

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 14th MARCH 2019**

Present: Cllr Argar (Chair) Cllr Burge
Cllr Castle Cllr Francesconi

		To be actioned by
1	Apologies	
	Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bevan and Rountree and District Councillors Carey and Hollingsbee	
2	Declaration of Interest	
	Cllr Burge declared a personal interest in Planning Application Y19/0121 and Cllr Francesconi declared a personal interest in Planning Application Y18/1544.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4	Matters Arising	
	The Clerk had not had a response from Cllr Carey regarding who is responsible for Green Lanes. Cllr Burge updated the Council as to the events that followed the previous meeting. There had been some correspondence between the neighbours of the Timber Batts, the Landlord of the Timber Batts and the property owner to suggest a discussion as instigated by Cllr Burge. This suggestion was unsuccessful as not all parties wished to discuss the issues. It is thought that there may have been a reduction in noise levels of late. The pot holes and the sign post have been reported.	
5	Elections 2019	
	The procedure for standing for nomination as a Councillor was discussed. It was thought that there may be someone interested in standing as a Councillor, Cllr Burge is to pursue this. It is not currently known which of the Councillors will stand for Council again.	
6	Finances	
	To note/authorise the following: i. To note the Parish Council's Financial position <i>The Parish Council bank balance as at 28/02/2019 was £1550.47</i> ii. There were no payments to authorise A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.	
7	Planning Matters	
	There were a number of planning applications to note: Application Y19/0113 – The Parish Council raised no comment. Application Y19/0121 - The Parish Council raised no comment. Application Y19/0066 – Awaiting decision from the District Council. Application Y18/0154 - The Parish Council raised no comment.	
8	District/County Councillors	
	Cllr Carey had sent a report as follows: I have a County Council commitment this evening so am unable to attend. Please accept my apologies and these short reports. KCC KCC has been successful in a bid for over £28m from the Government to strengthen key roads such as the A20 in advance of Brexit. KCC is also part of the Kent Resilience Forum which brings together Highways	

	<p>England, Kent Police and other public bodies to plan for various scenarios of disruption in Kent. Storm Gareth is a reminder that disruption happens Brexit or no and this joint planning puts us in a much better position to cope than we were when we had 35days of Operation Stack in 2015. KCC is publishing information as it becomes available on our website.</p> <p>I am also pleased to report that KCC has received a £1.3m Government grant to be used with partners on projects to prevent knife crime. Kent has less of this crime than other parts of the country and it's important to keep it that way.</p> <p>District</p> <p>The masterplan for Otterpool Park Garden Town has been submitted and is expected to appear on the council's website later this month. Councillors were recently given a briefing on the plans and it looks a very attractive place with well thought through use of existing features and heritage. It will have its own schools and medical facilities and will provide the majority of the new housing and employment sites we need to provide over the next 30+ years.</p> <p>The council also has a new website - Spotlight - to help local groups advertise their activities and help people find interesting things to do and ways to meet people.</p> <p>I have received some correspondence about problems raised by residents about events at Timberbatts which the council officers are investigating and monitoring. It's important that people keep records of problems to help the officers find if there is enough evidence for action.</p>	
9	Public session	
	There were no members of the public present.	
9	Any Other Business	
	Arrangements were made for the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 th May 2019	
10	Date of the next meeting:	
	Thursday 9 th May 2019	

Signed:

Date: