

**ELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT
7.00PM ON THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023
AT ELTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:- Cllr Hall, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Marsden, Cllr Swindell and 1 members of the public.

Cllr Swindell took the Chair and Clerked the meeting.

143.23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Moseley, J Jackson (Clerk) and Cllr Buckler (DDDC)

144.23 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations made.

145.23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to consider any interests they may have on matters on the agenda.

146.23 PUBLIC SPEAKING

It was reported that piles of grit have been deposited at Gratton and Dale End.

A vote of thanks was given to the farmer who snow ploughed the roads during the recent bad weather.

It was reported that the streetlight at the bottom of Stone Foot is not working.

Concerns were raised that the stables on Elton Moor have been erected without planning permission. It was RESOLVED to check this with the PDNPA.

147.23 MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd November 2023 were approved and will be signed by the Chair at the January meeting..

148.23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and remarked on what a wonderful event the lighting of the Christmas Tree had been and thanked everybody who had helped to make the event a success.

149.23 CASUAL VACANCY

It was reported that Casual Vacancy will be advertised shortly.

150.23 CLERK'S REPORT ON ONGOING MATTERS

Re-siting of Grit Bin – No update
Grit Storage Bin – Cllr Moseley to pursue
Policies – Continue to be reviewed
Road Surface/Footpath/Verges/Signs condition – Ongoing
Verges -. Cllr Buckler still awaiting response from Serco.
Street Light – No response

151.23 VILLAGE REPORTS

- (a) VILLAGE HALL – Cllr Swindell gave an update on Village Hall matters. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Marsden for putting up the Christmas decorations and to the Events Committee for covering the cost of new decorations.
- (b) JUBILEE FIELD – It was reported that the pop-up café and recent music event had been well attended and successful. It was noted that further events are planned to take place early in the New Year.
- (c) FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS, BINS AND VERGES- It was reported that there had been no response to the request for an update regarding drainage improvements at Gratton/Dale Farm.
- (d) SCHOOL – There was no report.
- (e) CHURCH – It was reported that the Remembrance Service had been well attended and a vote of thanks was given to Stuart Helin for co-ordinating the event. The planned Christmas services were noted.
- (f) ELTON ECHO - It was reported that the December edition had been printed and delivered to all households.
- (g) CHRISTMAS – Councillors reflected on the success of the lighting of the Christmas Trees and it was suggested that in future the Parish Council should purchase mince pies as well as the mulled wine. It was reported that twenty five children visited Santa in his Grotto and a vote of thanks was given to Santa for visiting Elton and to the Events Committee for covering the costs. It was also reported that the two wreath making evenings had been very successful.

152.23 DALC CIRCULARS

DALC Dec 23 – Pay Award announce, Budgeting for wage rises, DALC AGM, The ups and downs of precepts, Council sport is exempt from VAT, Get introduced to the Local Govt Award scheme. Important Update to disciplinary policy, Bespoke training Civility and Respect, New training workshop Memorial Management and Inspection, Training, Police Forum 13.12.23, November Forum update, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

153.23 FINANCE

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Jackson	Salary Dec	£ 127.30
HMRC	Tax Dec	£ 31.22
J Jackson	Exp	£ 26.50
Community Heartbeat	Defib	£ 151.20
Cllr Jackson	Mulled Wine	£ 51.30
Cllr Moseley	Christmas Tree	£ 90.00
Elton School	Post Office x2	£1200.00

(b) INCOME

There was no income.

(c) BUDGET APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk reported on the current balances, budget and risk assessment.

(d) 2024/25 BUDGET

It was RESOLVED to discuss this matter at the January meeting.

154.23 PLANNING

(a) Applications

There were no applications.

(b) Decisions

NP/TCA/Cedar – complete removal of tree and stump Proposed replacement with Silver Birch – GRANTED

NP/DDD/0823/1004 Engineering operations to create a lined earth bank slurry lagoon Oddo House Farm – REFUSED

NP/DDD/0923/1136 Rear extension to the main house and to remove the existing chimney to create a more efficient internal space configuration and it is proposed that the pedestrian access gate is changed from its existing location to the East boundary – Stonesfold, Back Lane, Elton – GRANTED

155.23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Ashgate – Treecycle
MP – Parish Magazine
PDNPA – News

156.23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the next Monthly Meeting be held on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Elton Village Hall

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.40pm