

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2022 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr R Pinner (Chairman)
5 Parish Councillors
20 members of the public
County Councillor M Smith
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence.
SCDC – M Howell – personal
Mrs C Ellis
2. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting.
Resolved: That they be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Lines, 2nd Cllr Ellis) All in favour
3. Report of the Council.
Cllr Pinner read out the report of the Council. No questions were raised.
See Appendix A
Resolved: That the report be accepted. All in favour
4. Financial Report of the Council.
Clerk read out a report on behalf of the Council – See Appendix B
A resident questioned the “phenomenal” increase in the precept of 40%
Cllr Pinner replied stating that historically maintenance of the Parish assets had been done by volunteers. This was becoming increasingly difficult to sustain and legal requirements were making it even more complicated. In accepting that this would cause some pressure for some residents, Council therefore precepted for an increase to cover such works and maintain standards.
A second resident spoke to say that all departments contributing to the Council tax i.e., Police, Fire had increased, and that the Parish Council element provided good value.
As an example, Cllr Pinner spoke to say that he had recently looked at the cost of fencing that had increased by 40%.
In reply to a query on access to the financial statement, Cllr Pinner advised that the precept was set at the budget meeting in January which was open to members of the public and that the budget formed part of the minutes.
5. Eltisley Village Green Trust Report.
Clerk read out a report on behalf of the Eltisley Village Green Trust – See Appendix B
A resident raised the question on the total value of the trust which Councillor Pinner confirmed was as had just been read out.
6. Cade Management Committee Report.
Mrs J Herring read out the report as attached.
See Appendix C
7. Newton Primary School Report.
The attached report was read out.
See Appendix D.
Councillor Pinner confirmed he had a meeting arranged with the acting Head next week.

A resident raised a query on pupil numbers which was confirmed at 56 a decrease of 50%

Councillor Pinner stated that he hoped the rural exemption site of 12 homes would bring new families to the village.

8. Report from District Councillor.

None Received

9. Report from County Councillor.

CC M Smith advised she had been County Councillor for Eltisley for 17 years.

She commented that many Parishes had not been successful in securing candidates in the recent elections and that Eltisley were fortunate to have a working Council.

CCC is governed by a joint administration and operates a committee system.

Cllr Smith sits on Highways and Environment committees.

The Environment committee is promoting green initiatives including solar, repair cafes and planters.

A resident asked how CCC were dealing with the move to electric cars and the need for charging points when many properties do not have parking adjacent to homes.

A second resident asked about the procedure for pothole repairs and asked why the work could not be done properly.

Cllr Smith agreed to look into both matters.

A further question was raised over erosion of the Green. Cllr Pinner explained that the Parish Council has been working to secure weight restrictions but had been unsuccessful with the LHI BID.

Cllr Smith advised that the fund is open again in July and perhaps a meeting with highways may give ideas on how to improve the application.

10. Report from the local Police.

None Received

11. To receive questions relating to reports from the following local organisations / bodies

None

12. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.**

A resident asked when the bus shelter would be repaired.

A resident queried the mowing of the verges by contractors. Cllr Pinner explained that the Parish Council had secured funding from CCC to take this over and expectations are that 1 cut per month can be carried out as opposed to the 2 cuts per year currently done by CCC.

The resident advised of fly tipping and was advised that occurrences need reporting to SCDC, CCC and Environmental health

A resident spoke to say that he considered himself fortunate to live in the village and that he appreciated all the work of the volunteers and the Parish Council. He specifically wanted to thank Council for the efforts made to provide facilities for the children. The comment met with a resounding voice of agreement.

Cllr Pinner thanked everyone for attending.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.46 pm

Date

Chairman