

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 16th May 2012, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mssrs Collins, Cooch, Hobbs, Luck: Mrs. Eyre (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Mr Muschamp

1. Election of officers

Nomination for Chair: Mr. Hobbs – Proposed: Mr. Collins; Seconded: Mr. Cooch carried nem. con. Mr. Hobbs took the Chair.

Nomination for Vice Chair: Mr. Collins – Proposed: Mr. Luck; Seconded: Mr. Cooch; carried nem. con.

Nomination for Responsible Financial Officer: Mr. Cooch – Proposed: Mr. Hobbs; Seconded: Mr. Luck; carried nem. con.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting (18.04.12) were accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising – there were none

4. Finance

4.1 Payment of Accounts - none

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

4.3 The Internal Auditor's report has just been received.

He is satisfied that, for the size of the Council, it has adequate and effective systems and procedures for internal control; that it has carried out an adequate risk assessment and management exercise, and that it has adequate measures to detect fraud and corruption. He found no matters which should be reported to the Council.

Clerk to write thanking the Internal Auditor.

5. Planning

Proposed conversion of barn opposite Oldbury Farm was discussed.

No objection to conversion, but to request CDC to negotiate with Glos. Highways for e.g. a S 106 condition to restore road surface.

Proposed Mr. Cooch; seconded Mr. Collins, carried nem con.

Clerk to so inform CDC.

6. 3/190 and junctions

Ten assorted letters and e-mails had been received from parishioners.

Mr. Luck reported on the site meeting, EPC with Glos Highways, 4th May.

In summary, nothing can be done about the sight lines at the two junctions, nor the suggested mirror, nor the suggested renewal of red tarmac, nor the suggested rumble strips, nor the suggested lower speed limit.

Glos Highways has undertaken to upgrade the signage, probably by this summer, and will regard this as safety/maintenance work, rather than improvements to be match-funded. The illegal shrubby overgrowth on the verge south of the Ivy Cottage Farm gateway is to be removed.

Mr. Luck offered to reply individually, on behalf of EPC, to the 10 parishioners who wrote or e-mailed, and to write an insertion for the June Newsletter.

To accept Mr Luck's offer:

Proposed Mr. Cooch; seconded Mr. Collins, carried nem con.

7. Community Speedwatch - initial outing, 3 volunteers with police, (Mr. Fogden, PCSO Shutt and possibly PC Stinchcombe) is scheduled for Thursday 17th May; this under police insurance - documentation for EPC/ Insurance was received earlier today, and Mr. Cooch will now contact insurers to add CSW to EPC insurance cover.

8. Dead wood, willow tree on Pound

Mr. Collins and Mr. Cooch have both inspected tree, and reported finding some dead wood.

Clerk to obtain quotes from arboriculturalists for giving specialist advice.

9. Correspondence from the Parish

Letter from Mr. Gibbs considered. Clerk to write back indicating EPC not against proposal in principle, but unable to comment except on sight of planning application via CDC.

10 Other correspondence - was put into circulation

11. Meetings

11.1 PCSOs' Neighbourhood Co-Ordination Group Meeting, 7.30 pm, Monday 18th June at The Deer Park - Mr. Collins will attend.

11.2 No-one could attend any of the Cotswold Conservation Board's AONB Management Plan consultation workshops.

12. A.O.B.

12.1 Clerk reported having received, and replied to, a query from Clerk to Coberley Parish Council asking if EPC intended to contribute towards the PCSO vehicle scheme.

12.2 From the floor, Mr. Busby queried the purpose of the insertion in the Newsletter of a Neighbourhood Watch item re considerate and legal parking, and asked Mr Collins to query this with PCSO Shutt at the NCG meeting next month.

13. Dates of next Meetings

Proposed: Wednesdays 11th July, 19th September, 14th November, 16th January.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.