ELVEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Elveden Parish Council held on Wednesday, 20th May 2015, in Elveden Estate Office at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Ian Robertson (Chair), Cllrs Rebecca Younge, Colleen Billing, David Wood, David Farrell, James Holliday, Reg Silvester and Christine Mason.

1. APOLOGIES There were none.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Ian Robertson was nominated (R.Y., D.F.) and elected unanimously. Cllr Robertson signed the declaration of acceptance. As an election had been held on 7th May, all other councillors signed their declarations of acceptance. The Chairman welcomed new councillor James Holliday to the parish council.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 14th January 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record. (R.Y.,C.P.)

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman had been active in trying to get the post box at the crossroads reinstated.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

PCSO Suzanne Ashford was present and dealt with some of the raised issues. There had been a number of thefts from parked cars in the forest car parks and issues with motorbikes also in the forest. A speed survey had resulted in a high level of speeding being recorded on the B1106 and the old A11. Consequently a mobile speed camera would be deployed in the future, although it was not known when. It was noted that S.I.D. (Speed Indication Device) had been requested repeatedly, but as yet to no avail.

6. REPORTS

Due to the elections, there was nothing new to report, but it was noted that:

(a) Suffolk County Council – Cllr Silvester was now both a county councillor and a district councillor.

(b) Forest Heath District Council – The council welcomed Cllr Christine Mason as a new district councillor attendee to the council.

7. A11 UPDATE AND ROAD AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

The Chairman updated the council on various road flooding issues, particularly on the B1106. Unfortunately, repeated attempts to gain a response from Highways had proved fruitless so far. Tree planting around the new A11 was almost complete, although there would be a programme of replacement planting for any losses for some time to come.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

**SE/14/2337** Variation of conditions – Excavation of agricultural land for the extraction of up to 400,000 tonnes of aggregates – North Farm. A site visit by the country council was planned for 5th June before a final decision was made.

**DC/15/0909/TE1** Installation of replacement radio telephone apparatus – the Gap. The council had no objections of this proposal. **The Clerk** would respond.

9. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk had applied and been accepted for a free website from One Suffolk and this was currently under construction.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Audit and accounts for year 2014/2015 – the council agreed and signed the audit form and audit statements for year 2014/2015. (R.Y., I.R.)

Cheques to be signed. The following cheques were signed: T & B Blasting Services Ltd., £84.00 (bench ends). SALC, £123.00 (annual subscription). Mrs D Dunning, £30.00 (internal audit). Mrs C Youngs, £150 (clerk Jan/Feb/Mar), £150.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk reported that the parish council was registered and up to date with new pension legislation requirements.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 15th July 2015 and then Wednesday, 16th September 2015.