



**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018. STARTING AT 7.30PM.**

**The Chairman would like to extend a warm welcome to Claire Greenwood, the new Parish Council Clerk.**

**158/18 To record those present and list of apologies**

**Those Present:**

Councillors: G Clements – Chairman, K Percival, B Swan, K Allen, C Johnson, S Peall. 5 members of the public, Clerk and Locum Clerk.

**Apologies:**

Were received from Councillors J Worrall, K Lamb, Cllr S Carey, Mr G Harrison.

**159/18 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**

There were none declared.

**160/18 To note and agree the minutes of August meeting.**

Having been previously circulated, it was **agreed** to delete

*Post meeting comment, the Chairman has reported that the RA does not want to take responsibility.*

The minutes were **agreed** and signed as a true record.

**161/18 To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.**

Update on planters

The planters are made. The Garden Society are donating bulbs / plants for the planters and agreed the ERA will be responsible for the management of the planters.

A committee to take forward the previously agreed actions.

Elham Parish Council have received the Heads of Terms for the Gore and wish to contact the Trustees. It was **agreed** that a Sub Committee of Mr G Clements, Mr B Swan and Mr K Lamb would take the negotiations forward.

## 162/18 Public Contributions

Elham Parish Website – a member of the public asked what and when is going to be done to update the Parish Councils website. It was agreed that the Clerk would take responsibility of this going forward.

Allotments – a member of the public requested an update on the position of the Lease of the Allotments. The Clerk will meet with the TEAP to discuss and receive copies of paperwork. The Clerk to receive handover from the Locum Clerk.

Mobile Phone Signal – it was reported that O2, Vodafone and EE have carried out surveys in Elham and reported that the coverage is unacceptable. The providers are looking to resolve this situation.

Bus Timetables- after the District Councillors report a member of the public asked if the Parish Councillors will be reviewing the new timetables and commenting.

Planning – A member of the public asked if the Councillors carry out a site visits for currently Planning Applications. Where there is a TPO does the Parish Council ask the Tree Warden visit location. The Chairman confirmed this is done

## 163/18 Finance Report and Invoices

The following invoices were agreed and cheques to be signed:

Name	Reason	Gross (VAT)
Elham Village Hall	Room Hire	£112.00
Wraights *	Tree Works	£60.00 (£10.00)
C Greenwood	Reimbursement of ILCA Course	£118.80 (£19.80)

*\*Payment to be released once works completed.*

### Finance Report read out on behalf of Cllr Worrall

1. Speed Indication Device (SID) is now repaired and working.
2. Vat refund submitted to HMRC for £2610.00 for year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.
3. Annual return submitted to external auditors.
4. Outstanding payment received from Lyons Funeral Directors.
5. Viking (Stationary) Account remains open.

Elham Parish Council have received two quotes for the works to the well. It was **agreed** that Mr B Swan and Mr G Clements will produce a tender specification to be send to tenders of the Well. Deferred to October meeting.

The cutting of the pyramid trees in the shrubbery was agreed. The payment was agreed and will be issued once the works are completed.

Grant for Tommies – A grant has already been received for on behalf of the Village. No further action required.

## 164/18 County Councillors Report

The County Councillor had given her apologies and sent report:

Pothole repairs for our district week ending 07/09 – 44 filled and 3,566 sqm of resurfacing. Year to date figure 4,727 potholes filled and 25,039 sqm of resurfacing. (The figures for Kent as a whole are 50,307 potholes filled and 194,257 sqm of resurfacing). Please keep reporting any potholes, preferably at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or 03000 41 81 81.

KCC has a consultation on introducing charges for dealing with soil, rubble, earth and plasterboard at our Household Waste Recycling Centres. It started on 06 September and runs until **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**. Please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation) and have your say.

You may have seen reports in the media about the problems at Northamptonshire County Council. There are 10 other councils facing significant financial pressures, 8 of which have responsibility for social care. If the Government does not find a better way of funding social care commitments, then we can expect many more councils to go under. KCC been making changes and economies from 2010 to cope with the rising demand for social care. This has meant we are in a better position than most councils, but we are lobbying hard for a fairer funding system for local government and for help with the special issues faced by Kent such as the effect of HGV through traffic and the ongoing costs of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

Please remember the Stream clean of the Nailbourne from 10.00am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### District Councillor

- New bus timetable to be released which needs to be reviewed.
- FHDC in association with WRAP (Waste Recycling body) launch on week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> September a new publicity campaign about recycling plastics called Recycle Now Plastics. Leaflets will be sent out to all households highlighting the types of plastics you can and can't recycle.
- KCC Household waste Recycling charges (HWRC) as reported by Cllr. S Carey. Parishioners need to comment on this.
- Social Care as reported by Cllr. S Carey. FHDC are reviewing their KPI report for the first quarter. The district has a population of 111,000 people of which just under 24% are elderly.

Community Warden - The Community Warden had given his apologies and advised Chairman nothing to report. Cllr. C. Johnston reported that there is dog fouling. Cllr. S Peall confirmed the enforcement officers have been in Elham.

## 165/18 Correspondence

None received.

**166/18 Update on the Gore**

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**167/18 Planning**

Y18/1029/FH, The Cottage, Cock Lane, Elham – Listed Building Consent for the formation of an Ensuite in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor cupboard, insertion of a conservation roof light in the NW Elevation of cat slide roof. **Resolved no objection.**

18/0978/FH, Peels End, High Street – Installation of glazed French doors & Juliet Balcony to the front elevation to replace existing barn doors. – **Resolved no objection.**

18/1038/FH, 2 Hunters Bank, Old Road -Tree works. To crown reduce, raise & thin of a Maple subject to a Tree Preservation Order No. 25/1996 – **Resolved no objection.**

**Decisions made by the District Council**

18/0802/FH Broadmead, High Street – **Approved.**

18/0787/FH, 3 Manor Field, Old Road – **Approved.**

**168/18 Casual Vacancy**

To hear a short verbal report from each applicant – deferred until October meeting.  
To consider the applicants for the casual vacancy and agree any actions – deferred until October meeting.

**169/18 Chairman's and Councillors Report**

Cllr. G Clements

Tree opposite the doctor's surgery, half of the tree appears to be dying. The Tree Surgeon has advised to leave the tree until the Spring and then reinspect to consider what action to take.

War Memorial – It is looking green. This needs to be cleaned in October and a working party arranged to do this.

Churchyard – Elham Gardening Society has offered to plant species crocus bulbs on the banks in the churchyard

Thank you to Linda, the Locum Clerk, for her of all her help over the last four months.

Cllr. K Allen

Parishioners have reported their concerns at the grass cutting to the cemetery. Head Stones are being covered in grass. Cllr Clements said he would contact the contractor.

Cllr K Percival

Parishioners need to make their Flu jab appointments as the surgery has taken delivery of the vaccine.

Cllr C Johnson

Dog fouling is still an issue. This will be reported to the Community Warden. Parking is becoming an issue in the village.

Cllr B Swan

Parking is an issue by the Memorial on the bend. Yellow or white lines are required. Discussed taking photos of dangerously parked cars to send to KCC Highways

**170/18 Date for next meeting & Close**

The next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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