

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 13th DECEMBER 2018**

Present: Cllr Argar (Chair) Cllr Bevan
Cllr Burge Cllr Castle
Cllr Francesconi Cllr Rountree

1 Councillor and 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

		To be actioned by
1	Apologies	
	No apologies for absence had been received.	
2	Declaration of Interest	
	Cllr Burge declared a personal interest in The Timber Batts when it was discussed as part of the public contribution.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4	Matters Arising	
	The Clerk had not had a response from Cllr Carey regarding who is responsible for Green Lanes	
5	Finances	
	<p>To note/authorise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note the Parish Council's Financial position <i>The Parish Council bank balance as at 30/11/2018 was £1550.47</i> ii. There were no payments to authorise iii. The draft budget had been circulated and was approved. iv. It was agreed that the Parish Council should precept for £1750 for 2019/20. <p>A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.</p>	
6	Planning Matters	
	The application for Pett Bottom had been refused, it is expected that there will be a resubmission.	
7	District/County Councillors	
	<p>Cllr Hollingsbee reported that: There are 4 area anagers within the District Council who have been out to visit the ward covered by Cllrs Carey and Hollingsbee. They are ensuring issues are dealt with quickly like fly-tipping and fly-posting. They found quite a few out of date posters in the parishes. Fly-tipping should be reported through the District Council but also reported to Cllr Hollingsbee.</p> <p>The Community Safety Partnership, who help deal with incidences of anti-social behaviour and burglaries, have recently visited Lyminge and Sellindge. This is a group of PCSOs, Council Officers, PCs and Fire Safety Officers all working together. In Sellindge a driver was stopped and arrested for possession and supply of cannabis.</p> <p>The recent count of numbers indicate that there are 16 rough sleepers in Folkestone. Accommodation is to be provided should the temperature drop below freezing, Although, if the person has behavioural issues then they cannot go into shelters.</p> <p>The Romney March visitor centre had 13,500 visitors in 2018, this is a Council owned centre.</p>	

8	Public session	
	<p>Mr Gunn introduced himself as a member of public who would like to speak. He wanted to report on community issues in Bodsham, the points he raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loud music being played at The Timber Batts, sometimes starting as early as 5.30pm and being outside it is considered an unacceptable duration of time. The residents believe that outside music at this venue should be banned. • Environmental degradation of the site and unlawful occupancy of the village green. • Aggressive and noisy customers • Have camping facilities and do not have a license for this. • Hold knife throwing events • Ambulance called on 23/4 as an “intoxicated member of the public fell of a bar stool.” • On 1/9, 8/9 and 20/9 there were car crashes by intoxicated car drivers leaving the public house. • The Landlord fails to check the music volume, which his license is subject to. • They do not meet the lawful requirements of the license that they hold. • The landlady is threatening and abusive. • The dog barks continually <p>These matters have severe impaction on the local residents, one neighbour sited returning home at 00:15 to very loud music.</p> <p>A member of the public responded to some of the issues , stating that: There are other vehicles parked on the village green, some have been there for some time up until very recently. The man who fell off his bar stool and needed an ambulance was unwell, a medical issue not an intoxication issue. The live music is usually finished by 11pm.</p> <p>Cllr Bevan suggested that all of these issues were not within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and most were either licensing or environmental health matters and should be directed to Folkestone and Hythe District Council. Ensure a log of issues is kept too. If the issue is a legal one, then report that to the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Hollingsbee will ask the Licensing and Environmental Health department to investigate further and to respond to residents who raise complaints. It was suggested that the residents could ask Environmental Health to attend on an advertised music night to check the sound levels.</p>	
9	Any Other Business	
	<p>Cllr Argar has a 1 tonne salt bag and will help out should any be required. The sign-post at Evington has been knocked over – the Clerk will report. The sign-post at Hassell Street has been turned round – the Clerk will report.</p> <p>It was noted that Thorn Lane is still flooding on occasion. Flooding should be reported to Kent Highways.</p>	
10	Date of the next meeting:	
	<p>Thursday 14th March 2019 Thursday 9th May 2019</p>	

Signed:

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