MINUTES OF ELDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2024

**Attendance:** **Councillors: Gibson, Anderson, Pennington**
**County Councillor: Townsend**
**Public Participation: 1**
**Clerk: J Linsley**

| Item No. | | Ref |
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| 1. | **Welcome & Introductions, including Filming & Audio Recording Statement**<br><br>It was noted that at this meeting the Clerk made written notes for the purpose of producing an accurate account of the minutes<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D078/24 |
| 2. | **Apologies, acceptance or otherwise**<br><br>Apologies received from Cllr. Henry<br><br>**Resolved:** Apologies accepted | D079/24 |
| 3. | **Disclosure of Interests, pecuniary or personnel**<br><br>**Resolved:** None | D080/24 |
| 4. | **Any Applications for Dispensations**<br><br>**Resolved:** None | D081/24 |
| 5. | **Minutes**<br><br>The minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May & 27th June 2024 were approved by Cllr's Gibson & Anderson.<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D082/24 |
| 6. | **Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour**<br><br>There were no reports received from the Police.<br><br>A report of children using catapults in the village and causing damage to property was highlighted by Cllr's Pennington & Anderson, a local resident had reported the matter to the police.<br><br>There had also been incidents of fires being lit in wooded areas.<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D083/24 |

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| **7.** | **Questions – to deal with any issues raised by member of the public**<br><br>**a. Hedgerows and footpaths**<br><br>There are a number of footpaths and hedgerows which are impassable. The clerk reported that a number of matters had been reported online following complaints seen on the Shildon FB Page. Cllr. Anderson advised that hedges on Mr G Dents Land were overgrown.<br><br>**Resolved:**<br>The clerk is to write to Mr Dent asking for the hedgerows to be trimmed. | D084/24 |
| **8.** | **Reports**<br><br>**a. From representatives on Outside Bodies or attending Outside Bodies**<br><br>There were no reports received.<br><br>**b. From County Councillors**<br><br>Cllr Townsend commented on the new Labour Government and the political promises made in the election campaign in terms of public transport, she said it would be interesting to see what improvements a new government would bring to improve the local area.<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D085/24 |
| **9.** | **Eldon Community Partnership Updates**<br><br>**a. Summer Fayre**<br><br>The event was held on Saturday 20th July, the event raised circa £400 after costs.<br>**b. Summer Holiday & Activities**<br><br>The upcoming events are on 30/7 & 15/8<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D086/24 |
| **10.** | **Bishop Auckland & Shildon Area Action Partnership Issues**<br><br>**a.** Discuss any future projects and funding available<br><br>**Resolved: Nothing to discuss** | D087/24 |
| **11.** | **Correspondence/Documents Received**<br><br>**1.** Complaint re Pastures Row<br><br>The Clerk advised that there had been a complaint regarding a property which frequently omitted the smell of illegal drugs and the unlicensed waste trader and the unsafe storage of scrap metal and their flytipping. | D088/24 |

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| | The clerk reported both matters to DCC and the Police and is awaiting further updates.<br><br>**2.** AAP Boundaries<br><br>DCC advised that the AAP boundaries were still under discussion, however it was inevitable that there would be a reduction in funds available.<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | |
| **12.** | **Planning Matters**<br><br>**a.** Eldon Bank Farm – Agricultural Building Retrospective Planning Application DM/24/01777/FPA<br><br>A comment of No Objection was put on the planning portal<br><br>**b.** Bungalows opposite Office Row - Appeal APP/X1355/W/24/3344800<br><br>Mr Downey had thanked the Parish for their positive comments on the Planning Inspectorate Portal for the ongoing appeal.<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D089/24 |
| **13.** | **Update On Target Hardening**<br><br>**a.** Project update<br><br>There are two stone and the metal posts still to be installed. So far the target hardening was proving effective in preventing quads and motorbikes entering the village.<br><br>**Resolved:** Noted | D090/24 |
| **14.** | **Land and Environmental Issues**<br><br>**a.** overgrown verges and footpaths<br><br>refer to D084/24 | D091/24 |
| **15.** | **Application for Grants & Donations**<br><br>To consider any applications for grants or donations.<br><br>**Resolved:**<br>Nothing to discuss | D092/24 |
| **16.** | **Applications for Co-opted Councillor**<br><br>**a.** To consider applications for the vacancy for a Councillor<br><br>There was 1 application for the Co-opted Vacancy from Mr W Troup. By a show of hands he was duly elected as a Councillor. | D093/24 |

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| | **Resolved:** The clerk to complete the necessary paperwork and advise Electoral Services | |
| **17.** | **Any questions from members for the Clerk or Chairman**<br><br>To be discussed at the Chairman's discretion. | D094/24 |
| **18.** | **Date of next meeting**<br><br>Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7pm | D095/24 |
| **19.** | **Vouchers/Invoices & Income/Expenditure**<br><br>Cllr. Gibson & the Clerk signed the cheque for the clerk's salary<br><br>**Resolved:** Cheques were signed by two authorised signatories | D096/24 |

The meeting closed at 8.04pm

Signed by the Chairman……date……..