

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 14th DECEMBER 2017**

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

1 member of the public attended the meeting.

		To be actioned by
1	Apologies	
	Apologies had been received from Cllr Argar.	
2	Declaration of Interest	
	Cllr Castle declared a personal interest in the planning application Y17/1512.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4	Matters Arising	
	The Bodsham noticeboard replacement has been paid for and a grant has been applied for and now received.	
5	Correspondence	
	The Clerk had circulated all correspondence.	
6	War Memorial Bi-annual maintenance	
	Following a request from Hastingleigh Parish Council that the maintenance of the war memorial (just prior to the November Remembrance Service) be shared on a bi-annual basis, it was agreed that this was totally acceptable and Elmsted Parish Council would be happy to undertake this.	
7	Finance	
	A copy of the financial report and a budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors. i. To note the Parish Council's financial position There is £1998.07 in the bank. ii. To authorise any payments. Cheques were made payable to Hastingleigh Parish Council for £145 towards the Playing field maintenance, KALC for £7.20 towards a training course attended by the Clerk and £100 to Elmsted PCC towards maintenance of the Churchyard. iii. To agree a the budget for 2018-19. The Councillors agreed the draft budget as prepared by the Clerk and circulated. iv. To agree the precept. The Councillors agreed to precept for £1500.00.	
9.	Planning Applications	
	The Parish Council discussed 2 Planning applications: Y17/1030 – new vehicular access at Evington Park, other comments had been received with regard to the visibility splay and the archaeological nature of this site. The member of the public present explained that the reason behind moving the access is for safety reasons. The traffic survey showed that there are on average 430 vehicles passing the property with an average speed of 28 mph. The owners did not want to remove too many trees but to achieve sight lines, it is necessary to remove trees 23m either side of the new entrance. This will mean removing 22 poplar trees that were planted in the 1960s with a life expectancy of approximately 50 years. It is intended that 20 trees will be removed and stump-ground and replaced with Hornbeams which have a life expectancy of 280 years. They will be planted along the edge of the road and up the drive, they will be planted 2m back from the edge of the road.	

	<p>Councillors responded suggesting that it will look better in the longterm, one Councillor felt this was opportunity to discuss planting up land on the other side of the road, obviously this is a different land-owner and there is no obligation.</p> <p>It was agreed that no objections were to be raised but there is a suggestion to have a condition ensuring the old drive is removed.</p> <p>Y17/1512 – The Parish Council has no objections to raise regarding this application.</p>	
10	District/City Councillors	
	Cllr Carey had sent a report which was circulated.	
11	Public Participation	
	The public had no comments to make	
12	Any Other Business	
	The salt bin in Bodsham is to be relocated by residents following approval from KCC. Pot holes are an issue, only patches of them have been filled.	
13	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 8 th 2018.	
	The meeting closed at 8.35pm	

Signed:

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