

Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 25th November 2009, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mr. Muschamp (Chair) Mssrs Collins, Cooch & Luck; Mrs. Eyre (Clerk)
Apologies were received from Mr. Hobbs (his daughter's prize-giving).

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting [23.09.09] were accepted and signed

2. Matters arising

Re item 5.1 Mr. Hutchings is happy to come to the March 2010 Meeting

Re item 6 Mr. Collins told the Meeting that he had recently re-checked the ditch, and cleared it out. Councillors expressed thanks to him for this.

3. Finance

3.1 Payment of Accounts – there were none.

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

3.3 Mr. Cooch's preliminary figures for next year's budget were considered.

4. Retention Periods for Parish Records

Councillors agreed to Clerk's suggestion that documents /guidelines received from GAPTC should be added to the EPC blue file.

5. 3/190 traffic survey

The summaries for both traffic counts, and full raw data for four locations south of High Cross, have now been received from Jenny Watkins.

A Parishioner has offered to do a fuller analysis, comparing with and contrasting to previous years' data. Councillors would be pleased to accept this offer, and will consider further when this analysis is to hand.

However, Councillors wished to record that they remain very concerned at the continually-increasing volume of traffic on the 3/190.

6. Salt/grit heaps

Salt/grit was distributed around the Parish early in November; then some was taken away again following a complaint to CDC that salt would endanger wildlife.

Councillors expressed some sympathy, but were of the opinion that parishioner safety on icy roads was the greater concern. Clerk to so inform Mr. Hicks; also to ask about the possibility of acquiring further bins.

7. Correspondence from the Parish

None had been received

8. Other correspondence

Put into circulation

9. Meetings

Mr. Muschamp attended the PCSOs' Quarterly meeting in October, for which minutes have already been received and circulated. He added that only four parishes were represented at this meeting, which he felt was a shame when the PCSOs do such a valuable job so enthusiastically. All agreed with this.

10. Website

The new website – www.elkstonevillage.com - is currently in build, with 1st December as target date for public launch. The old website has been reduced to the Home page, with a link on it to the new site.

Clerk has asked for indication of likely costs (i.e. indication of size of funding request to EPC) this has been promised but not yet received.

11. A.O.B.

Mr. Cooch informed the Meeting that he had read in the paper that BT has decided not to remove redundant but unadopted telephone kiosks.

12. Date of next Meeting – Wed 13th Jan 2010

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.