

## ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 IN ELMDON VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

**Present:** Penelope Gaine, Kate Chambers, Jayne Drinkwater, John Holford, Alan Prosser  
In attendance:  
Cllr Robert Chambers  
Malcolm Ingham, Helen Frenay, Amelia Idziak, Catherine Chasey, Adele Peters  
Clerk Carol Fiske

**15.01 Apologies for Absence**  
Joan Sanderson and Petrea Fagan

**15.02 Declaration of Members' Interests**  
Joan Sanderson declared an interest in the planning application.

**15.03 Minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**  
were read, approved and signed with an addition in 14.91 "and War Memorial"

**15.04 Matters Arising**  
1 Bury Gardens – This is under control

Littlebury Green Road is supposed to be finished at the end of February but no work seems to have been done.

The walk which is to pass through Elmdon – arrangements have been discussed and there is a meeting arranged for the 16<sup>th</sup> January.

The Churchyard – we are still awaiting the Electricity company to cut some trees. But work on other trees is in hand. Two more quotes are being sought for the repair of the wall, which might be in the region of £30,000

Malcolm Ingham reported that there is a delay in Broadband being provided but he is looking into other alternatives.

**15.05 Planning**  
There were no planning objections.

**15.06 Finance Balances as at 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Current Account              | £ 5,619.53        |
| Business Saver Account       | £ <u>7,070.06</u> |
| Total inc ring fenced £5,601 | £12,695.59        |
| Less current expenditure     | £ <u>380.50</u>   |
| Total in hand                | £12,459.09        |

The following Invoices were approved

Hire of Elmdon Village Hall

CPRE subscription

Clerk's salary and expenses

**15.07 The Precept for 2015/2016 was agreed**  
There was a slight increase in the budget proposed due to unforeseen expenses  
Proposed by John Holford  
Seconded by Jayne Drinkwater

**15.08 Elections**

Kate Chambers (Duddenhoe End Ward)

Alan Prosser (Elmdon Ward)

Jayne Drinkwater (Wendens Loft Ward)

Have sadly said they will resign as parish councillors before the next election on May 7th. So 3 new councillors will need to be elected. This will be advertised and anyone wishing to stand should contact the Clerk at the address below. All the remaining councillors are happy to stand again.

**15.09 Travellers Sites**

There was some discussion on this subject and local anxieties about the proposed Travellers sites. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support Arksden's objections and a draft letter was read and amended to be sent to Uttlesford District Council.

**15.10 Playground**

There were 3 suggested sites:

1 The Village Hall – considered not suitable

2 The Parish Council would approach David Turner re the site on the high street. At the moment it would not be suitable but if it was put onto main drains it might be alright. John Holford offered to speak to David Turner.

3 The part of the churchyard at the South end which seemed the most appropriate.

It was suggested that the interested parties should form a committee and start in a simple way. The Parish Council said they could fund the insurance and as there are many grants available would give their support to the Playground Committee to apply for these.

**15.11 Correspondence and Emails**

The Parish Council acknowledged the emails forwarded to them but there was no need for discussion.

**15.12 Any Other Business**

Cllr Robert Chambers reported that his Community Allowance would be divided between £500 to Elmdon towards the repair of the church wall and £500 towards the refurbishment of the Duddenhoe End Village Hall. The Parish Council wished to thank Cllr Chambers for these grants.

**15.13 Date of the next meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8pm at Duddenhoe End Village Hall

Councillors are requested to attend 30mins beforehand.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> April Elmdon

1<sup>st</sup> July Elmdon

30<sup>th</sup> September Elmdon

9<sup>th</sup> December Elmdon

20<sup>th</sup> May AGM Duddenhoe End

26<sup>th</sup> August Duddenhoe End

4<sup>th</sup> November Duddenhoe End

