



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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
<a href="#">23/00289/FUL</a>	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	<b>Refused</b> 10.08.23 <b>Appeal Dismissed</b>
<a href="#">24/00717/FUL</a>	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	<b>Approved</b> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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