

## ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

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

In attendance:

Clerk Carol Fiske

Councillor Robert Chambers, Graham Knight

14.11 **Apologies for absence**

Joan Sanderson sends her apologies and a motion to allow Mrs Sanderson's absence was proposed by Kate Chambers and seconded by Petrea Fagan

14.12 **Declaration of Interests**

Jayne Drinkwater declared an interest in UTT/14/0495/HHF

Penelope Gaine and John Holford declared an interest in UTT/14/0600/FUL

14.13 **Minutes of the previous meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Were read, approved and signed and the Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> December were also agreed by further members

14.14 **Matters arising** that were not to be discussed later.  
here were no matters arising.

14.15 **Planning**

UTT/13/0911/FUL	Barn at Elmdonbury	PC had sent their objections to UDC and await decision
UTT/14/0495/HHF	Lofts Cottage, 2 storey extension	No objections
UTT/14/0600/FUL	Lofts Cottage, change of use of agricultural land	The Parish council do not approve this application as it sets a precedent for building on agricultural land
UTT/14/0671/FUL	Alterations to Highwood and East Lodge	The Parish Council are very concerned about this application and there has already been an enforcement act.

14.16 **Finance**

Current Account	£ 7,894.65
Business Saver Account	<u>£ 7,072.47</u>
Total inc ring fenced £4,601	<u>£14,967.12</u>
Less unrepresented chqs	£ 350.00
Less current expenditure	<u>£ 322.00</u>
Total in hand	<b>£ 14,295.12</b>

The accounts were agreed. It was decided to ring fence a further £1000 for Elmdon churchyard.

Invoices agreed:  
Hire of Elmdon Village Hall  
Clerks salary and expenses  
Homestart  
Essex Playing Fields

14.17

**Elmdon Churchyard – derelict tomb**

The meeting was told that a total sum of £2000 was needed to make the tomb safe and restore it. The Churches Aid Fund has confirmed they will give £500. Although the Parish council is not strictly responsible for the tomb it was felt it should be done and a sum of £1500 was needed. Alan Prosser felt that the church should pay the whole amount. It was put to the vote and it was 5 to 1 for repairing the tomb. John Holford has a team to clear the tomb and a Faculty is underway.

14.18

**Community Assets**

The Parish Council had been asked to put forward the Elmdon Dial as a community asset however the Parish Council that it would be preferable if any such initiative should come from an independent supporters group rather than the PC.

14.19

**Village Website**

Graham Knight gave out hardcopy of the proposed home page of the Website Elmdon Essex, which was received with interest and the Parish Council wished to thank Graham for all his hard work.

The clerk was asked to check the legality of earning anything from advertising on the site and also to check with ICO re Data Protection.

14.20

**Waste Dumping**

A landowner is entitled to dump rubble etc on his own land.

14.21

**AGM**

It was agreed that the Ward meetings would be at 7.30pm and the AGM to start at 8pm on 7th May 2014 at Elmdon Village Hall.

14.22

**Correspondence and Emails**

The following emails were discussed.

Report re disrepair of length of road near Rockell's Farm

Information from UDC re unoccupied homes in Uttlesford

Report re Highway Rangers

Public notice re the possible closure of part of the B1039 for repairs

14.23

**Any Other Business**

Robert Smith has offered to help to clear the Churchyard edge.

It was requested that the Parish Council contribute to the Old Folks Christmas lunch this will be discussed at the next meeting.

UDC are looking at offering funds for cleaning and repairing village war memorials. To be discussed.

The Parish Council asked if Macolm Ingham could be invited to the next meeting to give an update on the broadband situation.

The Clerk asked if those who had kindly offered to put up the Agendas and Minutes could do so as this is a legal requirement. The Duddenhoe End notice board key was given to Kate Chambers to get a copy

14.24

**The date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> AGM Elmdon**

July 30<sup>th</sup> Elmdon

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Elmdon

June 18<sup>th</sup> Duddenhoe End

September 10<sup>th</sup> Duddenhoe End

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Duddenhoe End

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

NOTE: THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL FROM THE CLERK Carol Fiske, The Old School House, Caldecote Road, Newnham, SG7 5JZ  
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