

Monks Eleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th July 2022 at Monks Eleigh Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Newton (Chairman), Patti Derry (Vice-Chairman), Alan Braithwaite, and Elizabeth Evans
District Cllr Bryn Hurren

Attending: Lucinda Rogers (Clerk) and 38 members of the public

139/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Victoria Keitley-Webb – harvest; Angela Forrest and Will Sykes– family event

140/22 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Braithwaite – re item on donations as Chairman of Sudbury CAB

Cllr Newton – re item on donations as member of the village shop committee

141/22 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2022

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

142/22 Report from District Cllr Bryn Hurren

Babergh currently experiencing high absenteeism due to covid. Staff are able to choose whether to work from home or the office and this is working well. The leisure centres in Sudbury and Hadleigh have a summer programme with swimming, cooking, football, woodwork and other activities at low cost to participants. Bryn will forward the press release so Cllr Braithwaite can put on Facebook. Next May are full elections for both District and Parish councils – democracy is built from the bottom up so this your opportunity to take part. Judicial review turned down the development of 64houses in Boxford. There is little room for the increasing traffic and now the shops are suffering as it's so difficult to park. The planning appeal for the gypsy site was upheld on the basis that Babergh does not have a plan for a gypsy site in the district so awarded on those grounds. Bryn has arranged visits to the energy from waste site at Gt Blakenham 13 September at 10am or 20 September 2pm and two people from the parish council can go. No black bin refuse goes to landfill and it is all turned into energy at the site and generates electricity. The CAB's are very busy with three times more work than normal. There is a Jubilee Fund for Village halls – ask Bryn. The Old School site development is stuck. The developer has run out of money and it is not Babergh's responsibility to help out but they are trying to help resolve the situation. The developer has not paid any CIL money. Five are to be bought by Babergh as social housing but it's very difficult to negotiate any resolution. Babergh is paid £1,800 for each new house built in the district and £350 for any social houses and has to build 416 each year to comply with government targets.

143/22 Public Forum

What are planning grounds for refusal? Does the parish council read the public comments on the planning portal? The development at Hamplings is not in keeping with the conservation area and will dominate as set on a slope. Concern about the difference in height of the pavement and new driveway for pedestrian. Some two years ago, two of the parish councillors were approached by the owners of this site

to discuss planning procedure : no detailed plans had been prepared at that time. People can obtain planning permission for a site and then sell it on. Sections of the ecology report have been redacted. Feeling the application is opaque, not honest and a need for more information. Want transparency. Unsure of its impact on the village with the other 17 houses. Concerns about the access to the site. Support given to the application – a small village with an ageing population, few amenities and the need for more people for the village's long term viability so should be given serious consideration. Concerns about sewerage along that stretch of road and puddle there when wet. Babergh has a five year land supply. Concern about its impact on the setting. No Neighbourhood Plan for Monks Eleigh and maybe there should be. The heritage orchards planted in 2004 has no protected status. It will compromise a valuable and ancient footpath dating back to at least 14th century. Hamplings was the hempland and is where the 5 houses are proposed. The large bungalow is ugly, too large and not in keeping. The access way should be moved away from the public footpath leading to the church with individual driveways from The Street to the houses in keeping with the adjacent houses. The parish council do not make the decision and are only consultees.

144/22 Planning Matters

- a. The councillors considered planning application - DC/22/03432 – Erection of 6no dwellings, creation of vehicular access including associated landscaping and parking at Land to the North of The Street, Monks Eleigh and agreed to support the application with no objection in principle as there is a need for younger families in the ageing village to support the shop, pub, church, bus and village hall. The infill is inevitable. The Hamplings footpath needs to be protected the entire length to the pavement. However, they strongly object to the bungalow design as it is too large for the site and is not in keeping with other houses in the Conservation Area. They have concerns about the sewerage difficulties and road access. The location of the access using the public footpath from Hamplings to the church was raised as a concern.
- b. The councillors considered the application for works to trees -- DC/22/03282 – Church Cottage, Church Hill and have no comments.
- c. Planning permission granted DC/22/02400 – Construct 1.8m high brick wall from outbuilding corner across to main house along line of boundary. Bricks used will match both the existing wall and property at 1 The Alley Listed + building application DC/22/02401 same
- d. Babergh does not wish to object to Application for works to trees -- DC/22/03145 – Branford House, The Street (12.7.22)
- e. Planning permission granted DC/22/01819 – Erection of Victorian style greenhouse at Rushbrooks, The Street
- f. Babergh does not wish to object to Application for works to trees -- DC/22/02871 – 3 Lion Yard, The Street
- g. Planning Appeal APP/D305/W/20/3256118 – The appeal is allowed and planning permission granted for change of use to make one gypsy/traveller family pitch (1 mobile home, 2 touring caravans and one dayroom at Land north of Second Pits, Highlands Road

