

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 1st May 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 were two members of the 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

Cllr Burge has passed the details of Mr Tony Hammock on to Joel Gross.

Election of Officers

Cllr Argar vacated the Chair. Cllr Francesconi proposed and Cllr Phipps seconded that Cllr Argar be elected as the Chairman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Argar was duly elected and took the Chair again.

Cllr Argar proposed and Cllr Burge seconded that Cllr Francesconi be elected as Vice-Chairman, there being no other nominations, Cllr Francesconi was duly elected.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulates this by email.

Financial Statement was approved.

Cheques were signed for CPRE, KALC, Aon Ltd (Insurance), Evington Community Project (donation towards the Jubilee Events), Evington Hall and T Block for the Clerks Remuneration from 2011.

Approval and Acceptance of the Annual Accounts

The Annual accounts and the Accounting Governance Statement were approved and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council and are ready for the Internal Audit inspection.

Planning

The Council had received two applications. One for a conservatory and decking at Dundas Park Farm and roof lights at the Old Dairy.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Clerk told the committee that a meeting of the groups in Elmsted and Hastingleigh had taken place. There are plans afoot for a Street Party and beacon with the possibility of fireworks, each child attending would receive a jubilee mug. There is a pot of money of approximately £500 from Ashford Borough Council and Ashford's County Councillor but Shepway have declined any offer of financial grants. Elmsted Parish Council agreed to give a contribution of £100 to the event. Adrian Phipps said he would look in to prices of having the mugs printed via one of his contacts.

Cllr Monk

Cllr Monk Reported that Shepway have to make cuts as there was to be no increase in Council Tax again, so far there have only been 7 job losses. The District Council are working with Ashford Borough Council to negotiate a common policy for wind turbines in an AONB.

Sellinge has been proposed as site for 6 industrial wind turbines but Sellinge is not in an AONB. Sellinge is also the proposed site for the anaerobic digester which may cause an unpleasant odour. Plans have been passed for this but no commercial decision has yet been made.

Shepway have been improving their waste strategy and will see an improvement by the end of the year of 45% of all household waste being recycled.

The Transfer Station in Hawkinge is to be closed down because a new one is being built in Ashford. The household waste site is also being closed down; this is seen as a negative step by KCC state that Hawkinge is not an economically viable site. Susan Carey has asked that this decision be taken to the Scrutiny Review panel.

Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the repair plans for Dean Hill as this road has been inadequately repaired so many times. It was noted that the road by Marberdan Riding School is in a similarly poor state. Tony Hammock agreed that he would forward the resurfacing programme to the Clerk, he also suggest that the Clerk contact Susan Carey about the matter as long as we have an incident number. David Monk suggested that the Clerk copy all correspondence to Malcolm Dearden for inclusion on the Joint Transportation Board. Cllr Francesconi also pointed out that the signage at Thorn Lane is very poor and the pot holes and lines at this junction also require some attention.

Any Other Business

The Clerk informed the committee that there is an article about broadband in the magazine.

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 4th September 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.20 PM.