

ELVEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of Elveden Parish Council held on Wednesday, 8th May 2019, in Elveden Estate Office at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Guy Warren, Coleen Billing and Rebecca Younge

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Woods.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Warren was proposed (R.Y), seconded (C.B) and duly elected. The new Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 7th February 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. (C.B.,G.W.)

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5. S.C.C. AND F.H.D.C NEWS

FHDC and St Edmundsbury DC are now joined and known as West Suffolk Council with 64 councillors in total. In the recent elections, the turnout was just under 32%. All councillors for Elveden were re-elected in the uncontested election for the parish. Acceptance of Office forms were duly signed and Councillors were reminded to review their Registers of Interest.

6. PETANQUE PLAYING AREA

Work was now complete. It was suggested that a set of boules be made available for communal use. The council agreed expenditure of up to £20 for this purpose.

7. ELVEDEN COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

The community litter pick was a great success, and the possibility of an annual or even biannual event raised. The areas around the laybys were particularly problematic. The **Clerk** would investigate costs for the installation and emptying of two litter bins for the area.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR

This matter was still ongoing.

9. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The Clerk had requested that Elveden be placed on the list for the temporary Speed Indicator Device.

10. SCHOOL PLACES AT ELVEDEN ACADEMY

The children of new residents to Elveden had been denied access to Elveden School as residency is no longer a primary admission criterion. The Parish Council would only support the expansion of the school if it was possible that some the new places could be guaranteed for local children.

11. MUGA

The Multi Use Games Area would now be located on the sports field rather than by the school as the original plan. There would be an option for flood lighting for evening use. The council had no objections to the new location.

12. RURAL CRIME

The majority of recorded crime for the previous three months had taken place in Centre Parcs.

13.. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Audit – The Annual Governance Statements were reviewed, approved and signed.

(ii) Audit – The Accounting Statements were reviewed, approved and signed.

Cheques to be signed – supporting documentation was presented and the following cheques were duly signed: Mrs C Youngs, (clerk, Jan-Feb-Mar), £150; Mrs D Dunning £30.00 (Internal Audit); Cllr Guy Warren, (reimbursement of costs for litter pick) - £52.00.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The possibility of planting spring bulbs around Elveden was raised.

15. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Wednesday, 17th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Elveden Estate Office.