

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2015 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

- Present:** Penelope Gaine, Kate Chambers, Jayne Drinkwater, John Holford, Alan Prosser and Petrea Fagan
In attendance: Jonathan Hall, Nigel Bond, Nick Elbourn
Clerk Carol Fiske
- 15.14 Apologies for Absence**
Joan Sanderson
- 15.15 Declaration of Members' Interests**
There were none
- 15.16 Minutes of the meeting on 14th January 2014**
Minutes were read, approved and signed.
- 15.17 Matters Arising**
Hamlet War Memorial – the quote from Hibberts to remove the memorial was too high but to repair on site was more reasonable. A grant of £500 could be available and Kate Chambers will check if this can still be applied for and will do so. Parish Council agreed to pay £300 odd plus VAT
Proposed – John Holford
Seconded – Penelope Gaine
Littlebury Road – a footpath and cycle path are in place but vehicular access is still denied. The clerk was asked to write to highways complaining and say how extremely concerned the PC was about how the cost of driving around the diversion is adding up.
- 15.18 Planning**
There were no planning objections to the proposed closing of footpath 22 and reinstatement further over.
- 15.19 Finance Balances as at 4th March 2015**
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| Current Account | £ 5,361.03 |
| Business Saver Account | £ 7,076.06 |
| Donation from Fete Committee | £ 1,000.00 |
| Grant from UDC | <u>£ 500.00</u> |
| Total inc ring fenced £7,101 | <u>£13,937.09</u> |
| Less unpresented cheques | £ 122.00 |
| Less current expenditure | <u>£ 1,217.44</u> |
| Total in hand | <u>£12,597.65</u> |
- The following Invoices were approved
Essex Playing Fields Subscription
Essex Playing Field sport's field competition
Elmdon Christmas Lunch
Hamlet Churchyard maintenance
Clerk's salary and expenses
- 15.20 Application for a new clerk**
The clerk was asked to write a job description for a flyer to go into The Gazette, Village Web and on the website.
The post of Clerk to the Parish Council will become vacant in October 2015. The position is very interesting and informative and would suit somebody working from home, preferably in the Parish of Elmdon & Wenden Lofts. It is a salaried post with

about 6 hours work a week, sometimes a little more with a home allowance and expenses. There is training available for all aspects of the job.
If you are interested and would like to know more please contact the present clerk Carol Fiske on 01462 742679 or cfiske2@gmail.com

15.21 Elections

Nomination papers for the Parish Council can be collected from Penelope Gaine At Crawley House, Elmdon. These should be completed and returned by hand to Uttlesford District Council.

Any other information can be obtained from the clerk.

15.22 Travellers Sites

Nigel Bond reported that at a recent meeting on the subject, at the UDC offices, the main concern seemed to be the risk of flooding. There is a change in the law coming soon.

15.23 Churchyard

Nick Elbourn reported that a quote for cutting trees is being sort but nothing can be done until the Electricity Board have cut the which impinge on the wires.

The new grass will need cutting soon as well as the War Memorial Green a quote for the new grass bank will be sort but Nick Elbourn agreed to cut the green on the same basis as 2014.

The grant of £500 from the PC budget will be held over for the time being.

15.24 Correspondence and Emails

The Parish Council acknowledged the emails forwarded to them.

The problem of the dog waste will need to wait until April when there might be a change of policy re dog bins.

The change of timetable for the Bishops Stortford bus was considered and it was decided to wait until clear intentions of the Transport Committee are known.

The Playground Committee have decided that the churchyard site would not be suitable and behind the Village Hall was too small. Other sites are being considered and the Playground Committee will report back to the Parish Council.

15.25 Any Other Business

The clerk was asked to get a copy of the Electoral Roll for 2015

The clerk was asked to write to landowner to ask him to clear the ditch at Lower Pond Street on the 1039 between Hamlet House and part of the Royston Road as the water is overflowing and could cause an accident

15.26 Date of the next meeting

8th April 2015 at 8pm at Elmdon Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

	20 th May AGM	Duddenhoe End
1 st July	Elmdon	26 th August Duddenhoe End
30 th September	Elmdon	4 th November Duddenhoe End
9 th December	Elmdon	

NOTE: THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL FROM THE CLERK Carol Fiske, The Old School House, Caldecote Road, Newnham, SG7 5JZ
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