

## ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 IN DUDDENOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Kate Chambers (Chair), Jayne Drinkwater, Joan Sanderson, Chris Crane. and Alan Prosser  
Clerk: Carol Fiske

12.12 Apologies for absence from John Holford, and Penelope Gaine,

12.13 Minutes of the previous meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were read, they were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

12.14 Matters arising that were not to be discussed later

Post Box – the chairman reported that a Chief Executive of the Post Office had been in touch had apologised for the lack of action and had given an address of the person to contact

Green Waste – it was agreed that for the time being the UDCgreen waste collection would not be taken up

Bus Schedule – an assessment of the bus timetable is in hand

New Building - the clerk reported she had been to an Exhibition of the planning proposed in the future and it was decided to keep a watch on any developments

Mowing – Jaime Elbourn has kindly agreed to mow the grass around the War Memorial

Veolia – the clerk had asked Veolia to investigate the sewer smell in the village and they discovered that one of the pumps in Duddenhoe End was not working. Hopefully it is now working.

12.15 Planning

UTT/0051/12/LB Hill Farm Elmdon. The Clerk was asked to check what the original planning with regards the reinstatement of an entrance gate as there could be issues with exit onto the road. The person at Uttlesford dealing with the matter is on leave and will contact the clerk on his return.

12.16 Finance

Current Account	£ 5,240.47
Business Saver Account	£ 7,065.43
Plus Homes Bonus	£ <u>407.00</u>
Total	£12,712.90
Less current expenditure	£ <u>1,230.06</u>
Total available to Parish Council	£ <u>11,482.84</u>

The accounts were approved

It was agreed to pay the following invoices:

UDC Election expenses  
Duddenhoe End Village Hall Grant  
Clerk's salary and expenses

Expenses for Duddenoe End Graveyard were still to come, this has been budgeted for.

#### 12.17 Code of Conduct

The Parish Council is awaiting a final update of the UDC's Code of Conduct before setting the code for Elmdon & Wenden Lofts.

#### 12.18 Snow Clearance

The Parish Council wished to thank Brian Barker and Martin Bach for collecting 6 bags of salt and for spreading it on the Street in Duddenhoe End. Also Simon Dudley for doing such a superb job of keeping the roads clear during the worst of the weather.

#### 12.19 New Homes Bonus Scheme

We have received £407 to be divided between Elmdon and Duddenhoe End. Councillor Chambers has agreed to come and explain the distribution to the Parish Council.

#### 12.20 The Diamond Jubilee

The Parish Council considered the design of the carved tree for the Bus Shelter, but were concerned about the expense in these times of austerity. Other items were possibly a wooden seat for each village. Jayne Drinkwater was asked to thank the sculptor for his designs which will be kept on file. However a framed official Royal Photograph could be placed in each of the Village Halls.

The programme so far includes :

A Street lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June organised by Penelope Gaine

A short pageant organised by Peter Syfret

An Exhibition in the church organised by John Mills

A Beacon in Wenden Lofts organised by the Duddenhoe End Village |Hall Committee

Alan Prosser was asked to check if the Fete Committee had any plans

There is also the planting of an Elm tree on the Elmdon Cricket Field.

#### 12.21 Correspondence and emails

In response to an email about unsafe Oak Trees on the Cricket Pitch it was felt that Mr and Mrs Lascelles should be approached as they owned the trees.

#### 12.22 Any Other Business

There had been further complaints from residents in Kings Lane about lorries going up and down. As it is not strictly a cul du sac a sign could not be put up but the Parish Council will consider putting the names of the houses at each end of the lane to clarify the addresses for deliveries and ambulances

Dog Fouling - Alan Prosser reported that there had been complaints about dog fouling on the footpaths particularly the one by Bakers Lane Footpath No 7. The clerk was asked to investigate getting a bin and to check who empties the dog bins.

#### 12.23 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> April in Elmdon

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

2012 Parish Council Meeting dates:

27 <sup>th</sup> June (Elmdon)	16 <sup>th</sup> May (Duddenhoe End)
19 <sup>th</sup> September (Elmdon)	8 <sup>th</sup> August (Duddenhoe End)
12 <sup>th</sup> December (Elmdon)	31 <sup>st</sup> October (Duddenhoe End)

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