



## Minutes of Meeting

**Subject:** Elmley Lovett Parish Council Meeting

**Location:** Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall

**Date and time:** Held on 11 March 2014 at 19.30 hours

**Present:** J Homer (JH) Chairman  
 J Bache (JB)  
 A Barlow (AB)  
 L Brookes (LB)  
 A Campbell (AC)  
 M Broomfield (MB) County Councillor  
 A Fisher (AF) District Councillor  
 S Taylor (ST) Clerk

**Apologies:** A Aston (AA)  
 A Maiden (AM)  
 District Councillor A Miller

**In attendance:** G Mead Severn Trent Water  
 Rebecca Hill Mott MacDonald Bentley (STW Contractor)  
 D Latham Local resident  
 R Wilden Hereford & Worcester Action Group  
 S Tranter Hereford & Worcester Action Group  
 4 Others Hereford & Worcester Action Group

**Distribution:** Parish Councillors  
 District Councillors  
 County Councillor  
 Parish notice board

**Date issued:** 17 March 2014

- | Item   | Action |
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| <p>1. <b>Declarations of interests</b></p> <p>Mr Aston and Mrs Bache are members of the Memorial Hall Committee. Mr Homer is a member of the Elmley Lovett Parochial Church Council. Mrs Brookes is a member of Hartlebury Parish Council.</p>   |        |
| <p>2. <b>Sewage Treatment Works</b></p> <p>The works at Hampton Lovett are being decommissioned, to be replaced with a pumping station that will pump the waste to Droitwich and then onwards to Ladywood for treatment. The work is required because the existing facility has reached full capacity and the plant is becoming obsolete. As a matter of usual practice, some population growth has been built into the project. Submersible pumps will be installed contained within the existing kiosks, at a depth of 4-5m. Noise from the pumps will not be an issue. Following the works the station at Hampton Lovett will be a smaller facility with fewer vehicle movements. There will be monthly maintenance and a 6 monthly service. Residents are advised that maintenance works can be minimised by not flushing away waste cleaning products such as</p> |        |



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disposable cloths.

The works will run from May to November 2014 and over the course of the project will necessitate traffic management, for no longer than 2 weeks in each instance, on Horton Lane, 2 sections of the A442, Doverdale Lane and Wassage Way.

Letters will be delivered to all properties affected by the works. Copies will appear in the parish magazine, on the parish notice board, delivered to the school and local businesses. There will be press releases in the Droitwich newspapers and highway signage in advance of any partial highway closures.

The Chair thanked the visitors for their presentation. G Mead and R Hill left the meeting at 19:55 hours.

**3. Minutes of Meeting on 11 February 2014**

3.1 The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.

**4. Co-option to fill council vacancy**

4.1 The Chairman asked for nominations for the Council. There was one nomination: Mr Aubrey Campbell who has lived in the village for 36 years. JH proposed, JB seconded, with all in favour AC was duly elected and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**5. Wail Donation Request**

The Chair invited the representatives of Hereford & Worcester Action Group to speak.

The campaign to fight the incinerator has been running for 4 years and Judicial Review presents the last opportunity to cease the installation. The action will cost £37,000 (£27,000 legal costs plus £10,000 limited liability if the case is lost); if successful donations will be repaid proportionately. The Action Group has raised £12,000 from local residents, Hartlebury Parish Council has pledged £15,000 and representatives of the group are attending the meetings of surrounding parish councils to request their support.

JH asked if it is appropriate to use parish council funds after due process has been followed. MB praised the Hartlebury residents for their work and advised that Elmley Lovett councillors have a duty to defend their parish.

Elmley Lovett residents have shown a lack of interest, realisation and awareness of the issue despite the letter drop throughout the village and other actions to raise awareness. 95.6% of Hartlebury residents have said that they do not want the incinerator.

JB supports the donation being an extreme case that warrants support. AB initially questioned the anticipated outcome however he does have doubts about the technology. LB agrees with JB and hopes that Judicial Review



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will at the very least cause sufficient delay for the technology to be revisited as it is already out of date and an expensive method for treating waste. AA's comments by email were noted.

The Clerk advised that the reserves at 31 March are forecast at £4,000 after receipt of outstanding lengthsman reimbursements. The Parish Council has a reserves policy of 50% of the annual precept, ie. £3,500, in case of contingencies. JB proposed a pledge of £1,000, JH seconded, all agreed and noted that the reduction in reserves is acceptable.

**6. Matters arising**

**6.1 Outstanding actions**

**6.1.1 New Homes Bonus – defibrillator for Memorial Hall**

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Clerk to research defibrillators and any other grants available.

**6.1.2 Highway maintenance**

All of the maintenance issues minuted in February have been reported. DS has addressed the drainage issues, in particular the ditch at the top of Coach Hill.

**6.1.3 Railway security fencing**

Clerk has written to Network Rail, cc to Peter Luff MP.

**7. Planning**

*In future paper plans will not be distributed and so Councillors will be asked to look at plans online in advance of the monthly meeting.*

Application no: W/14/00282/LUE

Location: Alexander House, Sneads Green, WR9 0PZ

Proposal: Certificate of lawful use existing for the change of use of land as domestic garden

Applicant: Mr D Kirkham

Comments: None

**6. Bank balances and financial transactions requiring authorisation**

**6.1 Bank balances**

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| at 28.02.14                            | £              |
| Barclays current account no. 40319465  | 1721.59        |
| National savings account no. 138040611 | 217.33         |
| Nationwide Building Society            | 423.11         |
|  | <u>2362.03</u> |



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**Payments due – authorisation required**

|   | £             |
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| Doolittle & Dalley – Village Green Rent | 1.00          |
| D Sireshuk – Lengthsman February        | 312.50        |
| D Sireshuk – Lengthsman March           | <u>312.50</u> |
|   | <u>726.00</u> |

**Reimbursements due – not yet received**

|  | £              |
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| Worcestershire County Council –<br>Lengthsman Scheme | 1719.36        |
| HMRC – VAT claim                                     | <u>290.75</u>  |
|  | <u>2010.11</u> |

**7. Correspondence for circulation**

7.1 Correspondence received was made available to the meeting.

**8. Items of parochial interest**

No additional matters.

**9. Next meeting**

Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 19.30 hours at Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall.

**10 Meeting closed**

20.45 hours.