144/22 Finance

- a. The councillors approved the financial report and noted income received
- b. The councillors authorised payments from the RFO Report made since the last meeting and to be made
- c. Further local donations for 2022-23 agreed were: MESCAL £500 (Cllr Newton declared an interest), Sudbury CAB £250 (Cllr Braithwaite declared an interest).
- d. The councillors agreed to have an annual play area inspection at a cost of £70. Gaps have appeared in the rubber matting below the swings and slide – agreed to ask clerk for a quote from Mortimers for repair

145/22 Street Lights Upgrade to LED

The Councillors agreed to accept the quote of £7,374.50 quote to replace street lights with LED lamps. Agreed to use the CIL monies received to pay for the work. Clerk to arrange work

146/22 Footbridge at Polegate

The councillors agreed to ask for a further quote for the repair work. Cllr Braithwaite to give details of contractor to Clerk

147/22 Recreation Field Management

The Councillors agreed to wait until the September meeting to discuss having a power wash but concerns were raised that perhaps it had damaged the rubber matting below the equipment. Upgrade to play equipment – replacement of climber and installation of a zip wire. This will cost approximately £34,000. The initial CIL bid has been accepted and a meeting to discuss further this week. Also agreed to apply to Babergh for a Communities Grant. Clerk to proceed. Cllr Braithwaite to inform Clerk of funds to add to the application and to use Facebook to find out the number of children in the village.

148/22 Quiet Lanes

The posts have been installed. Cllr Forrest still waiting for the signs to be available.

149/22 Parish Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflower Scheme 2022 – the Councillors agreed to make an application for the village. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Forrest.

150/22 Speedwatch

SID and CSW summary – July 2022 for MEPC from Chris Eames

SID - Speed Indicating Device

Summary table

	2018/19 Average	2020 Average	2021 Average	Jan – Feb 2022	May – July 2022
Average Speed	29.4 mph	29.8 mph	28.9 mph	28.8 mph	29.0 mph
Maximum speed	75 mph	70 mph	80 mph	65 mph	80 mph
		At 21:20 from Lavenham	At 19:00 from Lavenham on 9-09-21	At 04:55 from Lavenham on 3-01- 2022	At 22:40 from Lavenham on 11-07-2022
85 % percentile	34.4 mph	35.2 mph	33.8 mph	33.6 mph	34.0 mph

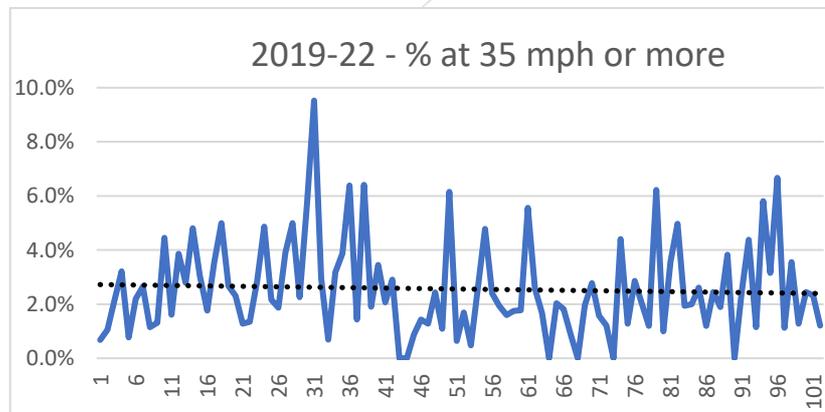
% Speeders from Lavenham	14.2 %	17.4 %	12.9 %	12.7 %	11.8%
% Speeders from the East	8.2 %	11.2 %	5.9 %	5.3 %	6.3%
Average Vehicles per day in one direction	1,852	1,106	1,774	1,563	1,705

Note: A speeder is someone travelling at 35 mph or more

- Small increase in average speed and 85 % percentile in latest period compared to previous periods, except for vehicles coming from Lavenham probably due to the builders' vehicles parked on the road by "Monks Cottage".

