



Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Elmley Lovett Parish Council Meeting

Location: Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall

Date and time: Held on 09 December 2014 at 19.30 hours

Present: J Homer (JH) Chairman
A Aston (AA)
J Bache (JB)
A Barlow (AB)
L Brookes (LB)
A Campbell (AC)
County Councillor M Broomfield
District Councillor A Fisher

In attendance: D Siresuk (Lengthsman)
3 members of the public including Mrs E Skinner, Cutnall Green CE First School governing body representative
A Maiden (AM)
District Councillor A Miller

Distribution Parish Councillors
District Councillors
County Councillor
Parish notice board

Date issued: 31 January 2015

Item	Action
1. Declarations of interests	
	Mr Aston and Mrs Bache are members of the Memorial Hall Committee. Mr Homer is a member of the Elmley Lovett Parochial Church Council and the trustee of the Cutnall Green School House Trust. Mrs Brookes is a member of Hartlebury Parish Council and a member of HWAG.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2014	
	The minutes of the above meetings were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising and outstanding actions	
3.1 School Lane parking and School House planning application W14/02253/CU	
	Parish council comments, as recorded in the minutes for 14 October, have been submitted.
	The school governor confirmed that expansion of the school is entirely independent of this planning application. Subject to planning consent and



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funding there will be parking for up to 50 vehicles with access onto School Lane. Any expansion would be to serve the needs of the local community.

Action

A resident explained his objection to the application is based upon the transport and parking issues caused by the staff and pupils; the local infrastructure is insufficient to support the school.

District Councillor Fisher said that the school is not viable without admitting children from outside the catchment area and advised that house prices are higher in villages with a school. The planning process has two stages: 'change of use' and 'application for development'. It will most likely be a delegated decision however the planning officer/committee will listen if there is a strong objection; the parish has not yet received advice of the outcome.

AC complained about the lack of communication and that the 'change of use' application was not explicit about school expansion. 30 households have made an objection.

District Councillor Fisher said that the District Council will have notified nearby residences on receipt of the planning application. Mrs Skinner told the meeting that the Headteacher has openly invited local residents to visit the school.

LB asked that any future application regarding school expansion is given an open public meeting.

Mrs Skinner reported that zigzag lines have been extended along School Lane to protect emergency services access. Double yellow lines have been applied for and a condition of Highways approval was that the school has to provide onsite parking. The school has also requested the removal of the School Lane/New Road chicane that was installed when Oak Tree Drive was developed.

A resident complained that access to properties on School Lane and New Road is inadequate and the road is hazardous. Customers of the village shop/tea rooms are also contributing to parking issues.

The visitors left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

3.2 Incinerator – HWAG request for financial contribution towards cost of legal fees

LB explained that the HWAG members worked in cooperation with WAIL and contributed to the fundraising efforts, including making personal donations. The WAIL legal challenge was not as strong as HWAG's and eventually communication with WAIL broke down. Development has started however there are still issues to fight over to get a better deal for residents.

LB attended the Mercia EnviRecover CLG meeting to represent Hartlebury Parish Council; she encouraged Elmley Lovett to send a representative. The site has extended its' working hours. Job creation is not as good as anticipated as local employment will only be in the lowest paid roles. Heat



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usage is doubtful. The Environment Agency is responsible for air quality monitoring and HWAG wanted a 'base line' assessment. The matter will be raised at Worcester Regulation Services air quality meeting on 27 January 2015. AA asked 'What measures are in place to monitor the air quality to check that the discharge is in accordance with the agreed level in the contract specifications?' LB will forward all Mercia EnviRecover CLG papers she receives to JH to ensure that Elmley Lovett receive all relevant correspondence.

AB said that he was sympathetic to HWAG and the residents who have donated however he is uncomfortable about donating funds when the original pledge was made to WAIL.

The Parish Council was not provided with sufficient information when asked to transfer the pledge from WAIL to HWAG. Elmley Lovett Parish Council had been specific that their pledge was to WAIL and no other organisation.

The Parish Council wrote to residents and there was little interest with the nearest resident supporting the development.

The application has been reviewed by the Secretary of State so judicial review will not stop this development.

The Clerk was asked if making a donation was permissible and advised that the Parish Council can fund legal fees to challenge a planning decision however she said there was an ethical dilemma with a retrospective request.

JB proposed that the Parish Council pay a £250 contribution towards the legal fees already incurred, seconded by AC, 3 against – not carried. Having a prejudicial interest, LB did not vote.

3.3 Clerk recruitment

The advert has been placed.

Until a new clerk is appointed JB's home address will be used for postal correspondence, AA will manage the online banking, Lengthsman reclaims, and secretarial duties and someone will have to check the email account and manage the website. Handover will be done in the new year.

3.4 Playing fields – future use and management of the ground

JH will ask BB if he is prepared to continue with the mowing. AF advised that the Worcester Probation Service offers a service.

4. Planning

Application no: W14/02398/CU
Location: Bannut Tree Farm, Cutnall Green, Droitwich, WR9 0NF
Proposal: New rural agricultural workers dwelling
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Harrison



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Comments: No comments.

5. 2015/16 Precept

The financial projections were reviewed. The parish council aims to carry forward 50% of the precept as a reserve against contingencies.

If a tenant is not found mowing costs will be incurred for the playing fields, estimate £500. The parish council will incur training costs for the new clerk.

JH proposed an increase in the annual precept of £1,000, making the total precept £8,000. All agreed.

6. Financial transactions requiring authorisation

6.1	Payments due – authorisation required	£
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6.2	Income due	£
	Lengthsman scheme reimbursement	<u>131.25</u>

7. Correspondence for circulation

No matters to note

8. Items of Parochial Interest

8.1 Grit salt

The bin stocks need replenishing, the Lengthsman will contact Highways.

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9. Next meeting

Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 19.30 hours at Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall.

10. Meeting closed: 21:25 hours