

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present: Cllr Argar (Chair) Cllr Francesconi
Cllr Burge Cllr Castle
Cllr Mrs Rountree Cllr Phipps
Cllr Bevan

In Attendance: 3 x representatives from Quinn Estates, District and County Councillor Susan Carey and 1 member of the public.

		To be actioned by
1	Apologies	
	There were no apologies for absence.	
2	Declaration of Interest	
	Cllr Castle declared an interest in the planning application for Great Field Farm.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4	Matters Arising	
	The Planning Application for Lewisham has been granted.	
5	Co-option of new Councillor	
	Mark Bevan was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Bevan is to complete the declaration of pecuniary interest form and the acceptance of office form and bring to the next meeting.	
6	Presentation regarding the planned development at the former Stonegate site	
	<p>Mark Quinn from Quinn Estates introduced the company and a presentation was given on the plans for the former Stonegate site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans include 4,000 square feet of office space and 21 – 25 family homes. • The site is in an AONB. • There will be 40% less build space than is on the site at present. • The entrance to the site will be from Thorn Lane. • All of the homes will have grey water harvesting and underground heat pumps making them sustainable builds. • Flooding is a major issue at this site. • An open meeting will be planned by Quinn Estates for local people to ask questions and a drainage engineer will be made available for this. • There will be a few smaller houses provided that will be less expensive. • This site is classified as a brown-field site. <p>The Parish Councillors suggested that the Stone Street should be widened at this junction to enable a separate lane for traffic turning right in to Thorn Lane.</p> <p>The time frame for this would be: Consultation in October, Application in November, a decision by Spring 2016 and completion within 18 months of the decision.</p> <p>Quinn Estates said they would make a construction plan to enable safe exits and entrance to the site. Spoil would be kept to a minimum. School places will be affected locally and Quinn Estates would have to provide some funding to local schools to ensure some spaces are available in the local schools for the children living in this new build.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked what Quinn Estates were planning to do to improve mobile coverage and broadband to the area. The Parish Council were invited to present Quinn Estates with a Wish List to help to improve the local amenities.</p>	
7	Correspondence	
	The Clerk had circulated all correspondence.	

8	Finance	
	A copy of the financial report and a budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.	
9	Planning Application	
	<p>Planning Applications had been received: Longacre for a Therapy Room, no objections were raised. Dundas Farm remedial work on the interior for this listed building, no objections were raised. Great Field Farm, stable block and ménage for 2 horses, no objections were raised.</p>	
10	Councillors Report	
	<p>Cllr Carey thanked the electorate for voting for her in the May Elections. There was a 75% turnout which was the highest in the area. Cllr Hollingsbee would have attended the meeting but she had had a family bereavement. Cllr Carey noted that the potential Stonegate development was outside the settlement area. If the Parish Council feel any planning applications are controversial and wish to take them to Planning Committee they should liaise with either Susan or Jennie Hollingsbee.</p> <p>The road from Glory Lane is to cost in excess of £40K to repair following the badger damage but it should be completed by the end of the year.</p> <p>Operation Stack has caused inconvenience in the whole of Kent and the Government have reported that lorry parking will be imposed on Kent. Overnight lorry parking in unwanted places is causing an issue in the district. Fred Miller at Shepway should be informed if there are lorries in unwanted places. Those moving drivers on now have the power to direct which means lorries can be asked to move to a specified location even if the driver has exceeded their driving time limit. The Lorry Park at Stop 24 is to expand, Eurotunnel are providing an additional 300 lorry parking spaces and the port in Dover is doing the same. Shepway District Council is asking for legislation to be put in for a call forward system from the Stop 24 to the Channel Tunnel. The expansion at Stop 24 will provide an additional 1,000 lorry parking spaces at a cost of £3 million which the Government will provide to facilitate this build. A solution is hoped to be found within 18 months.</p> <p>Last year there were 200 migrants in Shepway, this year there are in excess of 700. This is a huge cost to the country. Foster homes are needed for children and families.</p> <p>Shepway has made a contribution of £5 million towards a Superfast broadband extension so it is planned that by the end of 2015, 95% of property's will have faster broadband. By the end of the month the postcode checker is hopefully going to be available.</p> <p>Costs of Social Care keep rising but more money is needed for roads.</p> <p>Additional salt bins can be requested through Cllr Carey.</p> <p>20mph limit near the school is not possible to be achieved, there was some discussion regarding driving in the area at excessive speed. Speed limits on the Stone Street were also discussed.</p>	
11	Public Participation	
	The member of public had nothing further to add.	
12	Any Other Business	
	The salt bin at Dundas has been replaced but the old salt bin is still in situ. There is concern that the salt bin is too far forward from the road edge and will be caught by a vehicle.	
13	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Thursday December 10 th 2015.	
	The meeting closed at 9.00pm	

Signed:

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