

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 10th MARCH 2016**

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

There were 2 members of public in attendance

		To be actioned by
1	Apologies	
	Apologies had been received from Cllr Bevan.	
2	Declaration of Interest	
	Cllr Francesconi declared a personal interest in planning application No: 16/01244 Cllr Burge declared a personal interest in planning application No: 16/0181 Cllr Argar declared a pecuniary interest in planning application No: 16/0184	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4	Matters Arising	
	There were no matters arising to be discussed.	
5	District/City Councillors	
	There were no Councillors present at the meeting.	
6	Public Participation	
	A member of the public asked what stance the Parish Council had taken on the development at Stonegate. The Parish Council read the response sent to Shepway: “The Parish Council supports the application as long as the following issues are addressed: 1. The flooding issue must be resolved with a comprehensive flooding plan being put in place. 2. The junction at Thorn Lane must be improved. A right turn filter lane must be created in order to stop traffic congestion at this site. 3. Pedestrian access to Stelling Minnis must be improved. 4. We note the intention to expand Bodsham School but the roads through to Bodsham School are already unable to support the levels of traffic that use them. There must be some significant improvements to the road infrastructure to enable road surfaces to cope with the excessive traffic. The vehicles also need somewhere to park when accessing Bodsham School. 5. The number of affordable housing units must be maintained. “ A member of the public asked about the Timber Batts and what was happening with the re-opening of the public house? The Parish Council were not in a position to answer this question at this time but understand that the plans for a Micro-brewery are in hand.	
7	Correspondence	
	The Clerk had circulated all correspondence. The beacon is to be lit on 21 st April at 7.30pm. It was agreed that a toast of sparkling wine and some cakes were in order. The Clerk had liaised with the land-owners who were very happy with the plans and the Clerk is to organise the wine at a shared cost with Hastingleigh Parish Council. There will also be fruit juice provided. All were in favour of this. It was noted that there will also be a street party on 12 th June to celebrate the Queen’s 90 th birthday.	TB
8	Finance	
	A copy of the financial report and a budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors. There were no cheques to be signed. It was agreed that Keith Griffiths would be appointed as the Internal Auditor again, if he is happy to undertake this.	TB

9.	Planning Applications	
	<p>The Parish Council discussed 3 Planning applications: 16/0244 – Heathwood</p> <p>The Parish Council raises no objections to this application</p> <p>16/0181 – The Old Vicarage, Bodsham The Parish Council raises no objections to this application</p> <p>16/0184 – Holmleigh, Whatsole Street The Parish Council raises no objections to this application</p> <p>It was noted that Stelling Minnis Parish Council have asked Cllr Hollingsbee to call the Stonegate application in to committee should the Planning Officer be minded to refuse the application.</p>	
9	Any Other Business	
	<p>Potholes were discussed. The potholes at the bottom of School Hill and the top of Dean Hill are both bad. It was suggested that a meeting with Debbie Watkins might be an option to highlight the poor state of the roads. The Clerk is to organise this.</p> <p>The Parish Meeting will take place on 24th May at the Village Hall.</p>	TB
10	<p>Date of the Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 12th 2016.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 8.10pm	

Signed:

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