



## ELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Of a Meeting Held on

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017, 7.30pm at Elham Village Hall

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs Clements (Chairman), Swan, Worrall and Hayter  
KCC Cllr. Carey, Community Warden Gary Harrison  
Clerk – Cathy Skinner and 9 Parishioners

**031/17 APOLOGIES** – Cllr Percival and Cllr Peall.

**032/17 CODE OF CONDUCT AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION.** - None.

**033/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

**034/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cllr Hayter requested amendment to the minutes – not agreed, Cllr Worrall asked that 'provisional' be removed from Cllr Percival's apologies and that item 28, be amended to state 'breaches of the caravan site licence'. The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Worrall, seconded Cllr Swan – agreed.

**035/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Clerk to contact Mr Edgley regarding tree work adjacent to Hunters Bank.

Cllr Worrall reported that rabbit problems at the Burial Ground have been dealt with and will continue as required.

KCC to be asked again about the cost of moving the 30mph signs approaching Elham from Lyminge to extend the zone.

Cllr Clements reminded all that there will be another working part at the Churchyard on 4<sup>th</sup> April, remedial work on the surrounding wall will start in May.

Mobile phones – led by Mr Andrew Joynes who was thanked by the Chairman for his work on this, a meeting has been arranged with Damian Collins MP.

**036/17 PUBLIC SESSION**

Parking in the square continues to cause concern and it was reported that some cars are left there for 10 days or more with no identified owner. The current trend of using very large grain lorries is causing problems for residents and haulage

companies alike. Gary Harrison is monitoring the situation and will progress putting yellow lines in place ASAP KCC Cllr Carey and Cllr Peall have asked for the matter to be raised at the next Shepway DC JTB meeting. If accepted any plan would go out for public consultation to allow the local community to decide on appropriate action.

Broken Signs – if a sign is found to be broken this can be reported via the KCC website using their mapping system or via the Parish Clerk.

Roads are being damaged by large construction vehicles at a site between Wingmore and Stelling Minnis – Cllr Carey suggested that this should be reported to KCC Highways, she will also discuss with the District Manager.

Overhanging branches from trees in the Churchyard were reported to be causing problems with TV reception – Cllr Clements will discuss options with SDC's Trees Officer and report at the next meeting.

Caravan Site at Wingmore – SDC are taking action in respect of license terms breaches at the site and are keeping the Parish Council up to date on actions taken. Cllr Worrall reported that he understood that some residents of the site have gained work from parishioners and local organisations. Reports of suspicious activity have increased and Gary Harrison urged all incidents to be reported via the Police 101 service. Mr Kincaid asked for a report from Cllr Peall on the circumstances leading to the current situation.

**037/17**

**COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN**

Cllr Carey reported that as previously mentioned, issues at The Square will be discussed at the next JTB meeting in May. Ottinge crossroads, KCC Highways' engineer has agreed that improvements need to be made and that residents have also been contacted directly where they individually contacted KCC. Cllr Carey's full report will be published in the Newsletter in May.

Gary Harrison emphasised the need to report suspicious activity via 101, Trading Standards are also aware of some issues and will work with other agencies. The Police have been following up reports and the PCSO has reported a spike in crime in the area which requires monitoring.

**038/17**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Y17/0181/SH – Pear Tree Farm Stables, North Elham Hill, Elham. Section 73 application for removal of condition 4 of planning permission 99/0800/SH to enable use of garage as habitable space. No Objection
- b) Y17/0269/SH – 1 Southdown Cottages, The Row, Elham. Erection of a detached summerhouse in rear garden. No objection but comment as to why a flue is needed.
- c) Y17/0334/SH – East Kent Hunt Kennels, Cullen Hill, Elham. Felling of 5 sycamore trees situated within a conservation area. No Objection

- d) Y17/0350/SH – Greenhills, High Street, Elham. Reduction in length by a max 2m of the westernmost lateral branches of a cherry (T3) subject of tree preservation order no 13 of 1995. No Objection
- e) Y16/0431/SH Appeal Ref. APP/L2250/W/16/3162157 – Elham Valley Holiday Park, Canterbury Road, Wingmore. Siting of a static caravan for use by warden, appeal against refusal of planning permission. Noted
- f) Y17/0346/SH – Hogs Coterell, Cullens Farm Road, Rhodes Minnis. Change of use from Agricultural land to keeping of horses and erection of a replacement barn and turnout area. No Objection'

**039/17 HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND FLOODING**

Interactive speed signs – The PC donated £500 towards the project but it now emerges that the School are unable to insure them and under the proposed arrangements, neither can the Parish Council. Cllr Worrall will discuss with Mr London and Mr Gasson. Clerk to research further.

**040/17 FINANCE**

Payments were agreed as follows:-

Viking Printer Ink	66.55
Wraights - Tree work in churchyard	60.00
Village Hall - room hire	30.00
Clerk - salary, office & expenses March	738.72
	<u>895.27</u>

Proposed Cllr Worrall, seconded Cllr Swan – agreed.

CPRE membership – it was agreed not to join this year.

**041/17 CHAIRMAN'S & COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Worrall reports that a recent riverbank working party had suggested removing some vegetation, to be discussed with landowners. Further, parishioners would be invited to plant up the area. Cllr Clements suggesting involving the Gardening Society.

**042/17 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

3 vacancies exist at present – any interested parties are invited to contact the Clerk for further information.

**043/17 CLOSE & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50.

Next Meeting – AGM at 7pm followed by Annual Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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