

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council**

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 12th January 2011, in Elkstone Village Hall

**Present:** Mssrs. Hobbs (Chair) Collins, Cooch, Luck and Muschamp: Mrs. Eyre (Clerk)

1. **Minutes of the previous Meeting** (Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010) were accepted and signed

2. **Matters arising** – none.

### **3. Finance**

#### **3.1 Payment of Accounts**

3.1.1 CPRE subscription £29.00 became due 6th January. To pay subscription: proposed: Mr Muschamp; seconded: Mr. Hobbs; carried nem. con.

A cheque for £29.00 was written, signed and will be sent.

3.1.2 Payment to EVHMC in respect of half the hosting costs of shared website: £82.25

To make payment: proposed: Mr. Cooch; seconded: Mr Hobbs; carried nem. con.

A cheque for £82.25 was written, signed and will be hand-delivered.

3.1.3 Noted: in response to a late but 'urgent' invoice received last month from GCC for two new salt+grit bins - £263.34 + £46.08 VAT = £309.42; a cheque for £309.42 had been written, signed by Mr Hobbs and Mr. Cooch, and sent on 11.12 10 – expenditure previously approved, items 8 of 13.01.10 and 11 of 19.05.10 refer.

3.1.4 Section 137 donation of £190.00 to PCC for churchyard maintenance:

Proposed: Mr. Muschamp; seconded: Mr. Collins; carried nem. con.

A cheque for £190.00 was written, signed and will be hand-delivered.

3.2 **R.F.O.'s Report on Year to Date** Income & Expenditure against Budget was received with thanks

3.3. **Budget forecast**, projects and items of expenditure, and Precept – was discussed at length.

3.3.1 Mr. Muschamp asked the Council to purchase two more salt+grit bins for Cockleford Lane, so that the two remaining hills could be treated, allowing Cockleford residents the possibility of being able to reach the 3/190 after snow or ice.

To purchase one large bin and one smaller bin; proposed Mr. Cooch; seconded: Mr Collins; carried nem.con. Clerk to place order in August.

3.3.2 To set a precept of £2,400.00 (a nil increase): proposed: Mr Muschamp; seconded Mr. Hobbs; carried nem. con. Clerk to so inform CDC.

### **4. Planning Applications**

4.1 Retrospective application – 26 Elkstone

Councillors had considered this application, and had been able to view the development, some from a neighbouring garden and some from the churchyard.

From the floor, and at the Chairman's invitation, Mrs. Davies explained concerns.

Councillors had no objection to the application as presented.

However, it seemed that the actual building work may not have proceeded exactly as specified in the plans and drawings.

Councillors regretted that the installed velux windows stand more proud of the roof than the drawings would seem to indicate, they are visible from the churchyard; the church being Grade I listed, and together with the neighbouring dwellings, in a Conservation Area.

Councillors noted that there may have been infringements of building regulations, for example, by the possible omission of a truss shown in the 2008 application to which permission was granted, and to which the Non Mat and this application are to all intents and purposes amendments.

Councillors were also concerned to hear it suggested that Planning Officers have advised post facto compromises which may have contributed to difficulties perceived by the occupants of a neighbouring dwelling.

Clerk to so inform CDC planning.

5. **Localism Bill** – all Councillors have read guidance notes on GAPTC website
6. **Gloucestershire Libraries:** Mr. Cooch had visited the Cirencester library, and established that the mobile library service will cease altogether. Cirencester Library will continue, but may be staffed by non-professional librarians.
7. **Possible Change to Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme**  
Proposals will withdraw the use of a bus pass before 9.30 am Monday – Friday  
Deadline for response was 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. The parish's bus pass using pensioners were alerted, and Clerk has written expressing Councillors' concern at the unfairness to our pensioners if they can't use the 9.14 a.m. bus to Cirencester, and the risks inherent in catching the midday bus, with return (if seats available!) at 5.30 p.m.  
Mr S. Parsons has now asked for an indication of the numbers of pensioners likely to be affected.
8. **Correspondence from the Parish** – there was none
9. **Other correspondence** – was put into circulation
10. **Meetings**  
PCSOs' multi-parish quarterly meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 Elkstone Village Hall –  
(Note that these meetings are now to be known as Neighbourhood Co-Ordination Group Meetings.) Both Mr. Muschamp and Mr.Collins expected to attend.
11. **A.O.B.** – there was none
12. **Date of next Meeting** – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.