

**ELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT
7.30PM ON THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024
AT ELTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:- Cllr Earl, Cllr Hall, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Marsden, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Swindell, Cllr Buckler (DDDC) and one members of the public.

119.24 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

120.24 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations made.

121.24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

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

122.24 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Cllr Buckler reported that he had not yet had a meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the issues at Oddo Farm.

The verge damage at East End was discussed and Councillors expressed the view that Serco should be held responsible for the necessary repairs and they had caused the damage. Cllr Buckler agreed to discuss the matter further with DDDC and Serco.

It was agreed that Councillors would remove some temporary signs which have been fixed to street furniture.

It was reported that the light outside 22 East End has not been repaired and is on constantly.

It was reported that more notice board space is needed and Councillors agreed to use the notice board outside the village hall for Parish Council items only and only to display agendas on the larger notice board leaving more space for other users.

123.24 MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd October 2024 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

124.24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening. The Chairman reported that John Bent, who had been a Parish Councillor and the Chairman of the Parish Council for many years, had sadly passed away. Mr Bent had worked tirelessly for the village and had been instrumental in the purchase and restoration of the Village Hall.

125.24 CLERK'S REPORT ON ONGOING MATTERS

Grit Storage Bin – Arrangements still to be made

Snow Warden Scheme – Applied for

Road Surface/Footpath/Verges/Signs condition – Ongoing

Serco Road Repairs – Discussed in Public Participation

Hedges - Areas which require attention submitted to DCC.

Nettles – A quote for two to three days work at £150 per day to cut back and clear away the nettles was approved. It is anticipated that the work will be carried out in January.

126.24 VILLAGE REPORTS

(a) VILLAGE HALL – Cllr Swindell reported on the progress made in changing the bank account. It was noted that the gutters, velux windows, areas of the flat roof and drains have been cleared of weeds, moss and debris and it is hoped that this will fix the water ingress.

It was agreed that expenditure up to £200 for urgent repairs and consumables could be incurred without referring to the Village Hall Committee.

It was noted that there are a number of repair issues which need to be addressed when funds are available.

It was agreed that the next Village Hall Meeting would be held immediately after the December Parish Council Meeting.

(b) JUBILEE FIELD – It was reported that Elton School will be holding a fund raising event on 21st November and Councillors were reminded that the Winter Wonderland Event will take place on 30th November .

(c) FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS, BINS AND VERGES- It was reported that some smaller potholes have been repaired but other, larger ones, have been ignored. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise all outstanding Highways issues with DCC again.

(d) SCHOOL – Cllr Moseley reported on School matters and undertook to place an article about the School in the next edition of the Elton Echo.

(e) CHURCH – Arrangements for the Remembrance Service were discussed.

(f) ELTON ECHO – Items for the next edition are sought and should be submitted to the Editor by 18th November.

(g) REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS – Arrangements for the Remembrance Service were discussed under item (e) Church.

Arrangements for the Christmas Lights switch on on 1st December were confirmed. It was noted that it may be necessary to purchase new lights.

127.24 DALC CIRCULARS

No circular.

128.24 FINANCE

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Jackson	Salary Nov	£ 127.30
HMRC	Tax Nov	£ 31.22
C Jackson	Mulled Wine	£ 44.00

(b) INCOME

None

(c) BUDGET APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT

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

(d) BUDGET 2025-26

The Clerk undertook to circulate the draft budget before the next meeting.

Community Trust Bank still to be contacted.

129.24 PLANNING

(a) Applications – NP/DDD/1024/1056 Retrospective consent to retain a mixed use building for agricultural storage and domestic vehicle storage use, access track, septic tank pumping station, resurfacing of yard areas and temporary security fencing and soil heap'. Woodbine Farm, Winster Lane – Concerns were expressed that work is continuing with considerable earthworks currently taking place at the site before this application has been considered. It was noted the building, which already exists, is not being used for agricultural purposes and that the fence is not keeping with a rural situation. It was also noted that the footpath sign has been removed and there have been reports that access over the footpath has been denied to would be users.

(b) Decisions

There were no decisions.

130.24 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

PDNPA – Newsletters

DCC – Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice

Blue Level – GDPR Support

Catalogue – Play Ground

PDNPA – Local Plan – Discussed briefly – Councillors to email their thoughts to the Clerk who will formally respond.

131.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the date of the next monthly meeting be held on Thursday 5th December 2024 at 7.30pm in Elton Village Hall

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.21pm