

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2013 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Jayne Drinkwater (Chair) Kate Chambers , John Holford, Alan Prosser, Petrea Fagan.

In attendance: Councillor Chambers, Community Support Officers Simon Horne and Stuart Stranger

Clerk: Carol Fiske

13.01 **Apologies for absence**
Penelope Gaine and Joan Sanderson

13.02 There were no declarations of interest

Community Police Officer Simon Horne explained that he and CSO Stuart Stranger had been assigned to Elmdon among other local villages to provide reassurance to the public and deal with low level crime to ease the load on County Police Officers. At this time they are based in Great Dunmow although there are Police vehicles on patrol. Surgeries will be held as soon as locations are found. If they would like to contribute a notice in the GAZETTER copy needs to be in by 18th of the previous month.

13.03 **Minutes of the previous meeting 12th December 2012** were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

13.09 Petrea Fagan was proposed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council by Penelope Gaine (by previous arrangement) and seconded by Alan Prosser. The co-option was unanimous.

13.04 **Matters arising** that were not to be discussed later
Kate Chambers reported that all the salt has been used and there is a Duddenhoe End resident who is prepared to apply salt when needed. The official regulations have been passed to him for guidance. John Holford suggested that the salt is for the pavements and roads in all 3 wards of the parish. John Holford offered to find a site in Elmdon to store half of the salt for next winter and to find a volunteer to bring the salt to Elmdon.

The clerk was asked to accept Treetops estimate for trimming the Lime trees in the churchyard and propose that the work be done in February 2013.

Stephen Joyce of Uttlesford District Council has confirmed that the Parish Council may contribute towards a broadband scheme as long as it can be used by the whole parish if wished.

Uttlesford have approved the cutting of the Holm Oak at the Old Vicarage and the Parish Council were insistent that the matter should be resolved quickly and amicably. Cllr Chambers suggested it might be a job for the Highway Rangers . John Holford offered to speak to the owner's son and following this, a letter should be sent from the chairman to the owner advising him that the trees were becoming dangerous and must be cut. If all else fails the PC could go back to the Highway Rangers.

13.05 **Planning**
There were no planning issues

13.06	Finance	
	Current Account	£ 7,078.96
	Business Saver Account	£ 7,068.95
	Total inc ring fenced £5,601	<u>£ 14,147.91</u>
	Less unrepresented cheques	£ 100.00
	Less current expenditure	<u>£ 1,536.00</u>
	Total in hand	£ 12,511.91

It was agreed to pay the following invoices

Clerks salary and expenses

Elmdon Village Hall Grant 2012/13

Colin Sparrow for cutting grass in Hamlet Churchyard

John Holford proposed that the Precept for 2013/14 remain the same as this year. Kate Chambers seconded the proposal. The clerk was asked to consult the Duddenhoe End Village Hall about any projects for which they might need a grant.

13.07 **Community Assets**

Penelope Gaine sent a report about the enquiries that she had made re this matter. The outcome seems to be confusing and the PC was still anxious about naming assets that were in the hands of private individuals.

It was felt that Elmdon and Duddenhoe End Village Halls could be registered as Community Assets, however before doing so the clerk was asked to write to the village hall committees to ask them if they would like the PC to do so.

13.08 **AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for the 29th May however it could be changed to 22nd if this was inconvenient. **The Parish Councillors were asked to contact the clerk on receipt of these minutes to confirm that 29th May was still suitable or if it should be changed to 22nd.**

13.09 See beginning of minutes.

13.10 **Correspondence and Emails**

The letter from the CAB about local visits was to be put in The Gazette.

The letter from Homestart asking for a donation was noted and the clerk was asked to send the usual donation of £50.

The clerk was asked to contact UDC re an up to date copy of the Electoral Register.

There was a letter from UDC about closure of Lower Pond Street but it was not current and if the clerk receives another notice it will be put on the notice board.

13.11 **Any Other Business** There was no other business.

13.12 **The date of the next Parish Council Meeting** is March 6th (Elmdon Village Hall)

The meeting closed at 9.15pm . 2013 Parish Council Meeting dates:

April 17th Duddenhoe End May 29th Elmdon

July 10th Duddenhoe End August 21st Elmdon

October 2nd Duddenhoe End November 13th Elmdon

December 11th Duddenhoe End

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