

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall
16th May 2024

Present

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

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk), Councillor P McLain and three members of the public.

1270 Apologies for absence.

1270.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Garside.

1271 Declarations of Interest

1271.1 No declarations were made.

1272 Requests for Dispensation

1272.1 None requested.

1273 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st March 2024

1273.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1274 Clerks Report

1274.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

1275 County Councillor's Report

1275.1 Councillor P McLain distributed his report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1276 Borough Councillors Report

1276.1 No report.

1277 Finance

1277.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Stephens. Unanimous..

1277.2 **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
19/04/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
09/04/2024	EH & Uckington Village Hall	OB086	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
30/04/2024	Netwise UK	OB087	396.00	66.00	Web Hosting
05/04/2024	GAPTC	OB088	70.74	0.00	GAPTC Subs
28/04/2024	Netwise UK	OB089	24.00	4.00	Domain Renewal
28/04/2024	Iain Selkirk	OB090	120.00	0.00	Audit Fee
19/05/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
05/05/2024	Community First	OB091	273.48	0.00	Insurance
17/05/2024	D Roscoe (Expenses)	OB092	110.46	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1277.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Stephens. Unanimous

1277.4 The budget for 2024.25 was reviewed and approved.

1277.5 The Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 was reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous.

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- 1277.6 The Annual Accounting Statement 2023/24 was reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Preece. Unanimous.
- 1277.7 The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous.
- 1277.8 It was suggested that the Community Infrastructure Levy monies be allocated to purchasing a new defibrillator and noticeboards for the parish. These will be added to the next agenda for discussions.

1278 Planning

1278.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details	Result
24/00276/FUL	Elmstone House Elmstone Hardwicke Tewkesbury Gloucestershire	Erection of a two storey and single storey side extension and alterations to the fenestration.	No objections from the Parish Council although concern was expressed regarding the size of the project.

1279 To receive an update from Severn Trent and an update regarding the pumping station.

1279.1 Deferred until the next meeting.

1280 Risk Register

1280.1 No issues reported.

1281 To report any new Highways Issues.

1281.1 Cursey Lane. Councillor McLain assured the Parish Council that the resurfacing work was going to take place although the timescale could not be confirmed.

1282 To update action regarding the hole on the Green.

1282.1. To date no action has been taken and the Clerk will chase highways.

1283 To update action regarding Fly Tipping.

1283.1 The Parish Council were informed that this had been reported by a local resident.

1284 To consider the burning nuisance at 'The Barn' by J10.

1284.1 The Parish Council recommended that the next time this happened, it should be reported as a nuisance and the police informed.

1285 To receive an update regarding J10 M5.

1285.1. The Parish Council was addressed by Adam Bunce from the M5 J10 team

1285.2 The Scheme was submitted at the end of last year to the Planning Inspectorate at Central Government Level. The Scheme is currently in the pre examination phase and the start of the process commences on the 4/6/24 which will take about 6 months whereupon the Planning Inspectorate will give a recommendation to the Secretary of State. The final decision is expected Spring/Summer 2025.

1285.3 It is anticipated that construction will start towards the end of 2025 taking about 2/3 years with a lot of the work being done off the public highway with a link road being built through existing fields. He thought the impact on the locality would be fairly limited. Any restrictions to the highways would be mitigated by the use of temporary traffic lights and overnight closures.

1285.4 They are looking at concerns regarding the safety at the Old Spot junction but they are looking to create a major junction using a signalised roundabout as opposed the current

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flier road where vehicles can travel at speed, Intelligent signalling will reduce the risk of queues forming. Also issues were raised about large vehicles turning left at the junction. Adam said that we would look at the options to make space at the junction to mitigate traffic queues.

- 1285.5 They expect an increase in traffic through Stoke Orchard but they are designing a mitigation scheme to discourage traffic.
- 1285.6 Concern was expressed that was the scheme measuring the right thing by way of data and could the local residents have an influence on that process.
- 1285.7 Comments were made that Elmstone Hardwicke had none of the traffic calming measures that Stoke Orchard had and were experiencing a huge volume of vehicles travelling at very high speeds. Adam Bunce said that they had been speaking with the Police to reduce the speed limit to 40mph subject to traffic surveys. There is evidence that there are more Commercial vehicles and artic units. Traffic modelling is updated on a regular basis.
- 1285.8 Concerns were expressed about the Pifs Elm junction and increase in the traffic volumes with queues forming and Adam Bunce assured the council that they were aware of that issue.
- 1285.9 The question was asked if the A4019 would remain open during the construction phase. Adam said that they intended to make the local roads more resilient before tackling the main junction. Any closures would be overnight closures
- 1285.10 It was confirmed that there would still be a footpath and cycle lane over the motorway.

1286 The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time

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1287 Items for Future Agenda.

1287.1 Defibrillator and Noticeboards using CIL Money

The meeting ended at 8.34PM