



## Minutes

### Meeting of the Parish Council

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm at Elford Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Payne (Chairman), Oakley, Herrmann, Delderfield, Turley, Robertson.

In attendance: Mrs Fitzpatrick (Clerk), thirteen members of the public, District Councillor Booker, High Sheriff Victoria Hawley.

#### Open Forum

The High Sheriff of Staffordshire, Victoria Hawley presented Dave Hill (Flood Warden) with an award in recognition of his great and valuable service to the community of Elford.

Residents raised the following:-

- That there was water coming off the public footpath (ROW 7) into a resident's garden, causing damage to the patio. The Parish Council agreed to report this to LDC **Action: Clerk**
- An update on the Tame View development and advised that they are still awaiting a report from LDC. DC Booker advised she would be attending a meeting with the CEO of LDC, at which she would be bringing the issues at Tame View to his attention.
- Concerns were raised with regards to vehicles using Eddie's Lane thinking they can gain access to Tame View, due to incorrect satnav information. The resident has updated Google maps and Apple maps and asked for the residents of Tame View to advise any drivers to go via The Shrubbery (especially emergency vehicles). The Tame View residents will put this information on their WhatsApp group. Cllr Payne suggested they use [www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com) (formation.walls.vibe).

- A representative of the Cricket Club advised that the work on the toilet facilities is due to commence w/c 19<sup>th</sup> March. Evidence of the works to be provided by the Cricket Club.
- Action: Clerk**

**33/24 To receive Apologies for Absence.**

None.

**34/24 To receive Declarations of Interests.**

None

**35/24 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

The draft Minutes were approved and signed.

**36/24 To receive an update from the Clerk.**

- Safety Camera Van – visited on the 24.02.24. One offence recorded.
- Elford Bridge – tree/debris reported to EA.
- Bus service – promoted via Facebook and website.
- Mobile library – link added Facebook and website.
- The Beck – clear gullies reported twice via Reportit (ref. 4365171/4376029).
- S106 application – further documents forwarded to LDC.
- Roadside milestone – damage reported to Highways

**37/24 To consider any Planning matters.**

24/00052/FUH Tithe Barn – planning application amended info consultation. Cllrs agreed no further objection.

**Resolved:** Approved

**38/24 To discuss the Sports Pavilion.**

An application for £6,000 from CIL monies was received from Elford Cricket Club for the repair of the drainage system. This met the criteria for CIL spending as it was infrastructure, improvements to the facilities. Cllrs agreed unanimously to this.

**Resolved:** Approved

**39/24 To discuss enhancement of the village.**

Cllr Herrmann discussed The Big Help Out (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June) and about organising a community event.

It was suggested to include the following:-

- A litter pick.

- Planting in the playground.
- Food (BBQ?).
- Remove old signage on pumping station.
- Tidy walkways.
- Planting flowers at the entrance to the village.

Cllr Herrmann to liaise with the Sports Club.

**Action: Cllr Herrmann**

Cllr Delderfield suggested an Elford village sign positioned at The Shrubbery entrance to the village. Cllr Payne reminded the PC that a sign would require permits. Cllr Delderfield agreed to take photos to send to Cllr Turley to investigate a sign.

**Action: Cllr Delderfield/Cllr Turley**

**40/24 To receive an update on the Shrubbery development.**

See Open Forum.

**41/24 To consider renewal of the Parish Council's insurance policy.**

The policy covers the Parish Council's requirements. The annual renewal was agreed.

**Resolved: Approved**

**42/24 To discuss activities for young people in the village.**

The activities for young people in the village were discussed eg. table tennis, the Sports Club, basketball (new equipment being purchased). Cllr Delderfield suggested a questionnaire.

**Action: Clerk**

**43/24 To consider the new website.**

Cllr Herrman confirmed that progress has been made on the new website. Cllr Herrmann requested the Dropbox link from Cllr Turley for the village photographs.

**Action: Cllr Turley**

**44/24 To discuss defibrillators.**

Tamworth Have a Heart to take over responsibility for the village hall defibrillator.

**Resolved: Approved**

**45/24 To receive Questions and Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Herrmann enquired as to a portrait of King Charles. The clerk advised that this is already on order.

Cllr Delderfield met with a representative of the village hall to discuss the use of the village hall carpark by parents taking their children to school. She will provide an update to the school.

**Action: Cllr Delderfield**

Cllr Turley advised that the resident approached by SCC re: Brickhouse Lane has asked if the Cricket Club was an option. Cllr Payne advised he would approach SCC Highways.

**Action: Cllr Payne**

Cllr Payne met with Staffordshire Highways in connection with the Section 50 application for the speed indicator device on the A513 regarding a suitable location. He is awaiting a list of contractors from SCC.

Cllr Payne suggested purchasing an additional solar panel for the speed indicator device. Cllr's agreed unanimously to this.

**Action: Cllr Payne**

**Resolved: Approved**

**46/24 To receive Correspondence.**

SPCA monthly bulletin – forwarded to PC.

Staffordshire Celebration of Possible 24 – forwarded to PC.

New resident – concerns re: flooding. Response by Cllr Oakley.

Monthly playground safety report - forwarded to PC.

**47/24 To receive a Financial Report.**

See appendix 1.

**Resolved: Approved**

**48/24 To consider authorising Schedule of Accounts for payment.**

Staff costs; salary, expenses, £558.30; A. Robey, handyman, £128.10; Village Hall, Post Office room hire, £70.75; Barry Wright, email storage increase £10.00; Gallaghers, insurance premium, £589.15; SLCC Clerk membership, £144.00  
Cllr Delderfield would authorise the payments.

**Resolved: Approved**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Meeting closed 9.35pm

## Appendix 1

### Financial Report March 2024

#### (a) Bank reconciliation –

		28/02/2024	Totals
BAL B/F	30,874.82	CURRENT	3,377.17
		DEPOSIT(playground)	8,092.69
		95 DAY NOTICE (CIL)	38,947.88
RECEIPTS	48,909.78	earmarked for CIL	
		38,947.88	
		earmarked for playground	
		8,092.69	
PAYMENTS	29,366.86		
TOTAL	<b>50,417.74</b>		<b>50,417.74</b>

(b) Scottish Power account for playground electricity is currently in credit.

(c) VAT reclaim submitted.