ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of full Council held on
Thursday 1st October 2026 beginning 7.30pm
at The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH

Present: Cllrs Barker, Burch, Edmonds, Hancock, Mansel, Pallett (Chairman), Roots, Schofield, Shaw, Sparks
Attending: 32 members of the public
Cllr Overett, MSDC

26.10.01 **Noted:**
There were no apologies for absence.

26.10.02. **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
To authorise Councillor Schofield to take the official minutes of the meeting.
Seconded Cllr Shaw

Proposal carried

26.10.03 **Noted:**
Cllrs Edmonds and Mansel declared a personal interest in agenda item 26.10.10 as they were near neighbours to the land in question.

26.10.04 **Noted:**
Kevin Sutterby was declared duly elected following a ballot of councillors, overseen by DC Overett.

26.10.05 **Noted:**
There was no correspondence to the meeting

26.10.06 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions on matters relevant to the business of this meeting were invited:
6.1 The Chairman confirmed, in response to a question, that all accounts from July to September inclusive would be presented at the next ordinary meeting of Council.
6.2 The Chairman confirmed, in response to a question, that it would not be possible for members of the public to attend the closed session due to the personal and confidential nature of the discussions to be had.
6.3 The Chairman confirmed, in response to a question, that the information necessitating a planning application for the play area at Crown Mill would be made public during the next agenda item.
6.4 The meeting heard from a member of the public about their opinions as to why the decision taken at the Council's July meeting to install play equipment at Crown Mill should not be reversed.

26.10.07 **Proposal: Cllrs Pallett, Schofield, Shaw & Barker;**
That in view of new information received concerning planning requirements for the proposed play garden on Council land, opposite Crabtree Meadow, Elmswell Parish Council (EPC) reverses its decision, taken at the July ordinary meeting, to purchase and install toddler-specific play equipment on that site; further, that it will proceed with the environmental improvements on the site, to the sum of £2,500, as agreed by Council, subject to further consultation with local residents.

Amendment proposed by Cllr Mansel, to add the following words immediately after 'on that site', only following any refusal of planning permission.
Seconded Cllr Hancock

Amendment fell
Substantive proposal carried
Cllr Schofield was authorised to engage with Kompan ltd to resolve the order situation

26.10.08 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
That this Council subscribes to membership of SALC for a sum not to exceed £400p.

Amendment proposed by Cllr Barker to delete all the words after SALC.
Seconded Cllr Sparks

Amendment carried
Substantive proposal carried

26.10.09 **Proposal: Cllr Pallett;**
That this council engages SALC to assist with a temporary or locum clerk and to further assist with the appointment of a permanent Clerk/Responsible Officer
Seconded Cllr Barker

Substantive proposal carried

26.10.10 **Noted:**
The following Planning application as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council:
DC/26/03492
Application for permission in Principle – Residential development comprising between 1 and 9 self-build and custom-build dwellings
Land at the corner of Ashfield Road and Grove Lane
Councillors agreed to object to this application

26.10.11 **Resolved:**
That Cllr Schofield makes known the Council's comments on the Planning application on this Agenda to the Chief Planning Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council.

26.10.12 Noted:
The following other Planning business:
12.1 **DC25/03123 – Blackbourne Meadow Playing Field**
Councillors agreed to withdraw this planning application in view of the emerging ecological issues with this scheme, in respect of cost and timing and to re-evaluate its requirements for it in the New Year and that Cllr Schofield be authorised to make this decision known to MSDC.

26.10.13 **Noted:**
The following further business for information or to be noted:
13.1 Cllr Mansel asked whether a travel survey could be carried out. It was agreed that this would be placed on a future agenda.
13.2 Cllr Schofield raised the issue of overflowing dog bins and agreed to provide Cllr Mansel with further information so the issue could be raised with Mid Suffolk Public Realm.
13.3 Cllr Schofield noted that there was a forthcoming presentation on the new NPPF by MSDC on 19th October.

26.10.14 **Noted:**
That the next Ordinary Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 19th October at 7.30pm.

26.10.15 **Resolved:**
That, in view of the commercial and confidential nature of subsequent agenda items, the Press and public be required to withdraw from the meeting.

The public left the Meeting

26.10.16 **Noted:**
Councillors discussed confidential staff matters relating to the management of Elmswell Parish Council.

26.10.17 **Noted:**
Councillors discussed confidential staff matters relating to the management of Elmswell Tavern.

26.10.18 **Resolved:**
That the meeting be re-opened to the Press and public.

26.10.19 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 10.47pm.