

Minutes of the Meeting of Ellesmere Town Council held on Monday, 2nd June, 2014 at 7.20pm at Ellesmere Town Hall.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke, The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Frost, Cllrs Mrs L Davies, Mrs S McMullan, I Ward, G Elner, B Knight and B Phillips.

In attendance: Mandy Evans, Town Clerk
Jo Butterworth, Assistant Clerk

Questions from the Public:

- (a) Meryl Jones, Ellesmere Rangers Football Club referred to a letter they have forwarded onto the Town Council asking if the Council would manage their project to improve the facilities at the Football Club as owners of the building and land and in a position to claim the VAT back.

42/14 To receive apologies and reason for absence. Cllr R Hartley, Cllr Mrs J Williams – holiday. Cllr Miss E Edwards – London. Cllr R Harrington – unwell. RESOLVED: to note.

43/14 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interest. To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. RESOLVED: to note.

44/14 Grant Dispensations. RESOLVED: to note none received.

45/14 Public Participation Session. RESOLVED: that the matter raised will be discussed under correspondence.

46/14 Police Matters. Community Support Officer (CSO), Tracey Walker attended the meeting. The Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke informed members that he would like it minuted that CSO Walker was on a rest day and thanked her very much for attending. CSO Walker reported that there had been a total of 6 crimes reported in May, 2014 (1 burglary, 1 public order and 4 minor assaults). The triathlon went well. The Carnival Committee have asked permission from Shropshire Council for the beer tent to stay open until 11pm on carnival day due to the music festival being held on the evening. CSO Walker informed members that there would be Police presence possibly up to midnight depending on resources and the carnival committee have organised their own security. RESOLVED: to note.

47/14 Shropshire Council Report. RESOLVED: to note Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley on annual leave.

48/14 Minutes. To read and confirm the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th May, 2014. (Attached). RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved, confirmed and signed as a true copy.

49/14 Meetings/Training Courses. Any reports from attended meetings during the last month. RESOLVED: to note no report.

50/14 Plans for Gas Drilling, Dudleston Heath – Dart Energy. The Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke commented that he would of thought that the Government would of completed the necessary checks before granting any permission. RESOLVED: to note.

51/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes.



- a) Progress Report – for consideration. (No Report). RESOLVED: to note.

52/14 Correspondence.

(a) Items for consideration (information items will be circulated at the meeting).

Criftins Tennis Club. Thank you letter. RESOLVED: to note.

Mr R Bennett. Letter regarding the adoption of Diksmuide Drive, Ellesmere thanking the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their help. RESOLVED: to note.

Promotion of the Mere Country Park – Greenspace Officer, (North), Shropshire Council would like to know the Town Councils opinions on signage to guide people to The Mere and suggested “Mere Country Park” or “The Mere Country Park”. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley has responded that she feels very strongly that the sign should show “The Cremorne Gardens”. RESOLVED: members all agreed unanimously that the sign should show “The Cremorne Gardens”.

Ellesmere Rangers Football Club. Letter dated 19th May, 2014 was read to members asking if it would be possible for the Town Council to oversee the financial side of the project for a new clubhouse to include a medical room and updating the shower facilities. The Clerk reported that she had asked the Internal Auditor for advice on this request and they suggested that the Town Council write to the HMRC with all the information regarding the project before committing to oversee the project. Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a response from the Football Club regarding any time scales.

Members of the Football Club replied that the Sport England funding would hopefully be decided by September, 2014 and hopefully funds will all be in place by December, 2014. The decision to approach the Town Council to oversee this project was made by the F.A. Regional Facilities Investment Manager.

Members agreed to resume Standing Orders to go back into council business.

RESOLVED: to write to the HMRC to give them all the information regarding the project. FURTHER RESOLVED: to write and inform Ellesmere Rangers Football Club of this decision.

(b) Correspondence Circulated during the month:

Health & Wellbeing E-News Special Edition – Dementia. RESOLVED: to note.

Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015 – 2020. Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service. RESOLVED: to forward on to Policy and Resources Committee.

