

**MINUTES OF ELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
8 DECEMBER 2009**

PRESENT Cllrs Billingham (Chair), Mrs Embry, Gilbert, Greenwell and Smith

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Ruth Redgate (Clerk)

OPEN FORUM

See separate notes.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Robotham and noted from District Cllr Bennion.

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 9 November 2009 were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Mrs Embury requested that it was minuted that the reason the November draft minutes had not appeared on the website within 10 working days was her fault.

4 CLERK'S REPORT

LDC has identified the owner of the land in The Shrubbery and has served a Planning Contravention Notice.

Have received four names for Speedwatch Training. Looking to organise in January.

Fingerpost on Footpath 10 has been cleaned of Ivy.

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

None.

6 **POLICE UPDATE**

None.

7 **HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

None.

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

Awaiting update from Planning

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

None

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

It was hoped that this would re-open for drinks only from Friday 18 December 2009.

11 **FINANCE UPDATE**

a The Cheques for Payments Lists was approved.

Cheque	Gross	Details
SO		Ruth Redgate
63	6.5	Ruth Redgate
64	75	Grand Lawns
65	209.43	T Gilbert (Grangewood Fencing)
66	98	Elford Village Hall

b The financial comparison was **NOTED**.

c To consider and approve Playground Working Group expenditure requests

i It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to the purchase of Shrubs and bedding plants to tidy up the borders at a cost of no more than £20

ii It was **RESOLVED** and all agreed to the purchase of Mulled wine for the carol singers in December at a cost of no more than £27

It was **RESOLVED** all agreed that following the increases in Cllr Training to £120, contingency to £400 and the addition of £250 for the flower tubs, £250 for Sportsfield signage and £500 for first aid training that the precept be set at £13,000 for 2010/11.

12 **PARISH COUNCIL DIARY – ALL**

a Past Dates

- i SPCA New Cllr Training – 24 November 2009 – Branston Village Hall
- ii SPCA Planning Framework – 28 November 2009 – Queen Street Community Centre

- b Future Dates
 - i Lichfield Area committee – 19 January 2010
 - ii Lichfield Parish Forum – 19 January 2010
 - iii SLCC Practitioners’ Conference 26 – 27 February 2010 – Moat House, Stoke on Trent – Clerk jointly funded with Anglesey

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 January 2010

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