

## **ELMLEY CASTLE BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm in Elmley Castle Village Hall.**

#### **Open Forum**

Points raised were water on the pavement at the village hall, the clerk explained that this was an ongoing issue which she hoped would soon be at an end. Severn Trent had agreed to send a person to meet with highways during the next week.

Sign on New Road was covered in branches – lengthsman will deal with the matter.

**Present Mr Mackison, Mr Whitcombe, Mrs Coulson-Savage, Mr Hickey, Mr Hickman, Mr Marler, Mr Moss, Mr Shaw, Mr Stephens & 2 members of the public.**

**Apologies** – Mr Ballard

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 7.7.11. Mr Whitcombe proposed & Mr Hickey seconded a proposition that the minutes be approved, all in favour & 2.8.11. Mr Shaw proposed & Mr Hickman seconded the proposal that the minutes of 2.8.11. be approved all agreed, the minutes were signed as a correct record.

#### **Reports**

a) Playground & Playing Field Mr Hickey had been intouch with SMP about the parts which are broken on the seesaw & would be sending photographs so that the new pieces could be sent to enable repair.

He also advised that the cricket club had requested that 3 trees sycamore, maple & willow near to the nets be removed because they were causing shadows. The playing field is in the Conservation Area & Mr Hickey agreed to meet with the Tree Warden to discuss on site. A quotation of £900 had been received & the club had offered to contribute to the cost, if the work is to be done the Trustees agreed that the Playground account would be used. The Chairman reported that he had today received 2 complaints of damage to property when cricket was being played, it was agreed that this was a matter for the cricket club who carried insurance & the Trustees had no liability.

A request had also been made by the club who wished to hold their Annual Dinner in a marquee on the Playing Field on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October & a private social event on the night of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, a temporary events notice for the sale of alcohol had been obtained & the club were going to leaflet houses near to the field to ensure that neighbours new what was going to happen. Mr Shaw asked if the proposed Football Club had approached the Trustees about using the Field. An informal discussion had taken place but nothing further had been heard. The Trustees were in favour of football being played on the field & no meeting would be needed if a request was made it could be dealt with promptly

b) Village Hall – nothing to report.

c) BHCG – there was nothing to report - the Chairman gave a brief history of the group for the benefit of new Councillors.

d) County & District Councillors – Counc McDonald was the only Councillor present & his report is attached to the minute book.

d) Communication sub-committee – Mr Moss hoped that the communication sub-committee would be able to re stimulate the Parish Plan so that ideas raised by the responses to the initial questionnaire could be revisited.

Mr Moss presented his report & advised that visitor numbers to the website had stabilised & he saw it as a passive information source, an online notice board, but the facebook page now had 182 friends. The group wanted to move to a regular newsletter, available to those who opted in by providing their email address. The sub-committee hoped to develop the website over weeks &

months & the aim was to be more proactive & to look at Broadband speeds. The clerk had correspondence about village facilities & Broadband; Mr Moss offered to respond to the questions.

Mr Moss raised the issue of Parish Council meetings & felt that missing a couple of meetings made him feel out of touch. After discussion the majority view was that meetings should remain bi-monthly with additional meetings as necessary eg planning meetings. The clerk will forward correspondence received & not wait for a PC meeting.

h) Flood Alleviation, Haycock Associates still awaiting a response from Natural England.

#### **5.Planning to consider**

PAW/11/01522 – Mr J Eaton, Park Mill Hill Lane – proposed conversion of the Old Laundry with an extension into a dwelling. Location - Land at Rear of Parkwood. Following a site visit it was agreed that the response from the Council would be ‘no objections’

There had been difficulties arranging a site visit to Oaklands Fruit Farm but it was agreed that the new date 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm followed by a meeting at 7.45pm would be attended by those Councillors who were free that evening, 4 apologies were noted.

#### **6. Finance**

|             | £         |
|-------------|-----------|
| Savings a/c | 19,562.03 |
| Current a/c | 50.20     |
| Playground  | 3962.25   |

#### **Invoices paid since last meeting**

|                             | £                                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Haycock Associates ( Fees)  | 2905.97 (vat £484.30 to be reclaimed) |
| Rate Relief Queen Elizabeth | 59.38                                 |
| WDC election expenses       | 25.00                                 |

Concern was expressed that £25 had been charged for photocopying.

#### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

a)\* Reminder Fuel Poverty dates of meetings Calor Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Coulson-Savage & Mr Mackison, Countrywide Wednesday 21st September, Mr Hickman & Mr Moss, Other local energy suppliers Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Mr Hickey & Mr Moss - all meetings will be held in the Civic Centre from 6pm to 8pm.

b) WYCHAVON Building Design Awards 2011 - it was agreed that Green Oak Cottage should be entered for the Award, the clerk will speak with Mr Porter

Localism Bill – the Chairman had been to a meeting of this group where the abolition of the current standards regime was discussed. He presented a sheet detailing a summary of changes. (attached to the minute book)

c) County Council Winter Service 2011/2012. – all points raised in the document had been suggested by the clerk last year but she was told that it was not possible to buy bins & grit from the County Council. The Parish Council had agreed last year to purchase a bin for Elms Farm & this year & would purchase a bin & grit. Mr Stephens kindly agreed to accept 2 bags of grit & 1 new grit bin which he would deliver to Mr Hickey for Elms Farm. The other bins would be refilled where needed.

Signed  
3.11.11.

Chairman