

Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 13th January 2010, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mssrs. Hobbs (Chair) Collins, Cooch and Muschamp, Mrs. Eyre (Clerk)
Apologies were received from Mr. Luck, who was unable to return from Leicester.

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting (25th November 2009) were accepted and signed

2. Matters arising – there were none

3. Finance

3.1. Payment of Accounts

3.1.1. CPRE subscription £29.00 a cheque was written, signed and will be sent.

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

3.3. Precept for 2010 – 11:- Mr Cooch's previously-circulated draft budget was considered, and with the inclusion of a further £320.00 for two grit bins (see item 8 below) was agreed.

To set a precept of £2,400 for the year 2010 – 11:

proposed Mr. Collins, seconded Mr. Muschamp, carried nem.con.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 Proposed tractor shed, Butler's Farm - Councillors had no objections, and noted CDC has permitted.

4.2 Proposed house, High Cross timber yard - was debated at some length. On the one hand, this was a green field site outside the village; on the other hand, Councillors had some sympathy with the applicant's situation, and felt that given the accumulations of stacked timber and equipment, a small associated single storey dwelling could not detract much further. On balance, Councillors decided not to register an objection.

4. Data Protection Act registration

Councillors had considered the information previously circulated by Clerk, and concluded that, suggestion from GAPTC notwithstanding, the Parish Council had no need to register.

6. PRow problems – BEL 11 & 12

6.1 There have been expressions of concern from parishioners about the increasing difficulty of negotiating the right-angled bend near the northern end of this footpath, due to the rapprochement of the beech hedge and the leaf/lawn-clippings pile.

Clerk to write to householders.

6.2 Mr. Cluley, G.C.C. PRow Officer, had asked Clerk for identity of landowner following complaints to him of an illegally padlocked gate at the west end of this restricted byway. No further action by Parish Council as Mr. Cluley dealing with.

7. 3/190 Survey Report

A parishioner had, as volunteered, begun an analysis of the survey report figures, but had regrettably been able to do less than anticipated due to between-computer incompatibilities. He pointed out that the given recorded speeds were possibly not that accurate, since the tubes had only to be a little loose to give an error of + or – 4 m.p.h. at 60 m.p.h., and he suspected (though had not checked) that at least one pair had not been positioned an exact distance apart. A very striking, and upsetting, result was, however, that since the A417 was re-opened post-dualling in 1996, the Monday to Friday traffic flow has increased by almost 700%, whereas the weekend flow has remained near-constant. The introduction of the 40 m.p.h. speed limit does not appear to have had any impact at all in respect of stemming the increase in flow. Clerk to write to Mrs. Watkins.

8. Salt/grit bins

Bins cost 160.00 each, supplied by Glos. Highways and would be filled by them. At end March, to purchase two beige bins, one to be sited on Cockleford lane, in the dip south of Cockleford Cottage, one to be sited midway on Pike Hill; proposed Mr. Hobbs, seconded Mr. Collins, carried nem.con

9. Correspondence from the Parish

An e-mail had just been received from Manor Cottage forwarded a letter from their insurers in respect of a beech tree protected by a T.P.O. Councillors' position on this unchanged. Clerk to reply indicting this.

10. Other correspondence was put into circulation.

11. Meetings

PCSOs multi-parish quarterly meeting 2nd Feb, 7.30 Brimpsfield Village Hall – noted that two CDC Environment Wardens are coming to this meeting
Mr. Collins will cover on behalf of EPC.

12 .A.O.B.

Clerk has been unable to post Minutes on the new Elkstone website, as they are required as a PDF document, which she does not have the software to create.
Mr. Muschamp offered to try.

13. Date of next Meeting – Wednesday 10th March

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.