

Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00pm, Wednesday 26th July 2017, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mr Hobbs (Chair), Mr Collins, Mr Cooch, Miss Gass and Ms Toase;
Mrs Thorn (Clerk)

4 parishioners were present

Post Facto Apologies: District Councillor Parsons

- 1. Minutes of the last Meeting (17th May 2017) were accepted and signed.**
- 2. Vacancies**
 - 2.1** Clerk received notification from Mr Luck that he wished to resign from EPC.
 - 2.2** CDC had not received any requests for an election and adverts have been placed on the noticeboard, village website and in the newsletter to fill the vacancies by co-option.
 - 2.3** Co-option of Councillors
Mr Collins proposed that Miss Linzi Gass and Ms Frances Toase be co-opted onto the Council; seconded Mr Cooch.
Miss Gass and Ms Toase signed the Acceptance of Office, undertook to complete the Register of Interests and took their place at the table.
- 3. Matters arising**
 - 3.1** Defibrillator
Mr Cooch has made enquiries regarding a defibrillator, it would be in an outside case which would attach to a building. The cost of a defibrillator is over £2,000 including VAT, there may be the possibility of a £500 grant from the District Council. The cost would need to be considered within the precept or the possibility of fundraising as an alternative. To consider at September meeting.
 - 3.2** Re item 4.6 of 16.11.16, item 2.1 of 18.01.17 and item 10 of 17.05.17
Juniper House, Elkstone: Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 – proposed stopping up of part of the highway adjacent to Juniper House – Mr Howells of Highways made a visit following the representation EPC made to the magistrates and reported back that Highways are happy that adjoining properties can still easily get access.
- 4. Finance**
 - 4.1** Payment of accounts
 - 4.1.1** Invoice for reducing Willow Tree on The Pound - £450 plus £90 VAT, totalling £540 to approve payment retrospectively. The cheque for the tree work has already been written, signed and posted as EPC had already received the quote and given approval for the work to be carried out.

4.1.2 Clerk's salary – May 2017 = £204.38 and June 2017 = £240 – to approve salary payment for May and June retrospectively. The cheques for May and June have already been written, signed and hand delivered. July 2017 = £166.88 – to approved salary payment for July. A cheque postdated 27th July 2017 was written, signed and handed over.

4.1.3 Clerks' expenses – 3 months April – June 2017 – postage £5.76, stationery £4.75 for envelopes and paper and percentage of phone/broadband charge £17.94 = £28.45. A cheque for £28.45 was written, signed and handed over.

4.2 To consider S 137 donation to EVHMC towards costs of Newsletter production. Due to the proposed change of the Newsletter distribution, it was decided to carry this item forward, when changes have taken place. To consider at September meeting.

4.3 RFO's Report on Year to Date Income and Expenditure against Budget was received with thanks.

5. Planning

5.1 17/02241/FUL – Elkstone Farm, Elkstone: proposed demolition of existing barns and construction of 5 dwellings. This was discussed at length and Mr Hobbs took comments from the floor. Councillors objected to the proposed application on the basis that the proposal is for a new build development and not barn conversions. EPC to request that CDC give particular consideration as to whether the proposal satisfies planning guidelines on new build developments in this locality.

Clerk to submit comments to CDC.

5.2 17/02211/FUL – Highgate Farm, Elkstone: proposed to refurbish and convert Cart Barn, Byre, Dove Cote and Stables to form holiday accommodation – Councillors had no objections.

5.3 17/01881/FUL – Girl Guide Training Centre, Cowley: Noted CDC have granted permission for proposed erection of a wooden toilet block, wooden shower, block and 175m zip wire with wooden structures at each end.

5.4 17/02599/FUL – Cockleford Farm, Cockleford: proposed erection of a detached dwelling (part retrospective) – Councillors had no objections.

5.5 17/02578/FUL – The Mill House, Elkstone: proposed demolition of timber outbuildings and erection of a natural stone garage with a playroom above (revised scheme). This was discussed and the Councillors objected to the proposed application on the basis that the ground plans are not strictly correct as supplied, they do not show the existing footprint and location. The proposal is too large for the location and too far down the site, there will be an impact on trees.

Clerk to submit comments to CDC.

6. Correspondence from the Parish – there was none.

7. Other Correspondence – was put into circulation.

8. **AOB**
A417 Missing Link Event – Events have been held regarding the A417 Missing Link and there has been useful and positive feedback from these events, where the hope is to be able to come out with a better plan.

9. **Public Session**
From the floor a parishioner asked if there was any news or information regarding the road between Westerleigh Crossroads or High Cross and the Nettleton Roundabout and 3/190 road. Until the dual carriageway is completed the road will continue to be a rat run and problems with regards to maintenance and pot holes.

10. **Date of next Meetings –**
Hall bookings are confirmed for the dates agreed at May's Meeting:
Next Meeting – Wednesday 20th September

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.09pm.