

**Meeting of Eltisley Parish Council Held at The Newton Primary School, Eltisley on
Tuesday 11 September 2007 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Messrs, R Pinner (Chairman), M Cropley, D Lee and Mrs C Freeman.

In attendance: 4 members of the public, Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary – LGS Services) and Cllr Miss M Smith.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.0 Apologies were received from Cllrs M Lines, J Pettifor and D Spinks.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting and the confidential minutes

On a proposition by Mr Cropley and seconded by Mrs Freeman the minutes of the last meeting and the confidential minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

3.1 (3.1) Vermin problem r/o Greenfields

The owner of the property has been contacted and has been asked to attend to the problem.

3.2 (3.2) Eltisley Feasibility study

This item was discussed during the open session with the Highways Agency. (See report of meeting appended)

3.3 (3.3) Open Spaces Society – to consider whether the Parish wishes to join

The Parish Council has asked for more information to be brought to the next meeting in order for the Council to decide whether there is any advantage in joining.

3.3.0 (3.4) Parish Paths walk – to set a date

The walk did not take place as planned and a future date is to be organised.

3.3.1 (4.4) Pocket Park opening

The Chairman reported that the opening went very well, and the weather was nice and sunny on the day, and that the park seems to be well used.

3.3.2 It was noted that a new litter bin had been installed by the bus stop on Cambridge Road going east, and a new dog litter bin on St Neots Road.

3.4 (3.7) Eltisley Institute and Congregational Chapel – response for Charity Commission

The Parish Council has noted the response from the Charity Commission and has agreed to contact the PCC and advise them of the response and ask them what they wish to do. The Parish Council was interested to know who instigated the Institute becoming an Ecclesiastical Charity as it was originally paid for by the people of the village.

3.5 (5.4) RoSPA report

The Parish Council has agreed to set up a working party to deal with the necessary repairs etc. A date is to be set and the Chairman will email members. A sign will be ordered.

3.6 (7.1) Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting – confirm date and venue

The Parish Council have confirmed that they will host the meeting on 21st November, and the hall has been booked for the event.

3.7 (8.0) Residents parking obstructing view at junction

The PCSO has been informed of this problem in conjunction with the parking problems at the school. However as there is no change to the situation it was suggested that the PCSO be asked to contact the Chairman directly regarding this matter.

- 3.8 (8.0.1) Large amounts of cardboard left at recycling bins
Clearance has been requested and this problem appears to have been resolved.
- 3.9 (8.0.2) Review condition of notice board
The notice board is difficult to open in damp weather and the posts are probably rotting in the ground. It was agreed that quotes should be obtained for a new one.

Other

Lockable Bollard on the Green – Dennis Vacher CCC has recently emailed to advise that he has arranged for a sleeve to be made up for the bollard so that it can be removed and locked when in place.

4. Member's reports and items

4.1 Parish Plan – summary report and to agree the way forward

The steering group met last Tuesday to draw up an action plan and they will meet again to finalise before bringing it to the next Parish Council meeting. They have also been in touch with Melanie Baker to ask about funding.
The budget report was noted.

5. Finance and procedural matters

5.1 Finance report and to approve the payment of bills

It was confirmed that DJ & JM Green have charged for 8 grass cuts this season, however only 7 have been counted. The Parish Council has asked for the exact dates of the cuts before paying this particular account. The finance report was considered and the invoices and bank statements checked. On a proposition by Mr Cropley, seconded by Mr Pinner the following payments as listed in the finance report were approved for payment:

RA Hart	135.12	Digger hire
LGS Services	£218.32	Admin Support
DJ&JM Green	£319.60	Grass Cutting
DJ&JM Green	£159.80	Grass Cutting
Cambs ACRE	£15.00	Affiliation fee
ESPO	£104.58	Litter Bins
LGS Services	£751.12	Admin Support
LGS Services	£243.82	Admin Support

The Parish Council is to be reimbursed by the Village Green Trust for the account from ESPO – replacement of bins.

6. To consider planning applications received since the last meeting & SCDC decisions

No new applications had been received.

6.2 S/1241/07/F 26 The Green – Replacement Garage

This application has been approved by SCDC.

7. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting

7.1 Cambridgeshire County Council's Parking Policy Review

Noted.

7.2 Mental Health Trust consultations

Noted. It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

7.3 St Pandionia & St John the Baptist Church – request for financial support

This item is to be deferred to the Village Green Trust meeting.

7.4 Eltisley History Society – support for resting of milestone

The Parish Council has agreed to offer its support.

7.5 Draft Licensing Policy consultation

Noted.

7.6 Cambridgeshire Design Guide

Noted.

7.7 SCDC – Review of polling places

Noted. No change.

8. Urgent matters requiring the attention of the clerk

8.0. The Parish Council have asked twice for the verges to be cut at Potten End, St Neots Road, Caxton End and the Bridleway to the A428. But they have still not been done.

8.0.1 EDF energy have not been back to clear the mess from trimming branches.

8.0.2 The Parish Council have heard nothing more regarding the broken footpath sign at Potten End.

8.0.3 The Parish Council wishes to register its approval of the proposed traffic scheme.

Cllr Mandy Smith reported that by the end of next month a new sign will be put in place on the A428 approaching the Caxton Gibbet roundabout.

9. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ Date.