

**Minutes of the General Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th September 2012**

Present	Cllr Argar in the Chair	Cllr Burge
	Cllr Castle	Cllr Francesconi
	Cllr Phipps	Cllr Mrs Rountree

Cllr David Monk attended the meeting and there was one member of public in attendance.

Apologies for absence had been received from Paul Fox.

There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Some repairs have been undertaken on Dean Hill but there is one pot hole that was missed. The Jubilee celebrations were a success and thanks are to be extended to all of those who assisted with organising the day.

Broadband update

Cllr Burge updated the Council on the broadband project. Thanks were extended to all who had helped to deliver the leaflets, the response following the leaflet delivery has been very positive with Elmsted providing some 122 votes for broadband.

A business case has now been put together by Ashford Borough council and Shepway District Council with Kent County Council.

Adoption of the Code of Conduct

John Argar proposed and Peter Francesconi seconded that Elmsted Parish Council should adopt the new Code of Conduct. All were in favour so the new Code of Conduct was adopted.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulates this by email.

Financial Statement was approved.

There are no cheques to be signed.

Planning

The Council had received several applications that had been circulated. There were no objections to the alterations to Dundas as long as the neighbours did not have any problems.

Cllr Monk

Cllr Monk reported that Shepway has been preparing budgets at Shepway and are looking at reducing the number of District Councillors in 2015. Shepway are doing well with waste and recycling. There is some discussion to be had over the nuclear waste recycling site – KCC leader is against the site being put in Shepway, Shepway District Council have not declared whether they want a declaration of interest or not. If it were to go ahead it could mean disruption but could benefit the area financially through Government investment. It would take until 2040 to begin due to the geology testing etc if it were to go ahead. Would enhance train networks and infrastructure in the area. On the Marsh, one in 4 families are connected to Dungeness Nuclear Plant so with this shutting in the future, the waste site could benefit the marsh enormously. Much mis-information is being said.

Public Participation

Nothing

Any Other Business

It is with great sadness that we heard that Mr Enderby had passed away. He served on the Parish Council from 1955 – 1993, he was Chairman from 1959-1972.

There is no news on the wind turbines.

There has been no verge cutting on the no through roads this season – the Clerk was asked to follow this up with Kent Highways. Pot holes on bottom road and by Marberdan are also to be reported.

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 4th December 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.10 PM.