CSW - Community Speed Watch

- 32 x 1 hour sessions carried out in 2022 to date
- 6,653 vehicles monitored in 2022 to date (i.e. number of drivers reminded of the speed limit)
- Overall Average speeders in 2019-2022 = 2.4 %,
- Average speeders in 2022 = 2.6%



- No lorries caught speeding
- 12 active members of Monks Eleigh CSW team

➤ **Conclusion:**

- SID indicates more speeders than CSW, so CSW does change behaviour!

151/22 Trees at Swingleton Green

Cllr Braithwaite will discuss the work further with Suffolk Tree Services.

The repair work to the triangle will be carried out in the late autumn so the grass seed can grow

It was agreed to pay £50 for the strimming work along the Causeway. It will be cut by SCC mid-August. It was agreed to use the same contractor to keep the footpath clear throughout the year as and when needed. Cllr Braithwaite suggested the channels need digging out this year – to be raised at September meeting.

152/22 Land Registry – Village Green at Church Hill

The Clerk was pleased to inform the Councillors that the Land Registry has registered the parish council as owners of Church Hill village green

153/22 Action List Review

Minute	Action	Who
49/21	Grass cutting risk assessment for volunteers. Clerk to email form to Cllr Sykes	Clerk/Cllr Sykes
86/21	Families in need bursary – Cllrs Derry & Braithwaite to meet with Rev Birt to discuss	Cllrs Braithwaite/Derry
108/21	Quote to power wash the MUGA – September meeting	Clerk
112/21	Request removal of stile on Back Lane to Stackyard Green footpath Cllr Forrest to check	Clerk/Cllr Forrest
115/21	Place larger logs with reflectors on triangle at Causeway	Cllr Braithwaite
118/21	Request locality funding to build a raised flowerbed on triangle at top of Church Hill village green	Clerk
146/22	Quote to repair footbridge at Polegate– request second quote for work	Clerk
147/22	Aerial runway/climber – quotes for work and grant application. Amount pc can add to the application and a post on Facebook to discover number of children living in the village	Clerk/Cllr Braithwaite
149/22	Parish tree, hedge & wildflower scheme – make an application	Clerk/Cllr Forrest
154/22	Acknowledgement letter to Vivienne Aldous for her new book	Clerk

154/22 Councillors Reports

It was agreed for the parish council to write to thank Vivienne Aldous and to acknowledge her work for the village through her new book Monks Eleigh Manorial Records 1210-1683.

Cllr Derry attended the Enhanced Bus Partnership meeting about bus shelters and bus stops. Cllr Forrest to attend the next one

138/21 Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 26th September 2022

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Appendix - Financial Report

Income received since 23rd May 2022

Nil	£0.00
Total	£0.00

Expenditure (movement since 23th May 2022)

Schedule of verified invoices agreed for payment

A Forrest	Jubilee refreshments	90.00	LGA 1972
MEVH	Donation	2,750.00	LGA 1972, s137
MESCAL	Donation	200.00	LGA 1972, s137
St Peters	Donation	350.00	LGA 1972, s137
A Braithwaite	Traffic cones	162.00	LGA 1972
Chapple signs	No dogs signs	37.51	Open Spaces Act 1906
A Braithwaite	Mirror	45.43	LGA 1972
Babergh DC	Bin emptying	297.86	Open Spaces Act 1906
Tye Farm Contracting	May grass cuts	278.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
L Rogers	Clerk wages June	473.41	LGA 1972
Information Commissioner subs		40.00	LGA 1972, s111
Tye Farm Contracting	June grass cuts	278.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
L Rogers	Clerks wages July	473.41	LGA 1972
L Rogers	Clerk expenses May-June	29.80	LGA 1972, s111
		<u>£5,505.42</u>	

Unpresented cheques

MESCAL	Donation	200.00	LGA 1972, s137
Chapple signs	No dogs signs	37.51	Open Spaces Act 1906
Tye Farm Contracting	May grass cuts	278.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
Information Commissioner subs		40.00	LGA 1972, s111
Tye Farm Contracting	June grass cuts	278.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
L Rogers	Clerks wages July	473.41	LGA 1972
L Rogers	Clerk expenses May-June	29.80	LGA 1972, s111
		<u>£1,336.72</u>	

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques
Community a/c	30.6.22	£32,884.57	£36,653.27	£0.00	£1,336.72
Business reserve	30.6.22	£8,894.56	£8,893.89	£0.00	£0.00
		£41,779.13	£40,441.74		