

Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00pm, Wednesday 22nd September 2021, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mr Hobbs (Chair), Mr Collins, Mr Kearney and Ms Toase; Mrs Thorn (Clerk);
Apologies: County Councillor Harris, District Councillor Judd

- 1. Minutes of the last Meeting (28th July 2021) were accepted and signed.**
- 2. Public Session – no items were raised from the floor.**
- 3. Matters arising**
 - 3.1** Re item 7 of 28.07.21 – The possibility of Electric Charging Points, this was discussed and to explore further.
 - 3.2** Re item 9 of 26.05.21 – Speeding through Elkstone Village: Following the concerns that have been raised regarding the speeding through Elkstone and the subsequent meeting Mr Kearney had with Daniel Tiffney Deputy Area Highways Manager to discuss ways to reduce the speed of traffic within the 40 mph speed restriction. Daniel Tiffney has been followed up regarding the costs but have not yet received a response. Mr Kearney to further follow up.
- 4. Finance**
 - 4.1** Payment of accounts
 - 4.1.1** Bill for hire of Hall, May – September 2021 – 3 meetings @ £10.00 per booking = £30.00. A cheque for £30.00 was written, signed and will be hand delivered.
 - 4.1.2.i** Clerk's salary – August 2021 = £151.47 – to approve salary payment for August. A cheque for £151.47 was written, signed and handed over.
 - 4.1.2.ii** Clerk's expenses – 3 months July – September 2021 – Stationery £8.50 for lever arch file, box file and paper and percentage of phone/broadband charge £17.49 = £25.99. A cheque for £25.99 was written, signed and handed over.
 - 4.2** RFO's Report on Year to Date Income and Expenditure against Budget was received with thanks.
- 5. Planning**
 - 5.1** 21/00803/FUL - Coombe End Farm, Beechpike, Elkstone: Noted CDC have granted permission for proposed operational development to facilitate the use of a building to a flexible commercial use (Class E) following the grant of prior approval under application reference 20/0444/OPANOT
 - 5.2** 21/01618/FUL – Springfield House, Elkstone: Noted CDC have granted permission for proposed external changes including proposed entrance porch and 2 dormers above the garage rear elevation.

- 6. Winter Preparations**
- 6.1** Snow Warden – The Coombe End Estate have confirmed that they will continue as the Parish’s Snow Warden and Martyn Thorn is named as snow plough operator.
- 6.2** Salt and Grit – Clerk has asked for the maximum allowable number of bags of salt and grit to be delivered to Coombe End Farm.
- 6.3** The salt and grit bin in the Slutswell Hill area has been broken during the mowing of the roadside verges by Highways. Clerk to contact Highways.
- 7. Correspondence from the Parish** – there was none.
- 8. Other Correspondence** – was put into circulation.
- 9. Items for Information**
- 9.1** Plant a tree for The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Parish Councils have been offered two English Oak Trees in celebration of The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, this was discussed and the Clerk to apply for the trees on behalf of the village. To see if any villagers have any suggestions of where the trees could be planted. Clerk to put a note in the Elkstone Newsletter.
- 9.2** Town and Parish Council Forum, 6th October at Cotswold District Council, Cirencester. Mr Kearney will attend.
- 9.3** Comments have been received from drivers of larger vehicles that at several points in the village overgrown trees and shrubs are causing difficulties in access. Local authorities have powers to cut back obstructions to the carriageway at the home owners costs. Now that leaves are starting to fall is a good time to deal with these. A note to be put in the Elkstone Newsletter.
- 10. Date of next Meeting** – Wednesday 17th November 2021

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.08pm.