

**MINUTES OF ELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
20 JULY 2009**

PRESENT Cllr Tooth (Vice Chair), Mrs Embury, Greenwell, Gilbert, Robotham and Smith
IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Ruth Redgate (Clerk), District Cllr Bennion (open forum only, County Cllr Ellis

OPEN FORUM

BKV
School –after school clubs
Village bus service has been awarded to Invincible
LDF – now looking for completion by next year
Rural Transport Routes – proposals for increasing routes/funding
Pride in Staffordshire Campaign

1 APOLOGIES

Apologise were received and accepted from Cllr Billingham

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 15 June 2009 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4 CLERK'S REPORT

Problem with dog fouling especially outside 2 Croft Close – stencil on footpaths has been organised
One request for the insurance note regarding flooding in The Beck
Currently acting as Locum clerk to Branston Parish council initially for three months
Have been approached for an adult team to use the football pitch on Sunday mornings.
Membership of the Institute of Local Council Managers has been upgraded to Member
Have been nominated to stand for election as the Staffs Branch of the SLCC rep on the NEC

5 **PLANNING**

- a To note any planning matters dealt with under delegated authority

None

- b Planning Matters for Decision

09/00634/FUL - Kingswood, Clements Lane – garage and loft conversion with dormer windows to form games room and study - no objections

09/00543/COU - Elford Hall Garden Project – amendment to red and blue lines to distinguish between land in applicant’s ownership and that to which the application relates – no objections

09/00470/LBC - Home Farm Church Road – proposed amendments to first floor bedroom – no objections

- c Planning Matters for information

09/00576/ful - 44 the Beck – removal of existing conservatory and replace with sun room – approved

09/00470/LBC - Home Farm Proposed refurbishment of existing property, demolition of modern conservatory with some structural works and minor elevational alterations - Approved

6 **POLICE UPDATE**

None.

7 **HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

None. Bollards outside Church Gate Cottage and The Lodge - question was asked regarding who agreed these

Clerk

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

New location for the site of the portacabin being looked into.

9 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FISHERWICK QUARRY**

County have formulated a policy to reduce the quota and indeed there was a meeting at region today regarding these

County would look at large existing sites and extending these before going with new sites

Planning committee has now been moved to the second week of September and the next time for a serious update is December.

A new information pack is available from County regarding the consultation.

Clerk

Cllr Ellis would update everyone on his database regarding the next timescale for letters etc.

11 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE TAME STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

Contrary to the article in the Village Voice the Parish Council were aware of the public consultation meetings.

It was agreed to submit the questions local details questions 1-5 and strategic issues 1 – 13 and to ask that the issue regarding the back up power to the pump is beefed up as “we will send a person with a generator” is not good enough.

Clerk

14 **FINANCE UPDATE**

a The Cheques for Payments Lists was approved.

Grand Lawns - Grounds Maintenance	£110.00	40
Ruth Redgate - Salary July		SO
Ruth Redgate - Various	£26.35	41
Viking Office Supplies - Stationery	£41.93	42
Grand Lawns - Grounds Maintenance	£145.00	43
Elford Village Hall - Room Hire	£118.00	44
Lichfield District Council - Dog and Litter Bins	£586.50	45

b The financial comparison was **NOTED**.

c It was agreed and all **APPROVED** the purchase of the notice board for the bus shelter at a total cost of £113.28 from Green Magic

d It was agreed and all **APPROVED** the purchase of new printer for the Parish Clerk at a total cost of £133.88

e To note Playground Working Group expenditure via Clerk's delegated authority was **NOTED**

- Weed killer £30.00
- Wire fencing up the side - 3 panels need replacing - £30.00
- Replace two worn/broken signs on front of playground. £25.00 Need clarification on the wording as the Parish Council contact details need

- updating
 - A memorial bench for Brian estimated at £230. Advised three quotes required and clarification of location of bench also required.
- f To receive and approve the audited accounts for 2008/09 – unavailable due to internal auditor resigning.
- g The appointment of Sue Buxton MILCM was agreed by all and **APPROVED** as internal auditor for one year initially at a rate of £10 per hours including expenses.

15 PARISH COUNCIL DIARY – ALL

a Past Dates

- i SLCC The Public Purse – 16 June 2009 - clerk
- ii SLCC – Safe and Sound – 23 June 2009 -Clerk
- iii SLCC East Midlands Regional Conference – 23 June 2009, Quorn Country Club,
- iv Quorn – no one
- vi SLCC Branch Meeting – 8 July 2009 - Clerk
- v ILCM Conference – 14 July 2009, University of Gloucester, Cheltenham
 - Clerk

b Future Dates

- i SLCC National Conference – 23 – 25 October 2009, De Vere Staverton Park, Daventry
- ii SLCC Practitioners’ Conference 26 – 27 February 2010 – Moat House, Stoke on Trent

16 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 September 2009.

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