

ELVEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Elveden Parish Council held on Wednesday, 22nd July 2020, at 7.30pm in Elveden Estate Office.

Present: Cllrs Guy Warren (Chair), David Wood and Rebecca Younge. Also present, Tasmin Minty.

1. APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Cllr Billing.
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. It was noted that no meeting was held in May due to COVID restrictions. The Coronavirus Act 2020 allows for all Local Authority meetings before 7th May 2021 to be held remotely and removes the requirement for an Annual General Meeting this year.
3. MATTERS ARISING
There were none.
4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS
Due to the ongoing and long-standing shortages of volunteer councillors, the Council voted to co-opt Tasmin Minty, who both lives and works within the parish.
5. WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL NEWS
The financial impact of COVID on West Suffolk Council was estimated as £10.2 million. This figure included a £8 million loss of income. The Council would have to find £8.7 million from reserves to balance the budget. This could result in ongoing financial issues. It was noted that no information had been received about the existing level of West Suffolk Council reserves.
6. LITTER PICK
It was hoped that this would be able to go ahead in September. The possibility of a joint litter pick with the village hall was discussed.
7. DOG WASTE BINS
In addition to a dog waste bin, a litter bin on the sports field was also considered. **Cllr Warren** would provide a map showing possible siting positions for both the bins.
8. PETANQUE PLAYING AREA
The Petanque playing area has now been rebuilt in its new location now that the MUGA is almost complete. The council considered that the use of the MUGA by clubs and

villagers must be clarified. **Cllr Warren** would continue attempting to source a picnic bench, as production and supply chains have been disrupted by the pandemic.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR

Due to the current global financial situation, the Estate felt unable to contribute to the supply and installation of a defibrillator. **The Clerk** would investigate if any grants were available.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payments – Suffolk Association of Local Councils – subs - £140.08; Mrs C Youngs (clerk Jan-Feb-Mar-Apr-May-June) £300.

The Annual Governance Statements were reviewed, approved and signed. The Accounting Statements were reviewed, approved and signed. The Certificate of Exemption was reviewed, approved and signed.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Wood reported that the footpath need clearing and cutting. **Cllr Warren** would consider how to achieve this.

12. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set as Wednesday, 21st October 2020.