# Minutes of the Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th September 2010

Cllr Browning in the Chair **Present** 

Cllr Argar Cllr Castle **Cllr Browning** 

Cllr Francesconi

There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

**Apologies** for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllr Fox.

There were no declarations of interest

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

#### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Mr and Mrs Phipps have completed the painting the finger post, a letter of thanks will be sent. The pot holes are being filled by on-going maintenance undertaken by Kent Highways.

### **Parish Seminar**

The Clerk asked if anyone would like to attend the Parish Seminar on 29th October. No Councillors wanted to undertake this offer.

### **Speed Limit Review**

The Parish Council has been offered the opportunity to join with 7 other parishes along the Stone Street to send a joint letter asking for the Speed Limit to be reviewed and reduced to 50mph. The majority of Councillors support this letter and Elmsted Parish Council will add their signature to this proposal.

### Correspondence

The Clerk had received a drawing of the proposed new signs and the Council confirmed where they are to be sited.

## Financial Statement was approved.

Payments were made to Audit Commission for £58.75.

The Clerk reported that the return had been completed and District Audit had no comments to make.

# **Planning**

The Council had received two applications.

One for a single storey storage building following demolition of existing out building at Little North Leigh Farm, the Council had no objections to these plans.

### The meeting was opened to the public.

An application has been received for two wind turbines at Beech Tree Farm House.

The public discussion highlighted the following points:

- o Plans do not show the footpath that runs through the garden
- o Plans do not show the swimming pool, extended garden or that the building is a listed building
- o This is a unique area, an AONB and needs preserving
- o If approved, this will set a precedent for all masts including the mobile phone masts.
- o The area is surrounded by valleys and the site is prominent
- o How planning applications are considered was questioned.

Kent AONB and CPRE have been asked and they are not supporting such applications. The public <u>must</u> write to the planning officer, Caroline Barker. A site meeting will be requested. The Clerk will communicate with public via email.

# **Public Participation**

The Council asked what will happen now that the Audit Commission is being disbanded. The Council is waiting to hear about this.

# **Any Other Business**

There was no other business to be discussed.

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.16 PM.