



Minutes of Meeting

Subject:	Elmley Lovett Parish Council Meeting	
Location:	Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall	
Date and time:	Held on 11 February 2014 at 19.30 hours	
Present:	J Homer (JH) J Bache (JB) A Barlow (AB) M Broomfield (MB) S Taylor (ST)	Chairman County Councillor Clerk
Apologies:	A Aston (AA) A Maiden (AM) District Councillor A Fisher District Councillor A Miller	
In attendance:	D Latham N Salt	Local resident Local resident
Distribution:	Parish Councillors District Councillors County Councillor Parish notice board	
Date issued:	20 February 2014	

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. Mrs Brookes is a member of Hartlebury Parish Council.
2. Minutes of Meeting on 10 December 2013	
2.1	The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.
3. Co-option to fill council vacancy	
3.1	There has been one expression of interest; carry forward to March agenda.
4. Matters arising	
4.1 Outstanding actions	
4.1.1 Anti-social behaviour in Oaktree Drive	
	No reply has been received from the Housing Association however District Councillor A Fisher has confirmed that the matter has been resolved.



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4.1.2 Tree maintenance on Elmley Brook at Jingle Joys

Work completed by D Siresuk and P Kirkham; the water flow is much improved.

4.1.3 Graffiti

The lengthsman has been asked to acquire a suitable product and remove the graffiti. There haven't been any new instances of graffiti.

4.1.4 New Homes Bonus – project proposals

The Councillors suggested acquiring a defibrillator for the Memorial Hall being a community hub. The Clerk suggested that a grant may be available for this equipment and will make enquiries. JH took the New Homes Bonus literature for review.

JH/ST

4.1.5 Highway maintenance

All of the maintenance issues minuted in December have been reported.

The ditch at the top of Coach Hill is full and overflowing. Clerk instructed to ask the lengthsman to inspect.

ST/DS

JH to contact farmer Mr Talbot at Bassage Farm regarding the overflowing ditch adjacent to the duck pond.

JH

The drain at the corner of Elmley Close/Elmley Lane is full and not clearing flood water quickly enough in the recent sustained heavy rain. The clerk will ask the lengthsman to monitor it.

ST/DS

MB reported that the bridge at Jingle Joys is scheduled for repair work in March/April.

4.1.6 Grit bins

The bins are sufficiently full.

4.1.7 Footpaths

AB will inspect the broken stile once the recent poor weather has cleared.

AB

5. Planning

There were no items for consideration.

Knaresborough Homes have requested feedback regarding their proposal for affordable bungalows.

ST

6. Bank balances and financial transactions requiring authorisation



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6.1 Bank balances

at 31.01.14	£
Barclays current account no. 40319465	3047.38
National savings account no. 138040611	217.33
Nationwide Building Society	<u>423.11</u>
	<u>3687.82</u>

Payments due – authorisation required

	£
Doolittle & Dalley – Village green rent	1.00
Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall - room hire	200.00
D Siresuk & P Kirkham – removal of saplings and debris from Elmley Brook	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>501.00</u>

7. Correspondence for circulation

7.1 Correspondence received was made available to the meeting.

8. Items of parochial interest

8.1 Bus service consultation regarding potential service reduction – MB reported that no decision will be made prior to June and there will be no cut backs before September.

8.2 The two local residents in attendance raised their concern about the security fencing that was installed in the last few weeks along the stretch of track running to the north of Droitwich Spa. The fencing is erected in a rural area and runs across otherwise open fields where the railway line had previously blended into the landscape. Residents understand that the fencing has been deployed in an attempt to eliminate cable theft from the line however the fence is unsympathetic to its' surrounding countryside, being shiny silver, the fence reflects sunlight and presents a visible scar across the land. The site is outside the parish but visible from the surrounding area including Elmley Lovett.

Several residents have reported the issue to Network Rail, the District Council and to Peter Luff MP. They are unhappy with the responses they have received with the exception of the MP who advised them to lobby the local parish councils to support their case.

ST instructed to write to Network Rail and DEFRA.

ST

9. Next meeting

Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 19.30 hours at Cutnall Green & District Memorial Hall.



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10 Meeting closed

20.20 hours.