SALC Information Bulletin – 16th May, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

Tree Removal at the Mere Country Park – Greenspace Officer, (North), Shropshire Council. Email received informing the Council that a number of mature and over mature beech trees at the top end of the woodland area at the Cremorne Gardens need to be felled. In addition a line of mature horse chestnut trees which run adjacent to the path from Cremorne Gardens to Penley Gate are looking tired and although no immediate work may be identified it is only a matter of time before these will need to be managed. Members are concerned regarding the woodland area and are concerned that Shropshire Council are quick to remove trees when they seem to have any problems and appear not to complete any remedial works, therefore would not like to make any comment at this stage. Members would like to invite a representative from Shropshire Council to attend a future meeting to discuss their policy, plans and the policy on replanting. RESOLVED: to invite a representative from Shropshire Council to a future meeting.

Crochet a Poppy Workshop – Ellesmere Library led by Annette Adams on Tuesday, 27th May, 2014 (2pm – 3pm). Poppies will be donated to the Royal British Legion to be sold on behalf of the Ellesmere War Memorial Cleaning Fund. RESOLVED: to note.

(c) Other Correspondence received after the Agenda being sent out.

Right to Build Enquiry. Confirmation received from Sue Thomas, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council that the Right to Build was referred to by Nick Bowles on the 19th March, 2014 however it is only a concept at the moment no legislation or guidance is currently available, so it is not known who will be responsible for making land available, Town Councils or the Local Planning Authority (Shropshire Council) and she has asked the Planning Department to keep her informed of any updates relating to this. RESOLVED: to forward this response onto the resident who enquired about this matter.

Archaeological Dig between Colemere and Ellesmere. Monday, 2nd June until Friday, 14th June, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

Application 14/00822/OUT – Outline application for residential development (up to 130 dwellings) Proposed Development Land South of The Hawthorns, Ellesmere, Shropshire. Letter forwarded on to Mark Perry, Planning, Shropshire Council from Nigel Thorns Planning Consultancy. Cllr I Ward informed members that a copy of the letter was received by Ellesmere Rural Parish Council who replied in support. Members agreed to: RESOLVED: write to Shropshire Council supporting the letter sent from Nigel Thorns Planning Consultancy. FURTHER RESOLVED: for Cllr I Ward to thank the Rural Parish Council for their support.

CCTV Code of Practice. Draft consultation 20th May, 2014 – 1st July, 2014. Members of the CCTV Committee have received copies of the consultation. RESOLVED: to forward to the CCTV Committee.

Tanat Valley – Route 449. (Oswestry – Ellesmere) – (Ellesmere – Oswestry). Monday to Saturday (no service on public holidays except Good Friday. Information available www.tanat.co.uk RESOLVED: to note.

Ellesmere Carnival – Saturday, 23rd August, 201. Organisers of the Ellesmere Carnival have approached Shropshire Council for permission to keep the beer tent in the Cremorne Gardens open until 11.00pm. Members agreed that: RESOLVED: they have no objection to this request.

Thank you card – Mrs B Harrington. Card received thanking members of the Town Council for flowers received recently and all the kind messages of support following a recent illness. RESOLVED: to note.

Connecting Shropshire bi-monthly update. Forwarded to all members. RESOLVED: to note.

Quotations – Staff Uniforms. Three quotations for staff uniforms have been received which were read to members. Members agreed to the quotation received from JamiQ's for £236.76. RESOLVED: to order the uniforms for caretaker/caretaker assistants.

53/14 Planning.

(a) Planning Application Decisions (for information only)

14/00912/FUL – Dinmore, Grange Road, Ellesmere SY12 9DH. Erection of single storey extension to include garage; alterations to include partial loft conversion; installation of roof lights to front elevation and dormer windows one with balcony to rear elevation; erection of single storey extension to rear; erection of replacement porch.

Decision: Grant Permission.

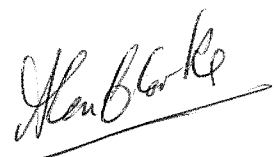
14/01136/FUL - The Firs, Elson, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9EX

Alterations and extensions to property, erection of detached garage block/workshop and formation of new vehicular access

Decision: Grant Permission

14/01201/FUL - Ellesmere Primary School, Elson Road, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9EU. Erection of classroom extension

Decision: Grant Permission



RESOLVED: to note all decisions.

(b) Planning Applications for consideration:

14/01913/P3JPA – 5 Ploughman’s Corner, Wharf Road, Ellesmere SY12 0EJ. Prior approval under Part 3 (Class J) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2013 for the change of use from office to dwelling.

