ELVEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Elveden Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9th July 2014, in Elveden Estate Office at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Ian Robertson (Chair), Cllrs Rebecca Younge, Colleen Billing, David Wood and David Farrell.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Reg Silvester and Cllr Bill Bishop.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 28th May 2014, were agreed and signed as a true record. (R.Y., I.R.)

3. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Wood thanked Cllr Silvester for contributing from his locality budget towards the purchase of a second-hand mower for the Cricket Club.

Cllr Robertson had been in contact with the Post Office and reported that the Redneck post box would not be replaced. There was a possibility that Elveden Post Office would move to the old police house, and consequently, the replacement of the other post box would be delayed or abandoned depending on the ultimate location of the post office.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

A/Sgt McNamara was in attendance and reported that since 1st April, there had been 22 recorded crimes, but only 6 were in direct relation to Elveden. The same period last year say 37 crimes recorded, of which only 2 were directly relevant. The rest related to Centre Parcs. Of the “relevant crimes over the period, 2 related to the A11 works. There were also 2 incidences of criminal damage relating to the Cricket Pavilion where nets were purposely cut and a window smashed, resulting in £1,000 worth of damage.

5. REPORTS

(a) Suffolk County Council – Cllr Sylvester was unable to attend.

(b) Forest Heath District Council – Cllr Bishop was unable to attend.

6. A11 UPDATE AND ROAD AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

Vibration from machinery had been a major problem for residents whilst the works were ongoing. The original traffic lights were due to be removed shortly and the date for opening both carriageways of the A11 was currently scheduled for 19th September.

7. PLANNING – Solar array at Barnham

The council had no objections to habitat loss mitigation measures at Lakenheath – namely the felling of trees on the reserve to create a better habitat for stone curlews displaced by the building of the solar array at its proposed location in Barnham parish.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were signed: Mrs C Youngs, for £150 (clerk Apr/May/Jun) and Community Action Suffolk (formally SALC) for membership fees of £30.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bishop had raised the issue of a WWII VC holder who was born in Elveden being added to the names on Elveden War memorial. Unfortunately, there was no room on the memorial. The possibility of a plaque in the church was considered. Cllr Robertson would make enquiries.

10. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Wednesday,17th September 2014.