

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY 2011 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE
HALL AT 8.00PM.

PRESENT: Kate Chambers (Chair), Jayne Drinkwater, Penelope Gaine, Jan Leighton,
 Joan Sanderson
 Clerk: Belinda Irons
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11.01 Apologies for absence: John Holford, Philip Leighton

11.02 Other absences: Cllr Robert Chambers

11.03 Declaration of Member's Interests (prejudicial/personal): none

11.04 Minutes of Previous Meeting: 1st December 2010
 Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and were duly signed.

Meeting suspended for

Adjournment for Public Discussion: limited to 15 minutes:
 No members of the public were present.

Meeting resumed

11.05 Planning:
 Planning Applications

UTT/2198/10/FUL Planning application	Frondirion, Heydon Lane, Elmdon Variation of conditions C.3.1. & C.5.3: <i>No objection</i>
UTT/2290/10/FUL Planning application	Bury Lodge, Bury Lane, Elmdon Single storey side extension: <i>No objection</i>

Planning Decisions

UTT/1872/10/FUL Permission refused	Dukes Barn, Lower Pond Street Single storey front extension: <i>Councillors requested the reason for the refusal be supplied.</i>
UTT/2129/10/FUL Permission granted	Ward Cottage, Duddenhoe End Erection of single storey rear extension

Appeal: UTT/1128/10/FUL Alfred's Shott, Ickleton Road, Elmdon:
 the appeal has been upheld by the Planning Inspector

11.06 Finance: Itemised Payments will be shown on a separate Appendix
 Finance Summary:

Balance Brought Forward:	£15,238.43
Plus Income	£0.00
Less Payments	£421.60
(less ring fenced)	
Total available to Council	£14,214.60

Budget & Precept 2011 2012:

Councillors present agreed to the suggested precept of £10,000.00

PROPOSAL: 'That Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council herewith set the precept at £10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Pounds) for the year 2011/2012'.

PROPOSED: Kate Chambers, seconded Jayne Drinkwater. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 1107 Highways Issues: P3: suggested works:
The Parish Paths Partnership does not have funds available to support works to public rights of way. Volunteers are needed to carry out works under the supervision of P3 officers.
John Holford has volunteered to offer his assistance to try to improve both ends of footpath 12.
Jan Leighton will investigate the issue of public liability in relation to Essex County Council Highways requirements.
- A heavy vehicle has driven across the footway in the High Street, Elmdon, and caused significant damage. Penelope Gaine indicated she would report it when speaking with Highways regarding the church entrance.
- 11.08 Parish Councillors Declaration of Members Interests: no longer required.
- 11.09 Wenden Lofts Post box Update:
Despite numerous requests for information, the situation is still unresolved. Kate Chambers will continue to action.
- 11.10 Church entrance road Update:
Essex County Council Highways has confirmed that resurfacing will take place.
- 11.11 Uttlesford District Council Emergency Plan:
Kate Chambers is continuing to action
- 11.12 Duddenhoe End Village Hall: Signage:
Kate Chambers will investigate this issue with Essex County Council.
The clerk will investigate the provision of maps of the area for each notice board.
- 11.13 Closure of Local Services HSBC at Duxford:
Philip Leighton previously expressed his concern by email that this local amenity has been withdrawn. Councillors did not believe that the Parish Council would be able to change this situation.
- 11.14 Provision of Allotments:
Kate Chambers has been approached by a parishioner who has stated there is sufficient interest in allotments in Elmdon. John Holford has reinforced this position. A local landowner has been approached and the Parish Council is awaiting a response.
- 11.15 Correspondence:
Essex County Council: bus 444/445/62 under review
- Email:
CPRE Newsletter: noted.
- EALC Thermal imaging camera available from ECC:

This camera shows where heat is lost from a property.

EALC Consultation: re cheques, electronic banking & Signatories: this document aims to cover all eventualities with regard to on-line banking systems.

EALC Responsibilities for clearing snow & ice on Highways: a Parish Council may clear snow and ice from public footways provided they continue to provide the same level of service throughout bad weather. A high level of care must be upheld, and a risk assessment completed.

EALC Localism Bill Summary: available from:
<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/localism/documents.html>

A copy of 'Decentralisation and the Localism Bill: an essential guide', can be found at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/decentralisationguide>

Gt Chishill PC Volkswind & Heydon: update

RCCE Community Led Plan: 19.1.2011 10am: noted

SSE Future Airspace Strategy: consultation: noted

UDC The Big Tree Plant initiative: an area of land which is open to the public, or visible from the public highway must be available before any trees will be supplied for planting within the parish.

UDC Flood Guidance Statement: noted.

Cllr Leighton closure of HSBC: see item 11.13 above

Uttlesford CAB Funding:
PROPOSAL: 'that Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council herewith donate £50.00 to Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau'. PROPOSED: Kate Chambers, seconded Jayne Drinkwater. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

ECC West Essex Forum 11.1.2011: noted

Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Councillors felt that a community led event would be most appropriate.

Royal Wedding Celebrations as above

Mrs P Ingham heating of Elmdon village hall:
the heater has been repaired.

Kate Chambers Comments on Planning applications: noted.

Jayne Drinkwater Comments on Planning applications: noted.

11.16 Any other business: *items raised under this heading are for discussion only*

Jayne Drinkwater: a form advising of tree maintenance in the closed church yard had been supplied by Fountain Group. Broadband connection had been slow over Christmas.

Jan Leighton: The telephone lines keep breaking down

Joan Sanderson: Potholes: Kate Chambers advised that Cllr Robert Chambers is chasing a large number of pothole repairs.

The Duddenhoe End trees have not yet been cut, which means the electricity will still need to be turned off at some time in the future.

Kate Chambers: Cllrs Jan and Philip Leighton will not be standing at the next election. Councillors present extended thanks to both Councillors for their hard work.

11.17 Date of Parish Council Meetings 2011:

23 rd February	6 th April	
18 th May (Ward Meetings & PC AGM)		29 th June
27 th July	14 th September	26 th October
30 th November		

NOTE: THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL FROM THE CLERK