

## ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2015 IN ELMDON VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

**Present:** Penelope Gaine, John Holford, Petrea Fagan, Jonathan Hall, Nigel Bond,  
Ian Donaldson, Martin Collins  
In attendance:  
Clerk Carol Fiske, Malcolm Ingham, Delia Hill, Irene Leonard, Robert Smith and Ray  
Jones

**15.52 Apologies for Absence**  
None

**15.53 Declaration of Members' Interests**  
Martin Collins, Penelope Gaine and John Holford declared an interest in item 15.56

**15.54 Minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
Minutes were read, approved and signed.

**15.55 Matters Arising**  
1 Bury Gardens  
It was reported that a letter from UDC housing department had been received saying there was no case to answer with regard to nuisance, is in contradiction to a previous letter stating there was a case. It was decided to follow up this situation as it had become untenable for the neighbours. The Chairman offered to arrange a meeting with our 2 district councillors to discuss the matter.

**15.56 Planning**  
The Barn, Elmdonbury  
The Parish Council confirmed they had no objection to this application and asked the clerk to inform UDC to that effect.  
The Springs, Duddenhoe End  
There were no objections but the clerk was asked to inform the UDC of this and to say that the map attached to the application was incorrect.  
A Garage, Duddenhoe End  
There were no objections.

**15.57 Finance Balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

Current Account	£ 11,291.99
Business Saver Account	£ 7,076.87
Total inc ring fenced £7,601	<u>£ 18,368.86</u>
Less unrepresented cheques	£ 591.00
Less current expenditure	<u>£ 1,283.17</u>
Total in hand	<u>£ 16,494.69</u>

It was agreed the Kate Chambers could continue to sign the cheques until the mandate for new signatories had been dealt with.

The following Invoices were approved  
ICO

Insurance Amenity Suffolk (since the meeting this invoice has been reduced)  
GLS Garden Services  
Clerk's salary and expenses

**15.58 Application for a new clerk**

It was agreed to interview all 3 candidates. The Chairman will organise the meetings.

**15.59 Correspondence and Emails**

The clerk had received an email from Homestart requesting the PC continued support this will be agreed at the next meeting.

**15.60 Any Other Business**

Malcolm Ingham asked if the PC would be willing to give the awarded grant for 2014 and 2015 to Elmdon Village Hall as there are various repairs that need to be made. This will be agreed at the next meeting.

There was a request that a village notice board as well as a Parish Council notice board could be agreed as the bus shelter was becoming unsightly due to people putting notices on the walls.

It was reported that the footpath near School Lane and the B1039 needed attention. Also the footpath on the western boundary of Mill House was very overgrown. The clerk was asked to report these to Highways and the overgrown verges which are blocking the view for drivers coming onto the B1039.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Lascelles re the ditch at Lower Pond Street, Duddenhoe End, which needs clearing as it could flood and cause an accident. It was reported that work has progressed on the bridge to Littlebury Green and should be ready in August.

The Parish Council was disappointed that the marking of potholes does not necessarily mean they will be repaired quickly.

John Holford reported that BT is going to repair and restore the phone box in Elmdon and the PC wanted to thank Mr Holford for following this up so diligently.

Nigel Bond said that Duddenhoe End Village Hall Committee thanked the PC for all their support.

**15.61 Date of the next meeting**

This will remain the same for the time being 26<sup>th</sup> August Duddenhoe End

Future meetings at present

30<sup>th</sup> September Elmdon                      4<sup>th</sup> November Duddenhoe End

9<sup>th</sup> December Elmdon

The meeting closed at 9.50pm