

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

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010, in Elkstone Village Hall

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

**1. Minutes of the last Meeting** (14<sup>th</sup> July 2010) were accepted and signed.

### **2. Matters arising**

re item 5.3 – Clerk had found full contact details for landowner, and passed these to both Mr Cluley and Mr Barton; however, no action, other than a bit more driving over it, has been taken to improve this surface. The continuation of this bridleway into Cowley parish through a field is already waterlogged and rutted, and it must be a concern that the landowner may decide to attempt to ‘improve’ the surface here in the same way as the section through the wood. To alert Cowley Parish Council.

### **3. Finance**

**3.1** External Auditors’ report – was clear, with no comments.

**3.2** Payment of Accounts:

**3.2.1** Bill from external auditors – a cheque for £58.75 was written, signed and will be sent.

**3.2.2** Bill for hire of Hall, April – Sept 10 – 4 bookings at £11.00 each; a cheque for £44.00 was written, signed and will be delivered by hand.

**3.2.3** Clerk’s salary: £580.00 - and expenses: postage £1.28, phonecalls £0.32, and e-mails £32.47; total £614.07 - a cheque for £614.07 was written, signed and handed over.

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

**3.4** A Section 137 donation of £100.00 to EVHMC for newsletter costs for the year to date Proposed: Mr. Muschamp; seconded Mr. Collins; carried nem. con.

### **4. GRCC Housing Needs Survey**

Mr. Hutchins of GRCC presented his report on the recent survey. Elkstone is one of the smallest parishes surveyed to date. It has 101 households, and there was a 37% response rate. (The usual response rate is between 20 and 40 %) Half of the respondents had lived in Elkstone for more than 20 years. 4 single people and 2 couples indicated a need for local housing now or in 5 years time, with the single respondents being more likely to require affordable housing.

There was further discussion on the Fosseyway Living and Orbit Housing criteria; Clerk to check the Orbit Housing S. 106 agreement.

To be further considered at the next Meeting.

### **5. Correspondence from the Parish**

**5.1** A Parishioner wanted the Parish Council to know of proposed tree work

**5.2** A Parishioner wondered if the Parish Council should write to the gas pipeline team to thank them for the care with which the installation has progressed.

Councillors felt it would be preferable to wait until the work has actually finished.

6. **Other correspondence** – put into circulation.

7. **Meetings** – Mr. Muschamp was unable to attend the PCSOs meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September, but Minutes have already been circulated.

8. **A.O.B.**

8.1 Recent and marked erosion of road edges – Bubb's Hill.

Clerk to check with Pipeline Project Team whether the recent very frequent tractor and trailer journeys along the 3/190 have been related to the project work, as these appear to have at least contributed to the recent marked erosion, or possibly been the main contributing cause.

8.2 PCSOs would like to hold their next quarterly meeting in Elkstone – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – and will provide own Chair and Secretary. Clerk to book Hall.

9. **Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.