ELVEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Elveden Parish Council held on Wednesday, 19th October 2016, in Elveden Estate Office at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Rebecca Younge, James Holliday, David Wood and Reg Silvester.

1. APOLOGIES

 Cllrs Christine Mason and David Farrell.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

 Since the last meeting, Cllr Robertson had decided to retire and had resigned his office. The council expressed their thanks to Cllr Robertson for his many years of service to Elveden. The Clerk called for nominations for the Chair. Cllr Holliday was nominated (R.Y.), seconded (D.W.) and duly elected. The new Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 20th July 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record. (R.Y., D.W.)

4. MATTERS ARISING

The benches on the sports field had been refurbished by Cllr Robertson.

5. REPORTS

(a) Suffolk County Council – Cllr Silvester reported to the council the current devolution proposals, involving a potential 240,000 new houses in the region and changes to funding from the government.

(b) Forest Heath District Council – Cllr Mason was not present.

6. CLERKS REPORT

Due to the requirements of the Transparency Act, SALC would cease to provide a free website service to parish councils. The running of parish websites of parish councils that fell within the Act was to be taken over by CAS. This would incur an annual charge of £50 + VAT. The option to opt out and find another provider had been considered, but was rejected.

The Clerk had obtained an agreement in principle to use the village hall for future meetings, if the estate office was no longer available due to the departure of Cllr Robertson. **Cllr Holliday** kindly agreed to arrange the future use of the estate office. Other Cllrs agreed that this venue had many advantages.

7. VILLAGE SIGN

A number of suggestions and some splendid designs had been received from residents for the proposed village sign. **Cllr Holliday** would try to progress this matter with Lord Iveagh.

8. ANY PLANNING ISSUES

There were none.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Audit – The audit had been successfully completed and no charges had been incurred.

Payments - Two cheques were signed: Business Services @ CAS (annual insurance) £191.07 and Mrs C Youngs (Clerk Jul-Aug-Sep) £150.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further information had been received about the potential MUGA (multi-use games area) at the school.

The Parish Council was currently short of councillors – the **Clerk** would advertise.

 Items for the next agenda (i) Flashing Speed Indicator Sign (ii) Post Boxes in Elveden (iii) Bus shelter

11. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set at Wednesday, 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Elveden Estate Office.