

## **ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2015 IN ELMDON VILLAGE HALL AT 8pm**

Present: Penelope Gaine  
Nigel Bond                      Martin Collins                      Ian Donaldson  
Petrea Fagan                      Jonathan Hall                      John Holford  
Clerk: Sheila Jones  
Responsible Financial Officer: Jane Guy

There were over 80 villagers present for the first part of the meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **15.74 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies

#### **15.75 Declaration of Interests for business in hand**

Nigel Bond declared an interest in Item 15.79 (c) regarding Duddenhoe End Village Hall.

#### **15.76 Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Item 15.65 amended to read:

A footpath in Wenden Lofts was heavily rutted and somebody had fallen. The landowner had not cut the path.

Minutes were read, approved and signed.

After the Minutes had been agreed the Meeting was suspended for 15 minutes open discussion, which centred upon the Green Paper recently circulated to Elmdon residents. The report is attached as an addendum.

#### **15.77 Matters Arising not being discussed later**

##### **Elmdon Neighbourhood Plan**

This would be reviewed. It would necessitate a Housing Needs Survey, which would be carried out by Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE). This would be a major undertaking, involving the entire Parish. The Chairman would contact the Uttlesford District Council to obtain clarification and request a presentation be given at the next meeting on 10 November. Once more information is known, a decision on whether to proceed would be made.

##### **Review of 100K Walk**

Went well without any problems. The Parish Council would be happy for it to be repeated next July.

##### **Highway Matters**

Resurfacing did not go ahead but potholes were repaired.

Cogmore Lane pothole was inspected and felt not to be dangerous.

Elmdon Sign – in hand

Kings Lane Sign – in hand.

##### **Change of Time for Parish Meetings**

All agreed that the time would change to 7pm.

## 15.78 Planning

UTT/15/2006/FUL	Serenity, Essex Hill, Elmdon	Approved
UTT/15/2199/LB	Hallions, King Lane, Elmdon	Approved
UTT/15/2198/HHF	Hallions, Kings Lane, Eldon	Approved

## 15.79 Finance

- a. Cllr Holford reminded the Parish Council that a grant had been given to the Elmdon Gazette in the past, the RFO asked that a request in writing be submitted prior to the issuing of a cheque in order to conform to Financial Regulations so that a cheque could be raised for the next meeting.
- b. The parish council approved a donation to Essex Air Ambulance of £50.
- c. The Chairman had sent a letter of support to Duddenhoe End Village Hall Committee in relation to their bid to Essex CC for a grant towards external repairs to the hall. The Parish council agreed to offer s£2,500.  
Proposed by Cllr Holford, seconded by Cllr Fagan.
- d. RFO reported that the changes to the bank mandate were now in operation although she had not yet received copies of the current Bank Statement from Barclays
- e. It was noted that the Review of the Annual Return would be displayed on the notice boards for 15 working days and would be available to any local elector on request to the clerk and RFO at a cost of 75p, if posted, or free of charge for an emailed pdf.
- f. The payment of cheques totalling £934.15\* as detailed in Appendix A to the agenda were approved:  
GLS Garden Services  
Uttlesford Association of Local Councils  
Clerk and RFO salary and expenses  
PKF Littlejohn LLP and  
HMRC (PAYE) (the full total for this cheque £108.00\* (£45.August/ £63 September)

## 15.80 Correspondence and e-mails

### **Broadband at Duddenhoe End and Chrishall**

Although Elmdon should be connected by the end of the year, Duddenhoe End and Chrishall would be in Phase 2A, scheduled between 2016-2019. Malcolm Ingham gave a short report in which he said that he is trying to organise a public meeting to try to progress this.

### **Biographies and Photos of Councillors for Website**

In hand.

### **Local Bus Network Review Consultation**

Survey forms can be obtained from the Tourist Information or on line. The Parish Clerk has a few copies available.

Bus Timetables would be displayed in the Bush Shelter.

## 15.81 Trees in churchyard

Most of the tree surgery has now been done. The remainder of what needs to be done is in hand.

The Council thanked Nick Elbourn for all his hard work and the Council also thanked John Holford for his perseverance over nearly five years with the electricity provider.

**1 Bury Gardens** – Dog Nuisance. A meeting has been arranged with the District Councillor, Julie Redfern between Delia Hill and Penelope Gaine on 6th October.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

10 November 2015      Duddenhoe End      PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME 7pm.  
9 December 2015      Elmdon

NOTE: THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL FROM THE CLERK, Sheila Jones, Cregneish, Ickleton Road, Elmdon, Saffron Walden, Essex. CB11 4LT Tel: 01763 838518 Email [jsheila285@gmail.com](mailto:jsheila285@gmail.com)

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### **ADDENDUM TO**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELMDON & WENDEN LOFTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2015 IN ELMDON VILLAGE HALL AT 8pm**

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED FOR 15 MINUTES PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The Chairman of Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council stressed the Parish Council neutrality. No proposal had yet been placed before the Parish Council and therefore there was no discussion or voting required. Should a firm proposal be submitted, the procedure would be :

- a. Survey carried out by Essex Council
- b. Survey carried out by Elmdon & Wenden Loft Parish Council
- c. After all information gathered a vote would take place.

The Chairman called for a Spokesperson to represent the Elmdon Community Group of 25 concerned households.

The Spokesperson outlined as follows the points the Group wished to convey:

1. *Given the interest of local landowners to progress developments, the Parish Council should prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish.*
2. *Such a Neighbourhood Development Plant has to incorporate Consultation amongst the residents to determine their needs and wants, and must be supported in a local referendum*
3. *Community Benefits are best determined by the Local Community and not by individual property developers.*
4. *The Group is opposed to large scale development of houses in the village – the quantum of any new house construction should be proportionate to the existing size of the village. This militates for developments of less than 10 houses – probably around 4-6 – located within the present development limit if possible.*
5. *In line with Uttlesford District Council's Adopted Local Plan 2005 any new development should meet the target of 40% affordable housing.*
6. *The Elmdon Community Group are ready to work with the Parish Council to form a Committee to prepare The Neighbourhood Development Plan.*

Councillor, Robert Chambers informed the gathering that he would be delighted to call a public meeting regarding the above.