

# Elm Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Elm Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 3 June 2020 commencing at 6.00pm

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Present: Cllrs Brand (Chair), Butcher, Cotterell, Feaviour, Ferguson, Griffiths, Milham, Myles and Welbourne,  
the Clerk, D Gibbs, J Feaviour-Clarke, A Melton

A01/20	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> <i>Apologies for absence were received and approved for Cllrs Bunting and Dalliday and Cllr Sutton (FDC).</i>
A02/20	<b>Minutes of Annual Assembly held on 28 May 2019</b> The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and read the minutes of the previous Annual Assembly. <i>Following the correction of two typographical errors, it was resolved that the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.</i>
A03/20	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> Cllr Feaviour pointed out that the references to a lack of paperwork from the Friends of the Towpath were due to the fact that the group had only just been formed. This is no longer an issue. He also pointed out that the suggestion that the majority of support would have to come from Elm Parish Council was untrue, as the group is evenly split between the two councils.
A04/20	<b>Annual Report to the Council</b> The Chairman presented his annual report on a challenging year for Elm Parish Council, which he described as a revolving door. He thanked the three Clerks who had served during the year; Claire Butcher, Kate Waller and Dave Gibbs. Nineteen Councillors had served during the year, with only three remaining in office throughout the period, but all twelve seats are currently occupied. The Council is progressing with a number of projects. Options are being explored for the extension to the Cemetery. Negotiations continue on the installation of a bus shelter. Many of the Council's street lights have been repaired or replaced, although this will be an ongoing project for several more years. The new website is about to be launched. A defibrillator will be installed in Coldham soon. Improvements to the Coldham bus shelter and layby are in the pipeline. The Council is in discussions with the Parochial Church Council and the Diocese of Ely regarding future use of All Saints Church. The Council works in partnership with other local groups for provide facilities and services to the community. The Friends of Elm & Emneth Towpath maintain the former canal route. Elm Community Speedwatch has provided an important service, although currently not operating, but it is hoped that it will return. Elm Street Pride keeps our village tidy and provides floral displays. The Council is also supporting the Tower Hall Friday Bridge by replacing fencing and contributing towards their extension that will provide improved facilities for users. The Chairman thanked all those who volunteer their time to run these important organisations. In summary, the Chairman described the year as busy, a little chaotic, but he is optimistic about the future, confident in the current members of the Council and looking forward to the appointment of a new Clerk. The

	<p>Council has money in the bank and more projects in the pipeline, so there is plenty to look forward to. Finally, he thanked the members of the Council for their support and Cllr Sutton for his hard work as a District Councillor.</p>
A05/20	<p><b>Matters Brought to the Attention of the Council by Parishioners</b>  Mrs Feaviour asked whether the Parish Council could provide insurance cover for volunteers working on the towpath. A funding application to the Whitemill Environment Fund requires confirmation of insurance. The Chairman agreed to pursue this.</p>
A06/20	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b>  The meeting closed at 6.30pm</p>