

Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 27th November 2013, in Elkstone Village Hall

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

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting [25.09.13] were accepted and signed.

2. Matters arising:

Re item 6.1 - Gloucestershire Highways would not support this suggestion

Re item 6.2 - the offending landowner has been contacted by Mr. Hackman of Natural England, and after walking the route, by Mr. Hicks of Gloucestershire Highways.

Re item 12.3 of 24.07.13 - the offending stones are slowly returning. Mr Hicks is aware of this, and of certain other problems of illegally obstructed verges, etc., and has indicated that he will be contacting the relevant householders.

3. Finance

3.1 Payment of Accounts - there were none.

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

3.3 R.F.O.'s 2014 - 2015 Budget projection - Mr. Cooch presented a budget projection, which was discussed. He invited Councillors to consider it further, and make any other suggestions, before finalising the precept request at the January meeting. Mr. Hobbs thanked Mr. Cooch for his work on this.

4. Planning

4.1 Langdale - proposed tree work - noted CDC have granted permission

4.2 The Old Rectory - proposed re-pointing rather than re-rendering; also tree work - Councillors had no objections, and noted, CDC have granted permission.

4.3 Combend Farm - proposed solar panels to grain store roof - Councillors had no objection, and noted, CDC have granted permission

4.4 Church View - proposed tree work - (EPC not a consultee) noted CDC have no objection

4.5 The Bungalow, Butler's Farm - proposed new garage - noted CDC have granted permission

4.6 Yew trees, Cockleford - proposed car port - noted CDC have granted permission

4.7 Swallows, Manor Farm - proposed side extension and undercroft - Councillors had no objections.

5. Correspondence from the Parish - an e-mail from a parishioner, with attachments, was noted.

6. Other correspondence - was put into circulation.

It was noted from their Autumn 2013 Newsletter that Came & Co recommend the recording of inspections of land/trees/property/assets owned by the PC.

Mr Cooch & Mr Collins agreed to jointly survey all the councils assets, including trees, and report back. Clerk asked that, although it is not listed as an asset, the parish

boundary marker stone on Highgate Lane be included, as a small ash sapling is growing out from under its base.

7. Meetings

7.1 PCSOs NCG meeting 30th October – Mr. Collins reported back on this, which was mostly taken up by a presentation by Garry Handley, Road Safety manager from the Road Safety partnership. Unfortunately, many of the ideas are appropriate to village lanes or residential suburban streets, but are not appropriate on ‘rat-runs’ like the 3/190. Minutes of this meeting are now available.

7.2 CDC meeting with Town & Parish Councils, 11th November – Mr. Cooch briefly reported back on this, although most of what was covered has now been reported in the CDC newsletter ‘Cotswold News’ which was recently delivered to all households in the CDC area; viz: freeze in Council tax, green waste collection licence to be held at £30.00p.a., no new car parking charges. CDC plans to make further savings by joint working with other local Councils, notably Cheltenham and West Oxfordshire. The electoral review is expected to be completed by next autumn.

Mr. Cooch suggested that EPC should particularly note that an elderly or disabled resident could be registered with CDC as a priority need in respect of waste collections.

8. A.O.B.

8.1 – Standing Orders

New model Standing Orders produced by NALC have been circulated, to be considered alongside EPC’s existing Standing Orders of 2008; this item to be considered in full at January’s meeting

9. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 15th January 2014

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.