

# Monks Eleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th June 2025 at the Village Hall, Church Hill, Monks Eleigh at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Alan Braithwaite (Chairman), Angela Forrest, Sarah Bennett, James Hodges, Stephen Penney and Rupert Perry.

District Councillor Bryn Hurren

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

## **1/25 Apologies for Absence**

None

## **2/25 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

Cllr Braithwaite declared an interest in agenda item 4. It was agreed that he would continue to Chair the meeting but would not comment or vote on the planning application.

## **3/25 Public Forum**

The spokesperson for the planning applicant explained he would be moving and wanted to apply for planning permission in the building plot to the side of his house and was suggesting a pair of semi-detached houses might be a good fit between the existing houses.

## **4/25 Planning**

DC/25/02057 Full Planning Application - Erection of 2No. Dwellings Location: Land at 3 Swingleton Hill, Monks Eleigh – The Councillors agreed to object to the application for the following reasons:

- Loss of outlook for the adjacent houses – lower houses or a bungalow would have a softer impact, especially for the houses opposite the site
- The density of two houses on the site is very high
- Highway safety – there will be more vehicles entering/exiting on a narrow steep hill with limited visibility
- The impact of the houses on the character/street view of the area within a Conservation area
- It was noted that Monks Eleigh Parish Council are not necessarily averse to development on the site and would encourage the applicant to explore other possibilities which would satisfy all parties

**5/25 Gateway to Monks Eleigh Playing Field** – the Councillors agreed to replace the rotten fence on the right-hand side of the entrance at a cost of £260

**6/25 Sub Committee for A1141 Improvements** - the Councillors agreed to form a Working Group to explore ways of improving pedestrian safety on the A1141 especially by the United Reformed Church. The terms of Reference were agreed and are in appendix 1.

**7/25 Other Matters Raised** – It was agreed to ask Ed Seeley to cut back vegetation along the Causeway at a cost of £90

## **8/25 Date of the Next Meeting**

Parish Council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

## **Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for Working Group for A1141 Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

### **Duties of the working group**

- The working group is charged with the consideration, discussion and development of practical solutions to the issue of pedestrian safety, traffic speed and carriageway capacity on the western end of Monks Eleigh Street through to Church Hill. (A1141)
- The group is required to bring forward costed proposals for one or more options, having first discussed and agreed their feasibility with the relevant highway and local government authorities.
- The group is then required to present the options and their preferred recommendation to the full Parish Council

### **Formation and Membership**

- By agreeing these terms of reference, the Parish Council authorises the formation of the working group.
- Membership shall be drawn from parishioners of Monks Eleigh only and include at least 3 people from the affected houses
- The group shall have a minimum of 5 members and no more than 8
- The group shall appoint its own chair and vice chair
- The Parish Council may terminate the efforts of the group at any time by majority vote

### **Powers and obligations**

- The group shall report in written form on its progress and issues to the bi-monthly meetings of the council
- The group may request the council for financial support, should that be deemed necessary.

By order of the council 04/06/2025