

**ELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT
7.30PM ON THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025
AT ELTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:- Cllr Earl, Cllr Hall, Cllr Marsden, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Swindell and four members of the public.

14.25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson.

15.25 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations made.

16.25 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

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

17.25 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Concerns were expressed that no action seems to be being taken about the continuing slurry spills from Oddo Farm onto Gratton Lane. It was noted that there is also a problem with water running out of the fields and damaging the roads. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact DDDC Environmental Health and the Environment Agency and request an update on the situation at Oddo Farm and also contact DCC highways about the water running on the road and the damage that this is causing.

Further discussion took place about the Telephone Box at Gratton and Councillors approved a letter drawn up by Gratton Residents requesting that the owners of the telephone box to approach the Parish Council.

It was reported that grit bins have been filled.

18.25 MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd January 2025 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

19.25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening.

20.25 CLERK'S REPORT ON ONGOING MATTERS

Grit Storage Bin – Councillors thanked members of the public for assisting with the erection of the storage bin

Road Surface/Footpath/Verges/Signs condition – Ongoing

Serco Road Repairs – No update

Street Light – Still to be attended to.

Verge Cutting – Completed.

Village Hall Legal – The Clerk circulated Legal Topic Note 28 which outlines the role of the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall. It was noted that the Building is to be added to the Asset Register with no value attached. Further information regarding registering the building with Land Registry is awaited from NALC

Salisbury & Wood Grit Service – The Clerk outlined how the scheme works.

21.25 VILLAGE REPORTS

- (a) VILLAGE HALL – It was reported that the old bank account is now closed and all direct debits etc are set up for the new account. It was noted that the insurance renewal is £328.58. It was reported that the fire extinguishers have been serviced, the heaters repaired and PAT Testing carried out with the heater in toilet requiring attention. It was also reported that the water heater in the kitchen only works intermittently. Councillors considered an enquiry about hiring the hall to a local group of parents who wish to run a gymnastics club. This would require the storage of some equipment. It was agreed to discuss the matter further with them and bring forward the clearance of the storage area which has previously been discussed.
- (b) JUBILEE FIELD – A letter from the Jubilee Fields Committee requesting that the Parish Council increase the annual grant and suggesting that now might be the time to sell the Village Hall and concentrate all activities at the Pavilion was discussed. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should reply informing the Committee that the budget and precept has been set for the next financial year and does not allow for an increase in the grant and that the Village Hall now has a functioning committee and feel that both venues offer different facilities offering residents a choice of venues and lend themselves to catering for different types of events and Councillors feel that both should continue to function as they currently do.
- (c) FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS, BINS AND VERGES- There were no new issues.
- (d) SCHOOL – Cllr Moseley reported on School matters including the recent interim OFSTED inspection which reported pleasing progress. A further inspection will take place before the end of the summer.
- (e) CHURCH – It was reported that two services a month are being held, the quintennial audit has been completed, grant funding is being sought for tree work etc and that the diocesan will appoint a new curate soon.

(f) ELTON ECHO - Articles for the next edition were invited and should be submitted by mid February.

(g) GRATTON PHONE BOX – Discussed in Public Participation.

09.25 DALC CIRCULARS

No current circular.

10.25 FINANCE

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Jackson	Salary Feb	£ 127.30
HMRC	Tax Feb	£ 31.22
Salisbury and Wood	Grit	£ 216.00
M Marsden	Verge Clearing	£ 450.00
J Hall	Bus Shelter Roof Repair	£ 143.41
C Swindell	Webpage	£ 30.77

Discussion took place about having a .gov parish council address for emails.

(b) INCOME

None

(c) BUDGET APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT

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

Community Trust Bank still to be contacted.

11.25 PLANNING

(a) Applications – NP/DDD/0125/0071 Proposed change of use of former chapel to create ancillary living accommodation for Lawson Cottage and short stay holiday accommodation use. Elton Methodist Church, West End – Fully support

(b) Decisions - None

12.25 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Daniel Halliwell – Spares and Repairs
DDTC Big Green Energy

13.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the date of the next monthly meeting be held on Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7.30pm in Elton Village Hall

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.05pm

