

**MINUTES OF ELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
21 SEPTEMBER 2009**

PRESENT Cllr Billingham (Chair), Mrs Embury, Gilbert, Robotham and Smith

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Ruth Redgate (Clerk),

OPEN FORUM

Hall Gardens
The Crown
Staffordshire Flag
Brickhouse Lane - road sign

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Greenwell and Tooth

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 20 July 2009 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4 CLERK'S REPORT

Telephone box no response received from the Village. Decision needed at October meeting.

**Next
Meeting**

Branston – extended until end of March 2010

Anglesey has nominated the Clerk to stand for the SPCA Executive Committee as a representative ESBC.

5 PLANNING

a To note any planning matters dealt with under delegated authority

09/00843/FUL - Additional dormer to front elevation over staircase - The Limes, The Shrubbery – **NO OBJECTION**

b Planning Matters for Decision

09/00930/FUL – Two storey side extension with balcony to form family room and en suites – Glanford House, Old Hall Drive –**NO OBJECTION**

09/00862/COUU – 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 – **NO OBJECTION**

C Planning Matters for information

09/00543/COU – Change of use of former gardeners house to support accommodation for the Elford Hall Garden Project comprising education/visitor facilities, office and store room - Gardeners House, Church Road

09/00264/ENFDE Alleged creation of hard standing on common land at land at The Shrubbery – a site visit has been carried out on 27 August 2009 and noted that some works have been carried out for the removal of the trees and vegetation. It would appear that the extent of the operation may constitute as an engineering operation and this matter has been passed to Staffordshire County Council for their attention. No response yet but will be advised of the progress as soon as one is received.

6 **POLICE UPDATE**

The recent Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators meeting was attended by three residents, one Co-ordinator and the Police.

No feedback on the meeting held in Harlaston at the end of August.

7 **HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

Hard standing at the shrubbery needs referring to highways as it appears it has taken part of the highways

Clerk

Community Gangs have been renamed as Neighbourhood Highway Teams – they will however be carrying out additional works

A sign outside the playground and cricket/football area – warning drivers that there are children around to be requested.

Clerk

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

Possible location at Village Hall identified as the Car Park. Planning and the Arboriculture Officer at LDC to be consulted.

Clerk

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

County Cllr Ellis issued the following via email on 14 September – to be forwarded to all Cllrs

Clerk

To all registered for quarry email updates,

Firstly, many thanks for the hundreds of letters and emails relating to the initial quarry proposals consultation in Staffordshire.

I thought I'd provide a brief update on where things lie at present.

In line with our Manifesto pledge, and following Conservatives forming a new Administration in Staffordshire post June 4th, the County has now adopted a policy of reducing the proportion of aggregate extraction Staffordshire provides. This has been communicated to the West Midlands Regional

Assembly and central Government.

The move by Staffordshire (which has been the approach of most other counties over the last 15 years) has prompted a collective regional approach to challenge central Government's overall projections of housing numbers and, accordingly, aggregate consumption for the West Midlands as a whole. Top tier Authorities are now actively seeking a reduction and opposing central Government's proposals for a further increase in quarrying.

These regional quota negotiations, which are being led by Staffordshire, are likely to be completed before Christmas. In tandem with the regional quota talks, Staffordshire is also negotiating towards a fairer arrangement with other areas providing aggregate. The outcome of both these sets of negotiations will have a direct impact on the amount of aggregate extraction taking place in Staffordshire over the next 20 years. I will update further on this in due course. Once the base aggregate tonnage has been established which informs the number of sites required, the planning system will then examine the issues around each of the industry proposals for specific sites. It is those planning issues which will require further consultation submissions from local people in due course. The planning issues are specific to individual sites and include many considerations such as the impact on the local environment, means of transport of aggregate and the impact, safety, dust pollution, flooding and loss of amenity.

I will provide further information on the planning aspects and consultation opportunities in the near future. It will also become clearer over the next six weeks how things are looking from a quota point of view.

