

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 2012 IN ELMDON VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Kate Chambers (Chair), Jayne Drinkwater, Penelope Gaine, Joan Sanderson,
John Holford
District Councillor Robert Chambers in attendance
Clerk: Carol Fiske

12.24 Apologies for absence from Chris Crane. and Alan Prosser

12.25 Declaration of Members' Interests
None

12.26 Minutes of the previous meeting 22nd February 2012 were read, they were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

12.27 Matters arising that were not to be discussed later

Jayne Drinkwater confirmed that she had contacted the wood sculptor to thank him for his interest and to say the Parish Council would not be going ahead with the scheme for the bus shelter at the moment.

It was confirmed that Jaime Elbourne is going to mow the War Memorial green to be reimbursed for the petrol and a small remuneration for his time.

The Parish Council was pleased to report that the sewerage smell in the village had been eradicated.

The Chairman reported that the Post Office needed to count the number of letters posted in the area and when this is done they will report back in about 4 – 5 weeks. Subsequently the Chairman has reported that the Post Office is going to remove the post box..

12.28 Planning
UTT/2552/11/FUL the dwellings instead of Sebring and Holly Hedge in Duddenhoe End. The Chairman reported that the conditional approval states that care must be taken not to make a great impact on the neighbouring properties. The conditions with regard to the stables were very definite about lighting, smell etc.

UTT/2562/11/FUL the barn at Elmdonbury. The clerk was asked to check what the Conditional Approval entailed, especially with regard to parking.

12.29 Finance

Current Account	£ 4,417.41
Business Saver Account	£ 7,066.31
Total	£11,483.72
Less current expenditure	<u>£ 900.96</u>
Total available to Parish Council	<u>£10,582.76</u>

The accounts were approved

The Internal Audit is due for the year end and the clerk was asked to proceed with the internal and external audits.

It was agreed to pay the following invoices:

Colin Sparrow for clearing Hamlet Churchyard

UDC skips for 2011

EALC subscription

Donations for Homestart and Citizens Advice Bureau

Clerk's salary and expenses

12.30 AGM and Annual Ward Meetings

These will be held on 16th May in Duddenhoe End Village Hall. The Ward meetings will be at 7.30pm and the AGM will follow on at 8pm. The notices will be on the Notice Boards.

12.31 Correspondence and Emails for discussion

The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation of the Power of Competence which is part of the new Localism Bill. The EALC have confirmed that the Parish Council of Elmdon & Wenden Lofts can choose to continue as they are for the present.

Councillor Robert Chambers explained that for the 2011 Homes Bonus Scheme each District Councillor was given £1000 to spend in their ward. Therefore, Elmdon & Wenden Lofts had been allocated £407.00 and (as previously agreed see Minutes 26th October 2011 min no. 11.127 & Minutes 30th November 2011 min No. 11.129) this would be proportioned out between Elmdon and Wenden Lofts/Duddenhoe End Village Halls. Elmdon V.H would receive £256 and Duddenhoe End V.H. £151.

However, for 2012 two separate funds of £250,00 each were to be set by UDC.

One fund was for Parish and Town Councils to bid for projects they would like to implement during 2012.

The other fund was for Community projects, such as Scouts, Youth projects, Village Halls etc. These grants can be applied for from £1000 to £10,000.

Elmdon and Duddenhoe End Village Hall committees were aware of this and had applied for grant applications forms.

Any applications should be in by July and then confirmed in September

Joan Sanderson reported that a parishioner had asked if there was any chance of fencing the Hamlet churchyard as the muntjack were eating the flowers. This will be considered at a later date.

12.32 The Queens Diamond Jubilee

The events in both Elmdon and Duddenhoe End/Wenden Lofts will be sponsored by the Parish Council. The clerk was asked to check re the insurance cover.

Penelope Gaine was asked to liase with Mrs Lascelles about the planting of the Elm tree on the playing field.

It was thought appropriate to have 2 benches to commemorate the jubilee one by the footpath in Duddenhoe End and one in Elmdon (site to be decided) The Clerk was

asked to check whether the benches came assembled. A brass plaque would say they were presented to the villages by Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council.

The clerk was asked to check the amount that the Parish Council could contribute to the celebrations. The clerk was told that we could contribute any amount and the sum of £500 for Elmdon and Wenden Lofts/Duddenhoe End was decided upon

12.33 Bus Schedules

There had been 7 replies to the questionnaire about the bus service 2 not satisfied and 5 satisfied. The clerk was asked to get the timetable information from the Tourist Office.

12.34 Any Other Business for discussion only

Joan Sanderson reported the potholes in Duddenhoe End were bad and will speak to Essex County Council Highway department.

There was some discussion about repositioning the Parish Council Notice Board in Elmdon the clerk was asked to get a quote from Melvyn Clayden.

The clerk was asked to chase the Zurich Insurance company for settlement of the claim for the Cricket Pavilion repairs.

12.35 Date of the next meeting 16th May (Duddenhoe End)

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

2012 Parish Council Meeting dates:

27th June (Elmdon)

8th August (Duddenhoe End)

19th September (Elmdon)

31st October (Duddenhoe End)

12th December (Elmdon)

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