

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council
8.00pm, Wednesday 17th November 2021, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mr Hobbs (Chair), Mr Collins, Mr Kearney and Ms Toase; Mrs Thorn (Clerk),
County Councillor Harris and 2 parishioners

Apologies: District Councillor Judd

1. **Minutes of the last Meeting** (22nd September 2021) were accepted and signed.
2. **Public Session**
Mr Gibbs attended the meeting with an update to the development at Elkstone Studios and proposals for the conversion of the remaining building which was appreciated.
3. **Matters arising**
 - 3.1 Re Item 6.3 of 22.09.21
The Clerk contact Highways regarding the broken salt and grit bin and has completed an Incident Report Form. Highways have confirmed they will be back in contact in due course.
 - 3.2 Re Item 7 of 28.07.21
The possibility of Electric Charging Points, this was discussed and there are no grants available at this time, but to be reconsidered in the future.
4. **Finance**
 - 4.1 Payment of accounts
 - 4.1.1 Clerk's salary – September 2021 = £227.21 and October 2021 = £129.20 – to approve salary payments for September and October. The cheques were written, signed and handed over.
 - 4.2 RFO's Report on Year to Date Income and Expenditure against Budget was received with thanks.
 - 4.3 RFO's 2022 – 2023 Budget forecast – Mrs Thorn presented a budget forecast which was discussed. To be further considered by Councillors and a decision on precept level made at the January meeting.
5. **Speeding through Elkstone Village**
Following the concerns that have been raised regarding the speeding through Elkstone and the suggestion of an impact scheme at each end of the village where the 40mph starts such as a gateway sign. Gateway costs have been explored. County Councillor Harris advised that he has a budget and may be able to make a contribution, a possibility of funding from Highways with the remainder of the cost from the precept. To be further considered.

Highways have confirmed they will remark all the road markings at the gateways to the village and remark the four slow markings on the road in between the two gateways. Also, work to clear the soil and grass from the cobble setts at the side of the road at the gateways to restore their prominence.

County Councillor Harris suggested the consideration of a 20 mph speed limit through the village and he offered to explore whether such a scheme would be possible.

The various options to reduce the speeding through Elkstone to be considered further.

6. Correspondence from the Parish

- 6.1** Plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – EPC have applied for the two English Oak Trees in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Suggestions where the trees could be planted were discussed and one tree is to be planted on The Pound and one tree to EPCC to be planted in Elkstone Churchyard.

7. Other Correspondence – was put into circulation.

8. Items for Information

- 8.1** The Clerk had written a letter of resignation. The Clerk to advertise the Parish Clerk and RFO vacancy in the Elkstone Newsletter.

9. Date of next Meeting – Wednesday 19th January 2022

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.