Minutes of the Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th December 2011

Present	Cllr Argar in the Chair
	Cllr Fox
	Cllr Mrs Rountree

Cllr Castle Cllr Phipps

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Cllrs Burge and Francesconi had sent their apologies for absence

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Clerk had not yet heard from Ed Denne regarding the byway so would continue to chase. Cllr Argar had read the letter about the Countryside Improvement Plan and the Council awaits news of its publication.

Financial Statement was approved.

A cheque was signed for Hastingleigh Parish Council for £195, this is £145 for the upkeep and insurance of the shared playing field and £50 for the cost of fireworks for 2011.

Budget

A copy of the proposed budget was distributed to all Councillors. It was agreed to accept the suggested precept of ± 1400 . Cllr Argar proposed the budget be accepted, Cllr Fox seconded this.

Planning

The Council has received an application for the demolition of a conservatory and the erection of an extension with decking for Dundas Farm. The Councillors had responded to Cllr Argar via email about this. Cllr Argar requested that all Councillors give a response when emailed so he ensures he is responding on behalf of the Council as a whole.

Public Participation

The public had no comment to make.

Any Other Business

There had been some problems with a refuse lorry at Little Pett. It was agreed that a sign would be requested saying "unsuitable for HGVs" and a "no Sat Nav" sign at the entrance to the road at the Six Mile turning. The Clerk is to contact Kent Highways about this. There are also some pot holes on the road from Dundas to the Church which need reporting.

The Clerk was also asked to chase up the salt bins at Little Pett following the incident last year. Also, whether the snowploughing contracts have been finalised and a copy of their route would be appreciated.

Cllr Phipps asked about the broadband project. This is being taken forward as a joint submission but the proximity to Christmas had meant it difficult to muster enthusiasm by the volunteer group. Cllr Phipps agreed he would follow this up as he feels strongly that this is something that should be available to residents, not least because of the value it would add to properties in the area.

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 6th March 2012.

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