



Minutes of the Meeting of Elford Parish Council

Held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7pm at Elford Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Payne (Chair), Oakley, Herrmann, Delderfield

Guests In attendance: 0

Public in attendance: 8

Minute Taker & Clerk: Mrs K. Pritchard

Open Forum

Residents raised the following: -

- Awoingt Association – A letter of thanks was hand delivered to the Parish Council, expressing gratitude for the annual donation of £250. The French evening was well received. There is a possibility of a spring event
- Children’s playground – The playground requires maintenance. **ACTION:** Chair to organise a working party for a clean-up. **ACTION:** Clerk to email handyman to clear leaves and debris
- Tame View update – LDC have agreed to amend the height of the mud mountains, however an agreed height is still in discussion. **ACTION:** Cllr A. Payne to contact LDC for an update
- Cricket Club Kitchen – The Parish Council approve of the changes to the Cricket club Kitchen, funded via an FA grant, and as this is now a shared facility between the Cricket and Football clubs, the lease may need updating to reflect the same. **ACTION:** Cllr A. Payne to review the current lease
- Picnic Area – Motorhomes have been parking at the picnic area car park overnight. Resident to monitor usage and to feedback to Parish Council

128/24 To receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr P. Turley and Cllr H. Robertson sent their apologies to the Chair. District Councillor R. Holland emailed his apology to the Clerk.

129/24 To receive Declarations of Interests.

None.

130/24 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th September 2024.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2024, having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed as a correct record.

131/24 To receive an update from the Clerk.

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The Clerk report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED to approve a £20 donation for a defibrillator sign.

132/24 To consider any Planning matters.

Reference	Address	Details	Elford PC	LDC Decision
23/00289/FUL	2 Mere Pits Cottages Elford Road Elford Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9BE	Erection of a 2 bedroom detached holiday let and associated works	Comment submitted 23.06.23	Refused 10.08.23 Appeal Dismissed
24/00717/FUL	Home Farm Brickhouse Lane Elford Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DE	Retention of caravan for security personnel use for a temporary period	Comment submitted 15.07.24	Approved 01.10.24

133/24 Traffic calming.

The installation of the new speed indicator device on the A513 was acknowledged and it was RESOLVED to check the latest statistics of the speed indicator device on The Shrubbery. **ACTION:** Cllr A. Payne.

134/24 Village parking.

Parking issues on The Shrubbery, by the Church and the Village Hall were NOTED. **ACTION:** Cllr H. Hermann to discuss and encourage school parents' use of the picnic area parking with Mr. Wynn.

135/24 Village Defibrillators.

It was RESOLVED to notify residents of where the Elford defibrillators are in the village. **ACTION:** Clerk to post on the Elford News face book where the defibrillators are located.

136/24 Mease Valley Pipeline

It was RESOLVED to obtain more information on the pipeline progression. **ACTION:** Clerk to send Sarah Edwards and Severn Trent Water an email requesting more information.

137/24 Internal Audit.

Contents of internal audit report were NOTED and Clerk would address issues raised.

138/24 To receive questions and reports from Councillors

Cllr B. Delderfield - £645 collection for Stuart Bell memorial fund has been raised from residents. It was RESOLVED to purchase a planter tub for Croft Close by the Post Box. **ACTION:** Cllr B. Delderfield to price up a stone and a wood tub.

Cllr A. Payne - Cllr P. Turley has sourced a quote for tarmac to be laid on the path to Croft Close. Due to the cost, it was RESOLVED to search for lower cost improvements to create a more user-friendly path. **ACTION:** Cllr A. Payne.

139/24 To receive Correspondence

It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to purchase a £110 Water Rangers Kit starter kit.

140/24 Policies: To review Financial Regulations following NALC review 2024

It was RESOLVED to approve Financial Regulations.

141/24 HR Implications & Home Working Risk Assessment

The HR Implications were NOTED, and the homeworking risk assessment was signed.

142/24 To receive a Financial Report

The Financial Report was NOTED.

143/24 To review the draft budget 2025/2026

It was RESOLVED to remove the £500 Election costs and £500 Special events costs from the draft budget for 2025/26, in addition to removing the the £250 flood marker costs on the basis this could be funded from CIL monies if required. Draft budget to be reviewed again in November meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to review maintenance costs in 2024/25 and outline why it has gone above budget.

144/24 To consider authorising Schedule of Accounts for Payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments. Cllr A. Payne to authorise.

Staff costs; Salary, expenses, £539.05; A. Robey, Handyman, £59.35; Village Hall, Post Office room hire, £103.75; RW Harcombe, Grounds maintenance, £180.00; A.Cox, Ground maintenance – The Avenue, £90.00; Emily Wisler Florist, £50.00; Tamworth have a heart, £150.00; Scottish Power, £24.80; Nest, Pension (September 2024), £36.91.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 11th November 2024 at 7pm.

The date of next meeting was NOTED.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:38