

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

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

2 Councillors and 1 member of the public attended the meeting.

		To be actioned by						
1	Apologies							
	No apologies for absence had been received.							
2	Declaration of Interest							
	Cllrs Argar and Bevan declared an interest in the planning applications for Big Pett.							
3	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising							
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.							
4	Matters Arising							
	The hall lights are now complete and the project belongs to the Village Hall. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Carey and Hollingsbee for their help with the project.							
5	Commemoration of the end of World War 1							
	<p>The Clerk suggested a draft timetable for the event:</p> <p>10.45 - Usual service at the War Memorial/Hall (silhouettes present)</p> <p>18.45 – Candles lit at the War Memorial</p> <p>18.50 – Gather at Elmsted Church</p> <p>18.55 – The Last Post</p> <p>19.00 – Beacon lighting (silhouettes present)</p> <p>19.05 – Bell ring – The Nation rings</p> <p>19.45 – Soup, rolls and tea served at the Village Hall with rolling footage of the end of the War on the screen and some War-time songs</p> <p>20.30 - Candles extinguished at the War Memorial, war poem and the last post. (silhouettes present)</p> <p>The school have been asked if they would be interested in researching the soldiers who were killed in the war and making a display of the information they have. It was also suggested they could make poppies for the war memorial/church.</p> <p>It has also been suggested that a new trough be made for the commemoration. Cllr Argar offered a trough he has, it was agreed that Cllr Argar and Cllr Mrs Day (Hastingleigh) would have a site meeting regarding the trough.</p>							
6	War Memorial							
	It is Elmsted Parish Council's turn to clear up the War Memorial area ahead of the remembrance day celebrations. Cllrs Bevan, Argar and Francesconi will undertake this. A date will be confirmed by Cllr Argar.							
7	Finances							
	<p>To note/authorise the following:</p> <p>i. To note the Parish Council's Financial position <i>The Parish Council bank balance as at 31/08/2018 was £1550.47</i></p> <p>ii. To authorise any payments</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Cheque No:</th> <th style="width: 60%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>000366</td> <td>Currys PC World - laptop</td> <td>£351.74</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No:	Payee	Amount	000366	Currys PC World - laptop	£351.74	
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	A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.	
8	Planning Matters	
	<p>There were no objections raised to the latest applications for Pett Bottom Farmhouse.</p> <p>The application for Westford is yet to be decided.</p> <p>The application for the dormer window at the Pottery was refused.</p> <p>Cllr Francesconi asked if the Stonegate application is to start soon. Once permission has been granted, the district council has no jurisdiction of when the build starts.</p>	
9	District/County Councillors	
	<p>Cllr Carey reported that: The Government grant is decreasing and Council Tax cannot be put up more than 3%, although a 2% increase can be put on to pay for social care but balancing the books is a huge challenge. There will very soon be more people over 60 than under 60 in the country which will put even more pressure on Councils to assist with social care. KCC is concerned about future budgets and will be looking to the Government to alter the budgeting process so Councils have more funds available.</p> <p>KCC have been concerned with the effects of Brexit, particularly on the impact on our road network and so KCC have been looking at the worst case scenario. The Lower Thames Crossing will be available which will close some roads. The M20 is being strengthened to allow for 2 queues Southbound, one for the tunnel, the other for ferries. The opposite side is being set up for contraflow to ensure local traffic can still move.</p> <p>More than 100 sites are being looked at for lorry parks, £250m has been set aside by the Government to set up new lorry parks, Highways England are due to announce where the lorry parks will be by the end of 2018, but we are not sure at this time. The last Operation Stack cost the county £30,000.</p> <p>There is a consultation on Household Waste Centres and the idea of charging for the building waste that this allowed by households as neighbouring counties now charge and so pressure is being placed on our waste services. <i>There was concern expressed over the possible increase in fly-tipping.</i></p> <p>There is also a budget consultation due in the autumn.</p> <p><i>Cllr Castle expressed concern over the lack of road repairs in Misling Lane – Cllr Castle was advised to re-report the pot holes.</i></p> <p>To end of week 07/09/18 for Kent as a whole 50,307 potholes repaired and 194,257 sqm of resurfacing and within that 4,727 potholes filled and 25,039 sqm of resurfacing for our district.</p> <p><i>The white lines at Evington corner have not been re-painted. The Clerk had reported these and will do so again.</i></p> <p>Cllr Hollingsbee reported on District Council activities. There have been a lot of invitations to different Commemoration of the end of World War 1 events. Folkestone and Hythe District Council undertook a peer challenge where counter-parts from different Councils looked at how Folkestone and Hythe are working and the recommendation that came out of it was to develop the risk register. The visitors were amazed at how little of Kent was developed with Folkestone and Hythe being only 15% developed and the whole of Kent being 10%.</p> <p>A new swimming pool is to be discussed at Princes Parade. There has been an objection from the Environment Agency regarding the flood water and a decision notice is due to be issued shortly which may require a judicial review.</p> <p>There is a new litter campaign and some trial solar operated bins that compact rubbish have been installed at the Coastal Park, they hold 8 x the amount of rubbish of a standard bin and send a message to the</p>	

	<p>Council office when they need emptying. They do not offer recycling at this time.</p> <p>Funding has been secured to support people coming home after a hospital stay and there is to a consultation on how this would be best utilised.</p> <p>Radnor Park, Coastal park and the Royal Military Canal have all received green flags.</p> <p>Agency reporting is an important factor and a number of agencies all working together have been door knocking in Dover Road, Folkestone which has been a popular operation offering help in this deprived area.</p> <p>Another operation has seen officer talking to residents of the area to see how they can be helped.</p> <p>Cllr Hollingsbee has been asked to represent Folkestone and Hythe District Council on the AONB panel.</p> <p>Otterpool Park's application is to be considered by the Planning Committee by the end of the year. All of the information regarding this can be seen on the website.</p> <p>A database of all clubs/activities is being compiled to spotlight what is going on in the district</p>	
10	Public session	
	The members of the public had no comments to make.	
11	Any Other Business	
	<p>Potholes continue to be an issue. Everyone is encouraged to report these.</p> <p>Cllr Francesconi asked who is responsible for green lane upkeep – Cllr Carey will investigate and report back.</p> <p>Finance towards High vis. Vests/armbands could be provided to the school if required. No other assistance can be sought for the parking problems.</p>	
12	Date of the next meeting:	
	<p>Thursday 13th December 2018</p> <p>Thursday 14th March 2019</p> <p>Thursday 9th May 2019</p>	

Signed:

Date: