Minutes of the Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 12th March 2015

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

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Cllrs Burge and Fox sent their apologies for absence.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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

Matters Arising
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes that are not on the agenda.

Highways
The Chairman and Vice-chairman met with Debbie Watkins of Kent Highways. They visited all roads in the parish and Debbie Watkins has agreed that school hill and the junctions will be white-lined. The broken salt bin at Dundas will be replaced. The covered drains also require clearing. A summer programme of works has been scheduled to begin after this financial year has ended. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both felt this meeting was helpful and useful and they hope to be able to meet again in October.

Policies and Procedures to comply with the Transparency Code
The new policies and procedures that cover media, complaints, financial regulations, standing orders and publications had been circulated to all Councillors. They had been read and Cllr Francesconi proposed and Adrian Phipps seconded that these policies and procedures be adopted. The motion was carried.

Correspondence
The Clerk had received and circulated correspondence. Nomination Papers were handed out to all Councillors.

Financial Statement was approved.
There were no payments to be made.

Planning
Planning Applications had been received and circulated.
Little Holt : Cllr Burge had declared an interest in this application.
Stable Cottage, Maxted Street
Daisy Cottage – no objections
Wigmore Farm Cottage – it is hoped this will be in keeping and sympathetic to the original structure.
Paper copies were requested for future planning applications.

Public Participation
Again, a member of public asked about the change of use for the Timber Batts and questioned why the Parish Council would oppose the application. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council did not want to see the Public House be converted to a house rather than a business premises. The member of the public also explained that he had recently read David Hewson's book, Saved and thoroughly recommended it as a very good read.

Any Other Business
The Village Hall AGM is imminent.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 14th May 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.00 PM.