

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2014 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

Present: Penelope Gaine, Kate Chambers, Jayne Drinkwater, John Holford
In attendance:
Cllr Robert Chambers
Graham Green and Malcolm Ingham
Clerk Carol Fiske

14.88 Apologies for Absence
Joan Sanderson, Alan Prosser and Petrea Fagan

14.89 Declaration of Members' Interests
There were none

14.90 Minutes of the meeting on 22nd October 2014 were read, approved and signed

14.91 Matters Arising
Quotes are being obtained for walking the dogs from 1 Bury Gardens after a notice was served on the owner for Nuisance of Barking dogs. The owner will have to pay to have the dogs walked.

There have been reports of a suspicious characters in Elmdon and residents need to be aware of potential problems with scams this was reported by Neighbourhood Watch.

It was felt that nothing could be done at this time about the Conservation Appraisal

An estimate of restoring the grave in Hamlet Churchyard has been obtained. There is a £500 grant but it would cost more. Kate Chambers will enquire from other people about another quote.

There was a query about the length of time it is taking to repair the bridge on the Littlebury Green Road.

14.92 Planning
There were no planning objections.

14.93 Finance Balances as at 3rd December 2014

Current Account	£ 10,932.08
Business Saver Account	<u>7,075.18</u>
Total inc ring fenced £5,601	18,007.26
Less current expenditure	<u>893.10</u>
Total in hand	£17,114.16

The following Invoices were approved

John Holford expenses
William Pallett
J Taylor
Clerk's salary and expenses

- 14.94 Possible Playground**
There is a need to identify possible sites. The SE corner of the churchyard was suggested and John Holford offered to investigate this. The Parish Council agreed that the Insurance situation should also be investigated. Grants are available. The clerk was asked to contact Catherine Chasey and invite her and other interested parties to the meeting on the 14th January bringing any suggestions they might have.
- 14.95 Sure Signal progress**
Malcolm Ingham reported that Vodafone are assessing various sites after an application had been sent to them. He reported on a meeting he had attended where BT was asked to investigate speeding up the broadband. The Parish Council wished to thank Malcolm for all his work on this and will investigate the funding of the necessary lines and electronics to ensure a better and faster reception.
- 14.96 Churchyard**
Notification has been sent re the cutting of trees in the churchyard, a meeting should be arranged for explanation of what is planned, However this should be deferred until the Electricity company have done their work.
One estimate for the repair of the wall has been received and two others should be sought.
- 14.97 Local Policing**
Cllr Robert Chambers said that crime is going to become worse and has arranged a meeting on the subject and will report back to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the police station in Saffron Walden is not going to close. The meeting wanted to thank Philip Leighton for his work on this.
- 14.98 Emails and Correspondence**
There were various emails re the 2015 elections which will be discussed at a later date.

John Holford reported on the current situation with the Elmdon Dial for information only.
- 14.99 Any Other Business**
On 28/29 August 2015 the Cambridge to London Walk will pass through Elmdon, the route however has not yet been agreed. Elmdon has been asked to provide an area for catering, porta cabins and a marquee over the 2 days there will be approximately 1500 walkers. The Parish Council approved the idea in principle but more needs to be known about the details.

The Parish Council thanked Graham and Malcolm for attending the meeting.
- 14.100** The date of the next meeting is 14th January at Elmdon Village Hall

Dates for meetings in 2015 were agreed

8 th April	Elmdon	3 rd March	Duddenhoe End
1 st July	Elmdon	20 th May	AGM Duddenhoe End
30 th September	Elmdon	26 th August	Duddenhoe End
9 th December	Elmdon	4 th November	Duddenhoe End

The meeting ended at 9.45pm

NOTE: THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL FROM THE CLERK Carol Fiske, The Old School House, Caldecote Road, Newnham, SG7 5JZ
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