

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs C Joseph (Chairman), Mrs W Burr, Mrs D E Holt, Mr C Mills

In Attendance: -

**Members of the
Public:** -

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Mr P Chichester, Mrs T A Owen, County Councillor Tom Wells and Mrs Simone Bullen

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Report from District and County Councillors

The County Councillor, Tom Wells, was not present and no report was available.

District Councillor Bronwen Behan provided the following report:

“There remains a delay in the publication of the SWDPR and the sign off now looks more likely to be July 2023.

Recent appeal responses indicate the our 5 Year land supply is sound.
In addition to the delay of key documents relating to development and infrastructure there is also a need for an additional 14,000 new dwellings by 2041

The Boundary Commission found overwhelming opposition to some of their proposals and the Ward boundaries have now been further revised and are out for a second consultation. The proposal here is to link Welland and Longdon Wards with two Councillors (one giant Ward).This consultation ends August 8th.

Changes to the delivery of NHS services occurred July 1st.

Herefordshire and Worcestershire now have an Integrated Care System to meet local health needs and to improve outcomes.

The new growth in housing across the areas of H&W will place more pressure on hospital care and options are being considered for better ways to deliver acute care to our residents.”

6. Report from the Parish Footpaths Officer

The Parish Footpaths Officer, Simone Bullen, was not present but she reported that there had been no significant developments.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Road Safety

The Chairman reported that progress was being made to install white gates on either side of the B4211, north and south of the school. The Reeves (i.e. the ‘owners’ of the ‘common’) had granted permission in principle. A site meeting was intended in order to decide the exact positions.

The Chairman then raised the matter of '20 is Plenty'. This is a campaign to make drivers aware of the importance of not exceeding 20 mph on certain roads, and to encourage the authorities to impose formal speed limits where appropriate. She would investigate further and report to the next meeting.

9. Defibrillator and Training

It was noted that the Parochial Church Council had indicated that it would refuse permission if a request were made by the Parish Council to place a defibrillator on or in the church, or on church grounds.

Councillors turned to considering other sites; one such possibility was the telephone kiosk at Mooredend but it would require the electricity supply to be reconnected. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the likely cost.

10. Parish Shed and Crockery

It was noted that although great care had been taken by individual councillors to sort and organise the crockery and cutlery, some borrowers had not responded by retuning the items in a similarly clean and sorted state.

Some of the boxes in use had proved themselves unsuited for the purpose intended and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that three new boxes be bought at a price not exceeding £70 (excluding VAT).

It was also reported that the boiler required repairs. Councillors considered the possibilities of scrapping the boiler, buying the new one or repairing the existing one and **RESOLVED** that the existing water boiler be repaired at a cost not exceeding £75.00 (excluding VAT)

11. Lengthsman

Council noted the report from the Clerk on the services provided by the Lengthsman for which invoices had been submitted as follows: May £248, June £248.

12. Information Commissioner

The Council noted that the registration fee payable to the Information Commissioner would become payable in August and **RESOLVED** that the fee of £40.00 be paid to the Information Commissioner on the due date.

13. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made for goods and services:

£132.93	J L Gabbott
£88.00	HMRC
£40.00	Information Commissioner
£496.00	Jeremy Moore (May £248; Jun £248)

14. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 27th September 2022, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at Eldersfield Lawn School.

15. Any other business

It was noted that the School had submitted an application for a grant, but that this had been received by the Clerk too late to be included in the Agenda.

The rally organisers had excluded Eldersfield from all stages of the rally, although rally cars might pass through the Parish but subject to the same highways legislation as any other vehicle.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

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