Minutes of the Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th December 2014

Present	Cllr Argar in the Chair	Cllr Fox
	Cllr Francesconi	Cllr Rountree

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Cllrs Burge, Castle and Phipps sent their apologies for absence.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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

Matters Arising

Salt bins should be filled by19th December, the Clerk is to be contacted should this not happen. The damaged salt bin at Dundas will be reported by the Clerk. The large pot hole near Great Field Farm, Misling Lane will be reported by the Clerk.

Correspondence

The Clerk had received and circulated correspondence.

Financial Statement was approved.

Cheques were signed for Hastingleigh Parish Council for £195, £145 for the upkeep of the field and £50 for the fireworks. The Clerk was paid in accordance with guidelines received from NALC, the one-off payment payable to all Clerks in December pro rata of £100 was paid, this totalled £4.05.

Budget

The Clerk's salary was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would be paid for 1.5 hours per week at spinal column point 20.

The draft budget was circulated before the meeting and agreed at the meeting.

Precept

It was agreed that the Parish Council would precept for £1400 as per previous years.

Planning

Planning Applications had been received and circulated. Dundas: planning application as yet not decided Timber Batts: planning application as yet not decided Thorn Farm: planning application as yet not decided Robus Pottery: planning application approved

Public Participation

Pot holes are very bad and although areas have been patched they are getting worse already, the rut at Thorn lane was noted as particularly dangerous. The Clerk is to ask Debbie Watkins what can be done about these and the flooding at the Thorn.

A member of the public requested that someone from KCC come to the meeting and be questioned on the state of the roads. Also, the member of public asked about the change of use for the Timber Batts and questioned why the Parish Council would oppose the application.

Any Other Business

Flooding at the Thorn was discussed, this may be dealt with through the planning application at the Thorn. Sight lines and the danger issue are to be dealt with through this application.

The Clerk was asked about the AONB signs for Bodsham, they are progressing albeit slowly.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 12th March 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.20 PM.