RESOLVED: Ellesmere Town Council agrees to support this application however they do have concerns as the property is unable to offer the occupants any parking.

14/01912/P3JPA – 5 Ploughman’s Corner, Wharf Road, Ellesmere SY12 0EJ. Prior approval for a proposed change of use from office to dwelling. RESOLVED:

Ellesmere Town Council agrees to support this application however they do have concerns as the property is unable to offer the occupants any parking

14/02121/TCA – 4 St. John’s Close, Ellesmere SY12 0HL. Removal of one Ash Tree, removal of dead branches of one Cherry Tree and lop by a quarter one Holly Tree within Ellesmere Conservation Area. RESOLVED: members agreed that they had no objection to this planning application with no further comments.

14/02015/FUL – 1 Sparbridge, Ellesmere SY12 0AS. Erection of a single storey building to incorporate storage facility with studio/utility. RESOLVED: members agreed that they had no objection to this planning application with no further comments.

14/02107/FUL – Cemetery House, Swan Hill, Ellesmere SY12 0LZ. Change of use of from C3 (former wardens bungalow) to office accommodation and community use. RESOLVED: Ellesmere Town Council would like to support this application for the Wardens Bungalow in the Cremorne Gardens at Ellesmere Mere

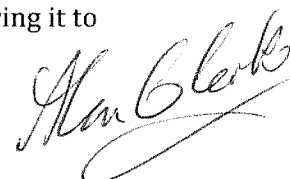
14/01777/FUL – Installation of a single wind turbine on East Side of Ellesmere Road, Tetchill, Shropshire. RESOLVED: that members would like their objection to this application to be known. The Town Council members are elected by the people of the town to act on their behalf and the local residents are strongly objecting to this application. Members do not feel that this wind turbine would be of any benefit to the community and will be seen from every point in the town. They have numerous concerns about the effects it will have on wildlife, the local water table, house prices and most importantly they have real concerns over the unknown adverse effects this turbine will present whilst being positioned in such close proximity to the local schools and college.

(c) To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the Agenda. (To be notified at Meeting).

14/02101/FUL – Veterinary Surgery, 12 Talbot Street, Ellesmere SY12 0HQ.

Enclosure of open frontage to create foyer. RESOLVED: members agreed that they had no objection to this planning application with no further comments.

54/14 Land rear of Berwyn View. Email received from the Housing Enabling Officer, Shropshire Council explaining that she had spoken to Highways about the possibility of the Town Council building houses on this land and about the problem of access to the area from Berwyn View who commented that they were not keen on the access for more than a couple of properties and thinks that the road is owned by Severn Trent as an access to the sewage plant which would mean limited access rights over the road. With the width and the tight bend Highways have said that the road would need to be widened which would mean acquiring land off both Lakelands Academy and Severn Trent. A suggestion was that it may be worth looking into whether Lakelands Academy would like to purchase the land especially as they are expanding. Members discussed the feasibility to develop this land for housing with a fall back of offering it to



Lakelands Academy if building houses would not be possible. Cllr I Ward commented that the Severn Trent access is being re-routed from the new development. RESOLVED: to write to find out if it would be feasible to access any new houses on this land from the new development.

55/14 Centenary World War I. Following the Task and Finish meeting held on: 28th April, 2014 it was agreed to look at placing a plaque on the Town Hall. The design of the plaque would be: the Menin Gate with a tank, plane and naval ship to represent all the forces with the writing "Lest We Forget". Designs are currently being drawn up. RESOLVED: to note.

56/14 Armed Forces Day, Saturday 28th June, 2014. (10.00am – Ellesmere Town Hall). The Royal British Legion – Ellesmere Branch are having a WWI display in the Market Hall on this day which will include paintings from the Qube in Oswestry and memorabilia from Park Hall Farm, Oswestry. RESOLVED: to note.

57/14 Payments for April, 2014 to be approved and confirmed. RESOLVED: that the payments were approved, confirmed and signed as a true copy.

58/14 Risk Assessment Policy. To consider and amend as necessary. RESOLVED: to note.

59/14 Date of next meeting – Monday, 7th July, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

60/14 Exclusion of Press and Public. That by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts. Exempt Minutes will be kept. RESOLVED: to note.

