

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2015 IN DUDDENHOE VILLAGE HALL AT 8pm

Present: Penelope Gaine
Nigel Bond Martin Collins Jonathan Hall
John Holford
Clerk: Carol Fiske/
Responsible Finance Officer: Sheila Jones
Jane Guy

15.62 **Apologies for absence**

Ian Donalds and Petrea Fagan

15.63 **Declaration of Interests for business in hand**

Nigel Bond declared an interest in item 15.67

15.64 **Minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2015**

Minutes were read, approved and signed.

15.65 **Matters Arising not being discussed later**

It was reported that a footpath in Duddenhoe End was heavily rutted and somebody had fallen.

An official notice has been displayed stating that the B1039 would be resurfaced on the 15 September. It was pointed out that the ditch should be dug out at the same time that this work is carried out. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways Service Team pointing this out.

London/Cambridge Walk is going through Elmdon at the end August. Concern has been expressed, but arrangements already well in hand.

BT Broadband – This is in hand.

1 Bury Gardens – This is in hand.

15.66 **Planning**

4 Bury Gardens Breach of planning now resolved

Hallians, Kings Lane No objections

Barn Elmdonbury Permission has been granted

Serenity No Objection

15.67 **Finance**

The payments totalling £3,134.29 as detailed in appendix 1 to the agenda were approved.

Invoices Approved:

Rent of Sports Field
Hibbitt & Son
Homes Start
EALC
CAF Insurance
Clerks Salary and Expenses
Elmdon Village Hall Grant

Mowing of Todds Green – The Chairman will discuss with the person concerned about the future mowing of Todds Green. The Parish Council felt that the village as a whole should look after its own immediate public areas.

Bank Mandate - It was proposed that the following should be signatories to the bank account in addition to Penelope Gaine: Nigel Bond, Jonathan Hall, Sheila Jones.

Proposed: Jonathan Hall

Seconded: Martin Collins.

Duddenhoe End Village Hall has had a grant accepted for £3,500 for external repairs, although additional funding is required to complete the work at the Parish Council expressed support for the work and agreed that funds to support this could be made available.

15.68 **Appointment of New Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

It was proposed that Sheila Jones be appointed Clerk and Jane Guy be appointed Responsible Financial Officer.

Proposed: Nigel Bond

Seconded John Holford

Unanimously agreed.

15.69 **Salt Bag Partnership 2015/16 –**

Not Needed for 2016.

15.70 **Elmdon Local Plan**

The Chairman will attend the Parish Forum on the 28 September 2015

The Plan needs more attention and discussion. The Parish Council is encouraged that there is a proposal to enhance the village.

15.71 **Correspondence and Emails**

Bus Service 10 has been withdrawn A contract has been awarded to Community Link to commence with effect from 5 September 2015 until

31 March 2016. The future of the service will be considered.

Letter received requesting that landowners take responsibility for footpaths. Nigel Bond and Martin Collins offered to check on village footpaths. A complaint has been received regarding overhanging branches damaging passing lorries. Nigel Bond will look into this. Further to this investigation the Parish Clerk will write to Uttlesford Highways Department.

Register of Interests – The Chairman will check with Michael Perry of Uttlesford to see if Elmdon & Wenden Lofts is compliant with the submission of all Registration of Interests.

It was noted that Claire Aherne is the new representative from the Braintree/Uttlesford Partnership Hub. (Community Support Officer)

15.72 **Any Other Business**

Bridge at Littlebury should be open on the 19 August 2015.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways Department on the following:

- B1039 Bottom of Cogmore – report of a large pothole which requires immediate attention as it is dangerous.

- Sign to Elmdon on the fork of the Royston Road is fading

- Sign to Kings Lane, Elmdon needs replacing

Change of Postman – In spite of numerous emails and letters, including one from Alan Haselhurst, the Post Office are going ahead with their plans to move the postmen into different villages and Elmdon will therefore lose Graham’.

It was reported that there had been a fracking exploration at Chrishall Grange. Parish Council will keep an eye on this.

Chairman reported from a recent Police Conference that the police will not cross boundaries.

Meeting Time of Future Meetings It was suggested that meetings should commence at an earlier time. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

6 th October	Elmdon
10 th November	Duddenhoe End
5 th January 2016	Elmdon