



**APPROVED MINUTES OF ELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HIGHGATE HALL ON TUESDAY
11TH JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Tim Cummins, Malcolm McCann, Ian Ross (Chair), Shirley Strowbridge, Kathryn Taylor, Paul Willson

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry Rew, Clerk; seven members of the public

		ACTION
	Cllr Ross welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.	APOLOGIES: County Cllr Bywater, District Cllr Beuttell	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM: A resident enquired if there was any update on the expansion of the Black Horse car park. Advised that Sir William Proby is progressing with planning application. A resident pointed out the overgrown hedge on the corner of Back Lane, rendering the footpath very narrow and making it difficult to cross the road. Additionally, the hedge between the Coach House and the red bridge. Clerk to follow up with Highways and owner where appropriate.	CLERK
4.	MINUTES OF MEETING 6TH JUNE 2023: Proposed Cllr McCann, seconded Cllr Willson and APPROVED as a true record.	
5.	FINANCE: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk advised that an online current bank account application has been submitted to Unity Trust Bank per the resolution of the Annual Meeting of the Council 23rd May 2022. The Clerk and Cllrs McCann, Ross, and Willson signed the application form as signatories and authorised users of the online account. The savings account remains with Barclays until research has been completed on rates of interest with other banks pending further discussion and resolution. 2. Cashflow update for June was circulated by the Clerk to all prior to the meeting for information. Spreadsheet attached showing income, expenditure, and YTD balance. VAT refund claim submitted to HMRC for £1661.84, and CCC and HDC invoiced £805.39 and £813.70 respectively for grass cutting contributions. 3. There were 7 payments presented for authorisation per the Schedule of Payments below. AGREED 4. A summary of ideas for projects suggested by residents was circulated to all councillors in June. All councillors were asked to select those they agreed to pursue and to prioritise expenditure. Prior to the meeting Cllr Ross circulated a summary of those responses and suggested allocations for the potential selection so that a full financial forecast can be prepared in September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contingency fund (25% of running costs) = £3000 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of second MVAS = £2500 - Internal and exterior refurbishment of phone box = £200 - Purchase of Remembrance Day poppy wreath = £40 - Seeds and bulbs for additional planting around the village = £250 - Contribution towards a village information board = £800 - Repair and reseedling of verges around the village = £3000 - Maintenance/reseedling of village greens = £3000 - Repairs and refurbishment of wooden benches around the village = £75 <p>All councillors to review the full list, submit any additional suggestions, and prepare to discuss and agree projects and budget at the September meeting.</p>	ALL
6.	<p>PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tookey Lodge, Bullock Road (ref 23/00497/HHFUL) – no objections 2. Land at including 2 Stocks Green (ref 20/00470/LBC) – objection submitted 10th July 3. Peterborough Showground/Solar Park Haddon/Sibson Garden Village/Newlands & HDC Local Plan Engagement and Call for Sites The Sibson Garden Village has been resubmitted in the HDC ‘Call for Sites’ as part of the Local Plan review as was anticipated. The development has increased to 5000+ houses with associated leisure, shopping, schools, and services since the original proposal. It was suggested that a map be prepared to clearly visualise the impact the combination of all these developments would have on the parish. In addition to these sites, there are warehouse developments at Titchmarsh and Thrapston and another solar farm near Titchmarsh. Such developments will have a considerable effect on traffic through and around the village and particularly on the A605. The Chair expressed thanks to those residents who had submitted comments to HDC’s Engagement Issues and reiterated the importance of taking the opportunity to participate in the Local Plan review at this stage. Most of the comments submitted have been from developers stating the ‘benefits’ of their proposals, and these comments could override the views of residents due to their sheer volume and the public relations expertise of large companies and their agents. If these proposed developments are assessed as being compliant at this stage, then their acceptance once official planning permission is applied for is almost certain and the negative impact this would have cannot be understated. 	
7.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Parish Council has been contacted by residents concerned by late night noise from the Black Horse on Saturday nights with music continuing until after midnight, disturbance by patrons and cars leaving, and inadequate use of the overflow ‘events’ car park. It was felt that the overflow carpark should be better signed, and events patrons should be specifically requested to use the facility. Cllr Ross to follow up. 2. Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council regarding irresponsible and potentially dangerous parking at the junction of Hayes Walk and Faber Lane. Due to parked vehicles on both sides of the road in Hayes Walk, emergency or other large vehicles would be unable to pass. As the parking is not illegal, enforcement is not possible. 	IR

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Details of the Community Ownership Fund (government initiative that provides funding to help buy or renovate community assets) have been passed on to the Chapel. 4. A request was received from a resident to purchase a quantity of traffic cones to protect re-seeded verges and areas of the greens. It was considered that these could easily be removed or driven over and would not suffice as a deterrent. 5. The overgrown tree outside 31 Middle Street/Chapel has been reported on two separate counts. 1): obstructing the view for drivers entering and exiting Chapel Lane/pedestrians crossing Middle Street and 2): blocking light into the living space of the property. Work has been ordered by Highways but could take up to 3 months. 6. The overgrown towpath between Elton and Warmington locks has been reported to North Northamptonshire Council twice by the Clerk but with no response. It is possible that the NNC contact details are no longer correct. Clerk to pursue. 7. Clerk advised that the Council has been contacted by a reporter from the Peterborough Telegraph requesting comment on the danger of the A605/B671 junction in light of the recent change.org petition for road safety improvements. A statement will be prepared in response. 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>IR</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CLERK</p> <p>1. Clerk's report – notifications & updates for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Following the resignations of Cllrs Donoyou and Smith the 14-day period for electors to request a by-election to fill the vacancies has passed and these may be filled by co-option. A prospective candidate, Justin Hawkesford, attended the meeting and gave a brief statement of introduction. Clerk to send Good Councillor Guide and other documents to Mr Hawkesford. Voting on his co-option will take place in September. Another resident, who was unable to be present, has also indicated interest. ii. The new noticeboard has been delivered to the Clerk. Cllrs McCann and Ross to liaise with Clerk regarding installation. iii. Clerk requested that all councillors who have not yet done so, set up their .gov.uk email addresses without further delay, so that all communication can be moved over. iv. The council's insurance has been renewed with Community First, as the second year of a 3-year Long Term Agreement. v. The Anglian Water engineer's written report on the leak at Ailington Leas, Back Lane was passed on to the Parish Council by the resident to assist in pursuing remedial action from Cambridgeshire Highways. However, the report has been redacted and does not confirm what the inspector had expressed verbally. Clerk and Cllr Taylor to pursue. <p>Cllr McCann requested that the meeting be closed, having overrun until 21:40. All remaining business will be carried over to the next meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CLERK/KT</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</p> <p>Tuesday, 12th September 2023</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:40</p>	

DATE	CHQ No	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL
11/07/2023	102061	Highgate Hall	Room hire May	£20.00
11/07/2023	102062	Community First Trading	Annual insurance premium	£222.78
11/07/2023	102063	Ms K Rew	Clerk's salary June 23	£294.72
11/07/2023	102064	Ms K Rew	Clerk's expenses June 23	£29.40
11/07/2023	102065	SMV Contract Services Ltd	Grass cutting June x 2	£840.00
11/07/2023	102066	CPRE	Annual membership	£36.00
11/07/2023	102067	Elton Parish Council	Unity Trust Bank new account opening	£500.00