1138 To discuss Community Approaches to Road Safety

1138.1 Following establishment of the Road Safety Partnership alongside Gloucestershire County Council creating a joint road safety fund to tackle persistent speeding, they have launched a £600,000 Community Speed Watch Safety Fund. The fund will provide communities with the tools they need to combat speeding in their area. signage. They will be also helping community groups by funding speed surveys, on site meetings with road safety officers and providing wheelie bin signage.

1138.2 **It was agreed that** the Councillor Garside on behalf of the Parish Council should apply seeking support for Speed Surveys, Wheelie Bin Stickers and Mobile Vehicle activated signs. We would also that need the support of the local County Councillor. Applications close on the 31/1/23.

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1139 To discuss old brick bridge on the bridleway from Cursey lane to Copse Green Farm, showing signs of wear.

1139.1 Councillor Lewis met with the Highways Manager who agreed that repairs are required.
Action: The clerk will contact Highways to progress.

1139 To discuss the M5 J10 Road Improvement Statutory Consultation.

1139.1 Nothing further to report.

1140 To discuss Pumping Station, Elmstone Hardwicke.

- 1140.1 A planning application was submitted to TBC in respect of land off the A38 at Coombe Hill for 150 dwellings. Application was refused but later approved under appeal by the Planning Inspector and number of properties was reduced to 98 properties.
- 1140.2 As the land does not fall within Elmstone Hardwicke Parish, we did not receive information regarding the plan. However, it has come to light that Severn Trent intend to link up pipework by coming across the fields to the pumping station at The Green which does not have capacity for an extra 98 houses as confirmed by contractors who service the pumping station. Already after heavy rain residents of The Green experience water coming back up their toilets, and flooding over the road.
- 1140.3 Emails have been sent to Severn Trent by Councillor Phil Awford and the office of Laurence Robertson. All to no avail.
- 1140.4 It has become apparent that the Appeal Decision did state that Planning Approval was required for a number of constraints including Foul and Service Water Drainage.
- 1140.5 The Parish Council will therefore request that TBC Planning Department be made aware of the issues with the current pumping station and that TBC include Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Council in any planning applications made in respect of Foul and Service Water Drainage.

1141 To review the Elms Park Planning Application

1141.1 Nothing further to report.

The meeting was suspended for Public Question Time.

1142 To discuss possible earlier start time for Parish Council meetings

1142.1 **It was agreed that** Parish Council meetings should start at the earlier time of 7pm from October until end of April and 7:30pm from May until the end of September.

1143 Items for Future Agenda.

- 1143.1 To discuss the purchase of a dog bin.
- 1143.2 To discuss speed reduction initiatives.
- 1143.3 To review the number of Parish Council Meetings held throughout the year.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19/1/23 commencing at 7.00pm.