

ELDERSFIELD PARISH

Minutes of the

Annual Assembly

held on Tuesday 27th May 2025, 7.00 pm, at Eldersfield Lawn School

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Carole Joseph

Parish Councillors: Mr M K Barton, Mrs W Burr, Mrs D E Holt,

In attendance: -

Members of the Public: -

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

2. Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented the following report:

This year seems to have gone quicker than last year! Once again, I start my report by thanking my Councillors (Dawn Holt, Tracy Owen, Wendy Burr & Mike Bartlett) along with our Parish Clerk (Joseph Gabbott) in making this Council run smoothly. Once again, we are fortunate to have the support of our District Councillor, Jennie Watkins, and Tom Wells (Worcester CC) for providing wider County information and valuable support when needed.

The period May 2024 to May 2025 has followed much the same path as previously, so once again I can give a brief highlight below:

1. **Litter Picking:** We now have some well established walkers/dog walkers picking when they are out and about. The twice yearly more formal 'litter picks' have, unfortunately, not attracted as many 'pickers' this year, but we will continue to do what we can.
2. **Planning Applications:** We have seen an increase in applications this year, and wherever possible we review each one and make comment based on current planning framework in place for South Worcestershire and our own Parish Plan.
3. **Footpaths:** I think 'quietly, quietly', work continues for our Footpath Officer who works with Malvern Hills on footpath issues. Contact

Eldersfieldparishpaths@gmail.com to report any footpath issues.

4. **Parish Assets (Tables, chairs, crockery etc):** This year saw a major change in managing these assets. Mary Mitchell, who had looked after and taken all the bookings for over 25 years, decided to retire from the role. The Council acknowledged Mary's dedication and thanked her for serving the community for so long. The future of these assets was already under review as the shed housing all the items was in dire need of replacement. After much debate, and given the costs v income generated, items were offered to Eldersfield Church (PCC) and Eldersfield School. The PCC (Eldersfield Parochial Church Council) took up the challenge and all items have now been transferred to them under contract.

Work continues on disposing of the shed, and thanks must go to Councillor Bartlett for leading on this piece of work liaising with the school.

5. **Traffic Calming (B4211):** Frustratingly little progress has been made this year, although we continue to engage with & through our Highways Liaison Officer, Tom Wells & Jennie Watkins. The B4211 through Corse Lawn and the issues around traffic calming by the school continues to be debated with no clear solution so far. However, a bit more progress is being made on 'Slow down for Horses' signage and refreshed 30mph signs in Eldersfield. Tom Wells has offered to fund these and we are just awaiting confirmation when this will happen and will then communicate locations etc to parishioners.
6. **Defibrillator(s):** We now have **three** public access Defibrillators within the Parish: one located at the entrance to Eldersfield School, one at The Butchers Arms (Lime Street), and one in the Phone Box at Bridgend, Eldersfield. This is located in a box in the bottom of the phone box. We will continue to look at training and more opportunities to provide more around the parish.
7. **Parish Plan:** We are currently refreshing our Parish Plan, and a separate report will be given on a Neighbourhood Plan at this meeting.

The report was warmly received.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.04 p.m.

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