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

The following was received via Email from Enterprise Inns on 16 September

The property requires some serious structural works to be completed prior to reoccupation can occur, we are awaiting our structural engineers view of the works required; when we have this we can start work on site. We are also marketing the freehold of the property for sale for use as a public house.

As and when we have any progress on the 2 matters I will keep you posted, in short term the pub will remained closed due to the structural issues.

All works will only be completed with the correct permissions

There was going to be an auction of the property – is this is still going ahead.

Clerk

11 **TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SPCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009 – 2011**

Need to check with Cllrs Greenwell and Tooth if they wish to stand.

In relation to the Clerk being nominated for East Staffs (minute item 4) should this be successful the date of Elford meetings would need to be changed from the third Monday. It was consider that this may be beneficial as it could result in an opportunity to hit the copy deadline for the Parish Magazine.

**Next
Meeting**

12 **TO RECEIVE THE REVIEW REPORT ON THE PLAYGROUND WORKING GROUP AND DETERMINE THE WAY FORWARD**

Clerk to make a recommendation – for the next meeting

Clerk

13 **TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PARISH PLAN AND AGREE THE FINAL VERSION**

It was **RESOLVED** an all agreed that the plan be adopted as its stands and forwarded to LDC etc for their information. Any comments/questions raised to be taken back to the necessary groups.

Clerk

14 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FORUM**

A very productive meeting took place with options being put forward for all the parishes that attended. Looking at linking the little bus in Elford with Fisherwick and then onto Whittington and their bus to Lichfield/Nuneaton.

15 **TO CONSIDER THE FOOTPATH REPORTS AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY**

Still awaiting a response from SCC as they have not received the reports yet. However they have on record our copy of the details and these have been passed to the County Rangers so that they can do the necessary inspections. However not sure when this will be as they are tied up with an ongoing issue on Cannock Chase with plant disease.

16 **FINANCE UPDATE**

- a The Cheques for Payments Lists was approved. Cheques 46 and 47 were agreed at the July meeting, cheque 48 and the first Standing Order were paid during August.

Cheque	Gross	Details
46	£113.28	Green Magic
47	£128.80	Hewlett Packard
48	£110.00	Grand Lawns
SO		Ruth Redgate
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49	£13.00	Ruth Redgate
50	£339.25	Lichfield District Council
51	£158.00	Elford Village Hall

- b The financial comparison was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to move £200 from contingency to Administration. External socket for next meeting.

Clerk

- c To receive, consider and approve the purchase of the 8th edition of the Local Council Administration book £69 including postage (67 plus 2) – deferred for precept meeting

December meeting

- d It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to the renewal of the website domain and the use of the Clerk’s personal Card to do this £16.54 for two years.
- e It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed not contribute to the Community Council of Staffordshire’s proposal regarding Parish Planning.
- f To consider options for the flower tubs in the village for 2010/11 –precept meeting.
- g To receive and approve the audited accounts for 2008/09 – not available due to illness and issues with the Playground Working Group accounts.

December meeting

17 PARISH COUNCIL DIARY – ALL

a Past Dates

i Parish Forum – 2 September 2009 – no one

b Future Dates

- i SPCA Clerk’s Annual Training Day – 24 September 2009
- 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
- vii SLCC Human Resources Management – 5 October 2009 – Best Western – Stoke on Trent – Clerk, Anglesey Paying
- viii SLCC Branch meeting 7 October 2009 - Clerk
- ix SLCC National Conference – 23 – 25 October 2009, De Vere Staverton Park, Daventry – Clerk jointly funded with Anglesey
- x SPCA AGM – 7 November 2009, County Buildings, Stafford – Clerk, Anglesey paying
- xi SLCC Practitioners’ Conference 26 – 27 February 2010 – Moat House, Stoke on Trent – Clerk jointly funded with Anglesey

18 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Gambling Act – October Meeting
Precept – Items for consideration
Order Christmas tree

19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19 October 2009

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