

ELDON PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

**Community Centre
Eldon**

**Tuesday
15th June 2021**

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillors John Gibson, Paul Henry, Diane Pennington, Graham Scott and Toni Wallace.

Tom Bolton – Parish Clerk

County Councillors Shirley Quinn and Samantha Townsend.

D29/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from County Councillor Matt Johnson.

D30/21 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillors Gibson, Pennington and Wallace declared interests in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Accounts – payments to Eldon Community Partnership).

D31/21 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications.

D32/21 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2020-2021

The Council considered and discussed the Annual Accounts and Annual Return (AGAR) as approved by the Council's Internal Auditor (for copies see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the accounts be approved.
- (b) The annual exemption certificate be signed and submitted to the External Auditor.
- (c) That the Internal Auditor report be noted and (i) the Annual Governance Statement and (ii) Accounting Statements (including explanation of variances) be approved for signature by the Clerk/Chairman.
- (d) The Clerk be authorised to publish the above and give notice in relation to rights of inspection.
- (e) That payment of the internal auditor fee in the sum of £150 be authorised.

D33/21 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ELDON

The Clerk provided an update on the issues considered during the multi-agency walkabout in Eldon the previous Friday organised by Mr Scott, one of the County Council's Community Safety Officers, in response to the Parish Council's letter to DCC in March 2021.

In relation to the letter sent to the Chief Constable about the issues, the Council was still awaiting a response. It was suggested that this be raised with the new Police Crime and Victim Commissioner, at a meeting at Shildon the following week. The

Clerk advised that he would attempt to chase up a response from the Chief Constable prior to this in order to attempt to resolve the issue. The Clerk reported receipt of a recent email seeking support in tackling cannabis growing in tenanted properties. Reference was made to the County Council's proposals for selective licensing which it was hoped might provide a better means to prevent properties being let to unsuitable and disruptive tenants within Eldon,

D34/21 ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND ISSUES

Reference was made to the continuing issues at Office Row with damage to the footpaths. Councillor Quinn advised that she had also reported this (amongst other issues) but without success in terms of repairs.

D35/21 QUESTIONS FOR THE CLERK OR CHAIRMAN

There were no questions.

D36/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on **Tuesday 27th July 2021** at 7.00 p.m.