

**MINUTES OF ELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
19 OCTOBER 2009**

**PRESENT** Cllr Billingham (Chair), Gilbert, Robotham, Smith and Tooth

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mrs Ruth Redgate (Clerk),

**OPEN FORUM**

Playground  
Telephone box

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Embury and Greenwell

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None at this stage.

**3 TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4 CLERK'S REPORT**

None.

**5 PLANNING**

a To note any planning matters dealt with under delegated authority

None

b Planning Matters for Decision

None.

c Planning Matters for information

**09/00634/FUL** – Garage and loft conversion with dormer windows to form games room and study –Kingswood, Clements Lane – **Permits**

**09/00843/FUL** – Additional dormer to front elevation over staircase – The Limes, The Shrubbery – **Permits**

**09/00862/COU** – Change of use of highway to residential use and erection of a single storey side extension to form utility and shower room – 2 Victoria Meadow – **Permits**

6 **POLICE UPDATE**

A meeting will be organised by the Police similar to the one held in Harlaston, probably in the new year.

7 **HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

Road signs are still on order and will be done in due course.

8 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY SHOP**

Agreement in principal from EVH.

9 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FISHERWICK QUARRY** - – including a response to the Central Rivers Initiative Newsletter

The Region and central Government are now formally looking at the overall picture taking into account Staffordshire's new policy.

Negotiations are underway and as a result of Staffordshire's actions the top WM tier Authorities are collaboratively challenging the Government's overall quota for aggregate extraction. In addition there is now clarity amongst 'partners' that Staffordshire wants proportionate reductions within the regional partners' quotas.

Overall, a regional reduction and realignment together would be enormously useful in our area with regard to the quarry proposals.

Newsletter – write to LDC and SCC Cllrs asking whether they support this initiative and everything that it implies.

**Clerk**

10 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CROWN**

There are no plans at present to auction the premises.

Write to LDC can they confirm that they would not support a change of use for the pub.

**Clerk**

11 **TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LICHFIELD AREA COMMITTEE**

None.

12 **TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – POLICY REVIEW CONSULTATION**

No response.

13 **TO CONSIDER WHICH COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE WITH REGARD TO THE TELEPHONE BOX**

It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to sponsor the phone for £300.00.

14 **FINANCE UPDATE**

- a The Cheques for Payments Lists was approved.

Cheque	Gross	Details
SO		Ruth Redgate
52	£6.5	Ruth Redgate
53	£9.00	Inland Revenue
54	£260.00	Grand Lawns
55	£78.00	Elford Village Hall
56	£189.75	SLCC
57	£228.88	Jacksons Fine Fencing
58	£76.00	S Buxton

- b The financial comparison was **NOTED**.
- c It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed that the tender by Mike Dughan be approved for the installation of the external socket.
- d It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to the purchase of a Christmas Tree for 2009.
- e The national agreed Pay Award of 1% backdated to 1 April 2009 was **NOTED**.
- f It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to approve the audited account for 2008/09 and the Audit Return Governance Statements were duly discussed and answered
- g The Internal Auditor's Report was duly considered and the following actions agreed
- h It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed that the counter proposal of the establishment of a Playground Committee be formed of three Cllrs to continue the discussions that are taking place. As the first task would be to establish the terms of reference this would operate as a working group until the terms of reference were approved at Council. The Cllrs elected to serve on this committee are Cllrs Gilbert, Robotham and Tooth. The Chair will also serve in their ex-officio capacity.

15 **PARISH COUNCIL DIARY – ALL**

- a Past Dates
- i SPCA Clerk's Annual Training Day – 24 September 2009 - none
- ii SPCA Lichfield District Forum – 24 September 2009 – Kings Bromley – Cllr Tooth
- iii Community Council of Staffordshire AGM and Calor Village of the Year Awards – 24 September 2009 – Gnosall - Clerk
- iv SPCA Locality in Action – 28 September 2009- Staffordshire – Clerk
- v Joint Fundraising Committee – 28 September 2009 – Cllr Billingham
- vi South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust AGM – 30 September 2009, Brereton- none
- vii SLCC Human Resources Management – 5 October 2009 – Best Western – Stoke on Trent - Clerk
- viii SLCC Branch meeting 7 October 2009 - Clerk

b Future Dates

- i SLCC National Conference – 23 – 25 October 2009, De Vere Staverton Park, Daventry – Clerk jointly funded with Anglesey
- ii SPCA – Power of Well Being Training – 27 October 2009 Stowe by Chartley
- iii Lichfield Area Committee – 4 November 2009 – LDC
- iv SPCA AGM – 7 November 2009, County Buildings, Stafford – Clerk,
- v SPCA New Cllr Training – 24 November 2009 – Branston Village Hall
- vi SPCA Planning Framework – 28 November 2009 – Queen Street Community Centre
- vii SLCC Practitioners’ Conference 26 – 27 February 2010 – Moat House, Stoke on Trent – Clerk jointly funded with Anglesey

16 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Review of Risk Assessment – January  
 Appointment of Internal Auditor - January

17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Clerk to email all Cllrs with a view to changing the day of the meeting. Also the December meeting needed to be earlier.

..... Signed by Chair/Vice Chair ..... Dated