

**Approved MINUTES  
ELKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7.30PM**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Council noted the resignation of Parish Councillor Frances Toase and to note that following the due process, a co-option can now take place. Any applications should be submitted to the Clerk with confirmation that the applicant meets the standard criteria
<b>2.</b>	<b>Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors Matt Hobbs, David Collins, Graham Hopkins &amp; 1 member of the public</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence noted Parish Councillor David Kearney, District Councillor Julia Judd and County Councillor J Harris</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda were invited – none</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Public Participation was invited- a member of the public did not wish to speak at this moment on the agenda</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Report invited from County Councillor Joe Harris -not available</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Report (as distributed via email) invited from District Councillor Julia Judd -not available</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 approved</b> Councillors agreed that any correspondence will go through the Clerk
<b>9.</b>	<b>Council considered highway matters updates -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. on Signposts which have fallen over have been reported and is in the “system” – still outstanding</li> <li>b. Newly installed gate over public highway at “ending-hiker-demand” (What 3 words) has narrowed access to vehicle access- Clerk reported to Daniel Tiffney /CC Harris</li> <li>c. Other Highway matters- GCC replacement grit bin is being chased by Clerk. PC has contingency plans if necessary. The Council has 8 grit bins and 3 unofficial locations, Council felt they are all in a functioning condition.</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Council received update from Working group on bid for the A417 designated funding for “community benefit” update from working group with non-council members to work on this project – “Sustainability, Accessibility and Bio-diversity”</b> <i>Regular meetings have been held with 3 Councillors and 1 Village Hall committee members.</i> <i>A plan has been drafted seeking funding for a feasibility study on various ideas and following a meeting with members of the cotswold conservation board, it was advised to put the plan to the designated funds committee.</i> <i>Funds for upgrading village hall including disability facilities, ecological work in the vicinity.</i> <i>Bromford Housing solar/heat pump project would not be anticipated to</i>

	<p><i>be going forward at the present time. Ecological works for Springs/water source may be something to develop. Village communication via the website could be upgraded and Public have been invited to submit ideas via the local newsletter/magazine Play equipment for young people has been suggested Council agreed for the working group to submit the proposals as described above.</i></p>
11.	<p><b>Council received update on “High Tension Lines” National Grid projects in ANOB areas in the Cotswolds. <i>Information may be available vial the Cotswold Conservation Board. Current area is Winchcombe, but Councillors will continue to monitor works that may fall into the Elkstone district.</i></b></p>
12.	<p><b>Council considered tree updates <i>New position of trees has been agreed in principle – it was felt that the oaks trees have not survived the summer. Council discussed if replacements are necessary. The Council has access to replacement oak whips but agreed to purchase a larger sapling. There is a potential to plant “a jubilee oak” at the end of the Church drive in the old Vicarage land (where one had previously fallen over). – Cllr Collins to contact to confirm. Cllr Hopkins to contact local contact to a) cost of tree which would have a good chance of survival and b) best way to protect. Potential Cherry Tree gift from resident pending consideration of location (Cllr Collins/Cllr Hopkins) -cfwd</i></b></p>
13.	<p><b>Council considered outstanding planning matters – 22/03516/FUL 2 storey extension to replace existing conservatory at the Hawthorns (Cllr Kearney has previously declared an interest and has taken no part in discussions/decision making process)- Council considered if it would affect neighbouring properties or if it would affect the village aesthetically. Council agreed it does not have any specific objection but could not support it either.</b></p>
14.	<p><b>Council considered if it wishes to change bank for ethical banking reasons- it would appear that it would not be feasible at the present time.</b></p>
15.	<p><b>Council approved the payment list -clerk expenses £25.38, HMRC £254.00 Full financial reports will be presented at next meeting for budget/precept setting purposes</b></p>
16.	<p><b>Council received update on planting in verges as per email from GCC- Council agreed to go ahead with this project- waiting further information from Daniel Tiffney Cfwd</b></p>
17.	<p><b>Council agreed date of next meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> December (budget/precept) commencing at 7.30pm</b></p>

	<b>Council approved dates of meetings as January 11<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March so that the clerk may email the dates of the future meetings to go in village newsletter</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Meeting closed at 9pm</b>