

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2021 HELD IN EVINGTON HALL**

Present: Cllr Argar (Chair) Cllr Bevan
Cllr Burge Cllr Castle

In attendance: The Clerk, 9 members of the public, County and District Cllr S Carey and District Cllr J Hollingsbee

		To be actioned by
1.	To receive and approve apologies for absence.	
	Apologies had been received from Cllrs Francesconi and Stanley.	
2.	To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021	
	The minutes were signed as a true record.	
4.	To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.	
	There were no matters arising to discuss.	
5.	To receive a presentation from Alastair Cracknell regarding a development in Bodsham	
	<p>Alastair Cracknell introduced himself and handed out a booklet regarding the project in Bodsham. Alastair led the audience through the booklet and a number of questions were raised (marked in italics).</p> <p><i>What is a wild flower meadow?</i> A meadow that grows wild flowers and is good for pollinators.</p> <p><i>How can the land be protected for future-proofing?</i> A conservation covenant will be placed on the land.</p> <p><i>Why build £ million homes?</i> In this area there is demand for executive homes not affordable homes.</p> <p><i>What is the link between Alastair and the land owner?</i> Alastair is working for the land-owner.</p> <p><i>Is there asbestos in the current building?</i> Yes there is, definitely in the roof.</p> <p><i>What is the time scale for the project?</i> Looking to build in 2023, the total build time is hoped to be 3-6 months.</p> <p><i>Has the barn be advertised for commercial use?</i> The need to do this is not necessary as the land is agricultural.</p> <p><i>What is the height of the finished homes?</i> 6.6m, the same as the barn.</p> <p><i>Is it possible to link the wild areas with others to create green corridors?</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Why sell the parcel of bio-diversity land? What is the commercial thinking behind this plan?</i> The parcel of land might be of interest to the buyer. The commercial thinking is to make more profit.</p> <p><i>Why can't the parcels of land be moved further along near Shrubs Wood? Why do they need to be at the back of the property?</i> The developer is to discuss this with the member of public individually.</p> <p>The application has not been submitted yet, there is to be more consultation and the application will be decided at Folkestone and Hythe District Council level.</p>	
6.	To receive a Report from District/County Councillors	
	A report from both Councillors Carey and Hollingsbee had been circulated.	
7.	Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.	
	<p>A member of the public asked what we are going to do about the roads. The roads are just not good enough.</p> <p>Cllr Carey explained that pot holes are repaired but there is just not enough money to repair all roads to the standards that we would wish. Cllr Carey offered to meet privately with the member of public to discuss budgets and expenditure as see where the member of the public might suggest the savings are made.</p>	

8.	Financial matters:	
	<p>i. To note the Parish Council's financial position. The Parish council bank account has £16,849.45</p> <p>ii. To authorise any payments There were no payments to be made</p> <p>iii. To consider what the additional funds may be spent on: Cllr Francesconi had not received a positive response regarding the piece of land for the Village Hall. All councillors are to suggest ideas in time for the next meeting.</p>	
9.	To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.	
	No changes were to be made.	
10.	Planning matters: to approve the responses to any recent planning applications.	
	<p>A Planning applications had been received: 21/1846/FH – Erection of a two storey extension to the garage, with a new external staircase following conversion of the existing loft space. Maxted Street House, Maxted Street, Stelling Minnis, CT4 6DH Councillors are to consider and provide comment.</p>	
11.	Any Other Business (for information purposes only):	
	<p>Bridle ways in the area are in poor states of repair – particularly from Misling Lane to Spong. The Clerk will report this.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay 50% of the cost of the gardening at the War Memorial, to a maximum of £50 per annum.</p>	TB TB
12.	Date of next meeting - 9th December 2021 at the Evington Hall	
	<p>Thursday 9 December 2021 Thursday 10 March 2022 Thursday 12 May 2022</p>	
13.	The meeting closed at 21.10	

Signed:

Date: