

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs C Joseph (Chairman), Mr P Chichester Mrs D E Holt, Mr C Mills,
Mrs T A Owen

In Attendance: Mr Simon Joslyn

**Members of the
Public:** -

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs W Burr and District Councillor Bronwen Behan

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2022 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Report from District and County Councillors

Neither the County nor District Councillor was present, and no report was available.

6. Report from the Parish Footpaths Officer

The Parish Footpaths Officer was not present and no report was available.

7. Public Comment

Mr Simon Joslyn presented a report on the rollout of the broadband fibre project. He said that 110 properties in the area of the church had been offered the opportunity of being connected to a broadband fibre cable and of these 101 had accepted. The fibre had been laid and connections completed by early in the year with the result that the quality and speed of broadband available to the connected properties was now excellent. All this had been achieved only with the efforts of many local volunteers and the cooperation of landowners.

He said that when he last addressed the Council funding for the project had not been secured in its entirety but that now, with greatly appreciated help from Mr Stepniewski of Worcestershire County Council, that difficulty had been overcome.

He also offered to advise any other residents in the parish who were considering such a project, should they so wish.

The Chairman congratulated Mr Joslyn on successfully completing a project of great value to the community, and offered her thanks and those of the community not only to him, but also to all who had helped bring what was once a dream to reality.

8. Road Safety

The Chairman reported that white gates had now been delivered and that arrangements were in hand for their installation.

9. Defibrillator and Training

It was reported that no date had yet been set for further first aid training, and that the search for a site for a second defibrillator was continuing.

10. Lengthsman

Council noted the report from the Clerk on the services provided by the Lengthsman for which invoices had been submitted as follows: September £248; October £124.

11. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made for goods and services:

£105.82	J L Gabbott
£70.00	HMRC
£124.00	Jeremy Moore (Oct £124)

12. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 10th January 2023, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at Eldersfield Lawn School.

13. Any other business

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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