

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2012 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Jayne Drinkwater (Chair), Penelope Gaine, Kate Chambers , Joan Sanderson, John Holford and Alan Prosser
Clerk: Carol Fiske

12.84 **Apologies for absence**

None

The Chairman asked for a minute's silence in remembrance of Chris Crane who had died , The Clerk was asked to write to Jane Attwood on behalf of the Parish Council.

12.85 There were no declarations of interest

12.86 **Minutes of the previous meeting** 19th September 2012 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

12.87 **Matters arising** that were not to be discussed later

Malcolm Ingham showed the Parish Council the proposed new windows for the Village Hall. The PC felt that they were very appropriate and glad that the Jubilee grant will help with the cost. Mr Ingham explained that the Village Hall Committee wanted to replace the door as well. It was decided that the £500 grant for 2012 could be paid now and the £500 budgeted for for 2013 as well to help with the cost and when the Homes Bonus Scheme became available for 2012 that would be paid also. Mr Ingham also said he would give a business plan to the PC with regards the Broadband enhancement.

The trimming of the Limes in the churchyard was in hand. The Jubilee Elm had been planted on the cricket ground and the PC was assured by Penelope Gaine that the tree had not been planted too near any other tree.

The Emergency Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

12.88 **Planning**

There were no planning issues outstanding apart from the fact that Elmdonbury had got conditional approval for the residential annex Penelope Gaine was asked to check on the To Let notice at the end of the drive. Subsequently it has been reported that the owner was testing the market.

12.89 **Finance**

Current Account	£ 9,862.08
Business Saver Account	£ 7,068.07
Total	£16,930.15
Less current expenditure	£ 1,255.78
Less unrepresented cheque	<u>£ 1,314.00</u>
Total in hand	<u>£14,360.37</u>

It was agreed to pay the following invoices

J Holford (padlocks)	Essex Playing Fields
J Holford Gazette	Clerks salary and expenses
CPRE	
G & R Maintenance	

The budget for 2013/2014 was agreed and the proposal that the Parish Council should apply for the same precept as last year was proposed by Jayne Drinkwater and seconded by Kate Chambers.

12.90

Potholes

The clerk was asked to write again re the following potholes which the PC considered dangerous.

Pothole by the entrance to Elmdon Lodge where the water to the drainage point is diverted. In icy weather this would be dangerous.

Outside Hill Farm

By the War Memorial which now measures 18 inches by over 20 inches, since the meeting this has been marked by highways for repair.

12.91

Community Assets

It was decided that as in the paper circulated to Parish Councils section 20 says that the Government has not made a decision, the PC would await until such time as this was mandatory.

12.92

Election of a new Parish Councillor

A notice has been put up on the parish notice boards asking for nominations for election. As the PC has to wait until after 13th November it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

12.93

Correspondence and Emails

The Boundary Commission was discussed and how it would affect the PC it was decided that nothing need be done for the time being.

It was felt that it was not necessary to give a donation to Community Travel.

12.94

Any Other Business

There has been a complaint that a barn structure has been built for business purposes in Horseshoe Close. The UDC have requested that it should be removed but the building is continuing. **The Clerk was asked to write to Moira Hope re this problem.**

The PC have been asked to remove the bottle banks in Duddenhoe End Village Hall. Alan Prosser reported that the "no dog fouling" sign seems to be successful. It has been agreed that the compost heap in the middle of footpath 41 in Duddenhoe End is to be removed.

The Yews overhanging the pavement by the war memorial are causing some concern. Penelope Gaine offered to speak to the owner about having them cut back.

12.95

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 12th Decemberr 2012 (Elmdon Village Hall) The meeting closed at 9.35pm

2013 Parish Council Meeting dates:

January 23rd Duddenhoe End

March 6th Elmdon

April 17th Duddenhoe End

May 29th Elmdon (AGM)

July 10th Duddenhoe End

August 21st Elmdon

October 2nd Duddenhoe End

November 13th Elmdon

December 11th Duddenhoe End