

ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2014 IN DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00PM

Present: Penelope Gaine, Kate Chambers, Jayne Drinkwater, Joan Sanderson, John Holford and Alan Prosser
In attendance:
Councillor Robert Chambers
Clerk Carol Fiske

14.63 Apologies for Absence
Petrea Fagan

14.64 Declaration of Members' Interests
Joan Sanderson declared an interest in the planning rules

14.65 Minutes of the meeting on 30th July 2014 were approved and signed

14.66 Matters Arising
1 Bury Gardens - a noise abatement order has been issued against the tenant and notes are still being collated.

It has been established that the phone boxes are the responsibility of BT who are putting their restoration in hand.

14.67 Planning

UTT/14/2060/FUL	Lofts Cottage, School Lane, Wenden Lofts
ENF/14/0125/C	Breach of planning control, Field adjacent to Keepers Cottage, Duddenhoe End was noted

Joan Sanderson asked for a definitive planning rule on what was allowed to be built and what was not. Cllr Chambers explained that it depended on the original entitlement and offered to get a copy of the planning framework document.

14.68 Finance Balances as at 10th September 2014

Current Account	£ 7,977.08
Business Saver Account	<u>7,074.23</u>
Total inc ring fenced £5,601	15,051.31
Less current expenditure	<u>1,783.50</u>
Total in hand	£ 13,267.81

The second part of the precept is due in September

The above figures were approved

The following Invoices were approved

Rent of the playing field
Whyare Inspired accountant
Clerk's salary and expenses
Duxford Hire

14.69 Budget for 2015/2016

The draft budget was discussed and will be approved at a future meeting.

14.70 Future Expenditure

Work in Elmdon Churchyard was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would authorise buying a chipper for the PC use. It was felt that this would be beneficial and eliminate the necessity of a bonfire.

Some suggestions for future expenditure were as follows to ensure Duddenhoe End also has their needs met.:

Kate Chambers said the the Duddenhoe End Village Hall needed to redo the roof to prevent birds entering. The guttering needs cleaning and a light is needed at the Front. This will be separate expenditure to the annual grant.

The Duddenhoe End bus shelter needs some maintenance and it was agreed that subject to an estimate this could be done.

The Duddenhoe End village notice board badly needs replacing and it was agreed to get an estimate for this work.

Fencing is necessary in the Hamlet Churchyard to protect the graves. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

There was a proposal that the Parish Council agrees to the suggested expenditure in 2014.

Proposed by John Holford

Seconded by Penelope Gaine

It was decided that occasional reimbursements should be paid by the clerk and claimed back by her.

14.71 The Churchyard

Work on the South Bank of the Churchyard was discussed and as long as the integrity of the ground is assured the Parish Council agreed to this work.

“The job will be done in three stages. The first stage is to get the dead and “uninvited” trees out, Cut back the other rubbish and clear away the growth obstructing the pavement itself. That will enable a thorough inspection of what remains of the wall so that we can decide whether to try and retain any of it or to remove what is left of it altogether. That will be the second stage. If all goes well and if the DCC agrees, the third stage will be to grass over the entire bank and perhaps plant daffodils and/or some small (low-maintenance!) shrubs.”

The proposal is that the Parish Council authorise payment of 75 % of the cost of the first stage of this job, subject to a maximum payment of £1500: the remaining 25 % to be paid by the DCC.

Proposed by Penelope Gaine

Seconded by Kate Chambers

The Electricity board have agreed to reduce the height of the trees near the wires.

14.72 Dates of Meetings in 2015

The clerk was asked to suggest dates and book the halls. To be confirmed at the next meeting

14.73 Correspondence and Emails for discussion

These were considered by the meeting and it was decided that no action was required.

14.74 Any Other Business

Community Assets – The Parish Council agreed that no further action was needed at this time.

Notices re the closure of the road at Littlebury Green were to be put up on the notice boards when the minutes were put up..

Ron Pridham at Uttlesford District Council needs to be contacted again re the bank at the end of Kings Lane.

14.75 The date of the next meeting

October 22nd Elmdon

December 3rd 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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