

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2017 in ELMDON VILLAGE HALL AT 7pm

Present: Nigel Bond Ian Donaldson
 Petrea Fagan Penelope Gaine
 Jonathan Hall John Holford

Clerk: Sheila Jones
Responsible Finance Officer: Jane Guy

17.01 **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no declaration of interests for business in hand.

17.03 **Minutes of the meeting on 22 November 2016**

Minutes were read, approved and signed.

Meeting was suspended for 15 minutes open discussion.

The meeting resumed.

17.04 **Matters Arising not being discussed later**

- a. Vacancy on Parish Council. William (Bill) Hodges , present at the meeting, was nominated as Councillor.
Proposed by Councillor Bond
Seconded: Councillor Donaldson. Bill was welcomed unanimously onto the Council.
- b. Elmdon Dial Planning Application – Uttlesford District Council Planning Committee has deferred their discussion on this application until 8 February.
- c. Defibrillators – Councillor Fagan will meet with the Elmdon Community Group. Their village network can be used to establish if the village wish to pursue the purchase of defibrillators for Elmdon and Duddenhoe End.
- d. Village Design Statement – Meeting scheduled for 2 Feb 2017.
- e. Defective bridge on footpath at Duddenhoe End – no action yet by Essex Highways. Apparently this complaint was overlooked by them.
- f. Road signs – A letter will be sent to Essex Highways together with a few photographs showing the worst examples of the poor condition of signposts and roads.
- g. Joan Watson Memorial Bench – in hand
- h. Abandoned cars on Ickleton Road, Elmdon. Owners have been approached but the vehicles have not been moved, with one still blocking the pavement .The Owners say the vehicles are SORN.

Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council is endeavouring to establish the ownership of the pavement.

- i. Pollarding in Elmdon Churchyard – It was proposed that the work be undertaken in two tranches, with the West and South sides being done in 2017/18 and the rest in 2018 to spread the cost. However this proposal was not acceptable aesthetically to some councillors. It was agreed, as a compromise, that the contractor be requested to undertake the complete work over March and April 2018 to enable the parish council to meet the cost over two financial years. This work has been included in the budget over two years.
- j. Ditch Clearing on Ickleton Road – in hand

17.05

Planning Applications

UTT16/33307/FUL	Gallery House, Duddenhoe End	No Objection. Decision made prior to meeting.*
UTT/16/3180/FUL	Wickens, Woodmans Lane	No objection. Decision made prior to meeting*
UTT/16/3516/LB	Rose Cottage Woodmans Lane	No objection
UTT/16/3515/HHF	Rose Cottage Woodmans Lane	No objection

*Due to Planning Application deadline.

17.06

Clerks Report

Clerks reported noted with the following additions:

Bus Meeting.

Arrow currently running a flexible bus service from Elmdon as follows:

Times are approximate and subject to change. Please ring 01621 874411 prior to journey to confirm time and place on the bus.

Elmdon to Saffron Walden. Tuesday and Friday

Depart Elmdon 0943 arrive SW High St. 10.10 Tesco 10.15

Depart SW Tesco 1215 or High Street 1220 arrive Elmdon 12.47

Elmdon to Bishops Stortford Thursday only

Depart Elmdon 0930 arrive Bishops Stortford 11.06

Depart Bishops Stortford 1300 arrive Elmdon 14.02

Elmdon to Bishops Stortford Saturday only

Depart Elmdon Bus Stop 13.40

Depart Bishops Stortford 16.00

Journey takes about an hour.

The passengers acknowledged the helpfulness and co-operation of the bus drivers to ensure the service operates as effectively as it can.

17.07

Finance

The precept for 2017/18 was approved at £10,044.00. Proposed by Councillor Bond, seconded by Councillor Fagan. Precept Document will be

submitted to the Charging Authority, Uttlesford District Council by 27 January 2017 as required, signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Parish Council approved cheques to the total value of £915.98 as detailed in Appendix A to these minutes.

- 17.08 **Correspondence and E-Mails**
a. Invitation from Councillor Rolfe, Leader, Uttlesford District Council, to meet with the Councillors has been received. The Clerk to accept the invitation and arrange a suitable date.
- 17.09 **Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**
Trees on the Cricket Meadow at Elmdon. Councillor Holford circulated a note regarding the situation of an oak and elm Tree that had been planted too close together. Councillor Gaine will discuss this with the owner of the Meadow.
The purchase of telephone boxes in Elmdon. This is being pursued by Councillor Gaine.

The Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

FUTURE MEETINGS

14 February	Duddenhoe End Village Hall
28 March	Elmdon Village Hall
9 May	Duddenhoe End Village Hall
20 June	Elmdon Village Hall
25 July	Duddenhoe End Village Hall
5 September	Elmdon Village Hall
10 October	Duddenhoe End Village Hall
21 November	Elmdon Village Hall
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9 January	Duddenhoe End Village Hall

The meeting ended at

NOTE: THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL FROM THE CLERK, Sheila Jones, Cregneish, Ickleton Road, Elmdon, Saffron Walden, Essex. CB11 4LT Tel: 01763 838518 Email jsheila285@gmail.com