

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 9th MARCH 2023 HELD IN EVINGTON HALL**

Present: Cllr Argar (Chair) Cllr Bevan
Cllr Castle Cllr Francesconi
Cllr Phipps

In attendance: Cllr Carey and the Clerk

		To be actioned by
1.	To receive and approve apologies for absence.	
	Apologies had been received from Cllrs Burge, Stanley and Carey.	
2.	To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2022	
	The minutes were signed as a true record.	
4.	To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.	
	The Clerk had circulated an email following the meeting at Bodsham; the Parish Council is to consider a Highways Improvement Plan. Cllr Francesconi reported that the staff parking at the Timber Batts is making a difference.	
5.	To receive a Report from District/County Councillors	
	<p>A report from Cllr Hollingsbee and a report from Cllr Carey had been circulated. Cllr Carey explained that the levelling up funding is to go towards Dover Port. Cllr Phipps asked if Elmsted PC could tap into this fund but Cllr Carey explained this was not possible. Cllr Carey explained that KCC have to make huge savings due to the huge rises in the cost of Adult Social Care. Cllr Francesconi expressed surprised that school signage is not supplied. Cllr Carey explained that there is a policy.</p> <p>Cllr Francesconi asked if KCC are being paid by the Government for children coming into the country from overseas. Cllr Carey explained that the Ukrainian families are putting additional pressure on the budgets. It is hoped that the Government will be able to break the 'people-trafficking model.' Additional host families are being sought for housing the Ukrainian families as some hosts are unable to continue to house them. It was noted that the Ukrainians are keen to work and KCC have helped with language training and ensuring their qualifications are now recognised.</p>	
6.	Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.	
	There were no members of the public present.	
7.	Financial matters:	
	<p>a) To note/authorise the following:</p> <p>i. To note the Parish Council's financial position. The Parish council bank account has £17,607.83. The Financial Statement and the Budget over Expenditure was approved.</p> <p>ii. To authorise any payments There were no payments to be made. Cllr Francesconi explained that the hedge cutting at the Football Field will cost circa £500.</p>	
8.	To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.	
	The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made.	

9.	Planning matters: to approve the responses to any recent planning applications.	
	<p>There were no new planning applications to discuss.</p> <p>Application no: 22/1032/FH/PIP is to be heard by as an appeal by the Planning Inspectorate. Representations are to be made to APP/L2250/W/22/3304720 by 20th March 2023.</p>	
10.	Any Other Business (for information purposes only):	
	Cllr Argar suggested that a defibrillator could be placed somewhere in Elmsted. This is to be discussed at the May meeting.	
11.	Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.	
	Thursday 11 May 2023	

Signed:

Date: