

# ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mrs C Joseph (Chairman), Mrs W Burr, Mrs D E Holt, Mr C Mills,  
Mrs T A Owen

**In Attendance:** -

**Members of the Public:** Dr J Heap

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Mr P Chichester

### **2. Members' interests**

None

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 Councillor, Tom Wells nor the District Councillor Bronwen Behan was present and no report was available.

### **6. Report from the Parish Footpaths Officer**

The Parish Footpaths Officer, Simone Bullen, was not present but reported through the Chairman that she was working with the tree planting group on creating a Queen's Canopy Way.

### **7. Public Comment**

Dr John Heap addressed the meeting on the subject of the Three Shires Stages Motor Rally. He reminded the meeting that in past years roads had been closed in order that the rally could take place and that considerable inconvenience had thereby been caused to parishioners. In addition, the rally had suffered five crashes, with damage being caused to hedges and fencing. Subsequently, a proposal to run the rally through the Parish in 2022 had been robustly and successfully opposed by parishioners, and by the Parish Council.

He said that he had become aware of a proposal to run the rally again in 2023 and had contacted the secretary to the Three Shires Stages; he was pleased to announce that she had

confirmed to him in writing that the rally in 2023 did not intend to run a stage through Eldersfield and that the parish was not therefore included in any consultation with Motorsport UK.

### **8. Road Safety**

The Chairman reported that the white gates discussed at previous meetings would be installed on or about 18th January. She would ensure that immediate neighbours were aware of the forthcoming work.

### **9. Defibrillator and Training**

Cllr Tracy Owen advised that she had advertised further defibrillator training on WhatsApp and Facebook but had had only a limited response. Parishioners interested in attending this training, scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, are invited to contact either Mrs Owen or the Clerk.

### **10. Elections**

Local elections, including elections for councillors of this parish, are to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Councillors would be delighted to talk to anyone who would be interested in joining them on the Council. Information is also available from the Clerk.

### **11. Lengthsman**

Council noted the report from the Clerk on the services provided by the Lengthsman for which invoices had been submitted as follows: November £248, December £248.

### **12. Financial Estimates 2022-23 and Budget 2023-24**

The forecast for the year ending March 2023 circulated prior to the meeting was noted and the proposed budget was discussed. It was agreed that the budget be accepted subject to the inclusion of an additional £2,400 for the purchase of one or more defibrillators. It was agreed unanimously that the precept remain at £2,000.

### **13. Authorisation of Disbursements**

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

£144.63	J L Gabbott
£93.20	HMRC
£496.00	Jeremy Moore (£248 Nov; £248 Dec)

### **14. Future Meetings**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at Eldersfield Lawn School.

### **15. Any other business**

It was reported that the planting of trees under the Queen's Canopy scheme was continuing.

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

JLG  
12.1.23

## FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

	2021-22	2022-23		2023-24
	Actual	Actual to Dec 22	Forecast to Mar 23	Budget Adopted
<b>INCOME</b>				
Precept	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Grant from WCC (lengthsman)	2,006	1,848	2,084	2,200
Grant Chelt MotorX	325	-	-	-
Hire of table, chairs, china	45	159	159	200
Miscellaneous	1	1	1	1
VAT refund		702	702	-
<b>Transfer from reserves</b>	-	-		-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>4,401</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Clerk: salary	1,480	925	1,400	1,500
Clerk: expenses		-	-	-
Hire of meeting rooms/Zoom	40			
Insurance	258	196	196	225
CALC	378	386	386	400
Lengthsman	2,124	1,730	2,202	2,200
Information Commissioner	40	40	40	40
Training	138	-	-	200
Grant: St John the Baptist	150	-	-	-
Defibrillator	194	-	-	2,650
Catering rep and maint		111	111	-
Shed & Kiosk	57			-
Jubilee Project	54			-
Marquee	3,478			-
<b>Transfer to reserves</b>	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,391</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>4,335</b>	<b>7,215</b>
<b>Net movement:</b>	<b>- 4,014</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>- 2,814</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE B/F</b>	<b>10,857</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>7,454</b>
Add TOTAL INCOME	4,377	4,710	4,946	4,401
Less TOTAL EXPENDITURE	- 8,391	- 3,388	- 4,335	- 7,215
<b>CASH BALANCE C/F</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>8,165</b>	<b>7,454</b>	<b>4,640</b>