

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE HIGHGATE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Present:** Cllr K Dalgleish  
Cllr R Elvin (Chairman)  
Cllr R Hilderley  
Cllr I Kirk (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr M Nicholson  
Cllr M Porter  
Cllr R Rankmore  
Cllr B Shrive  
Cllr Truman

**In Attendance:** Mrs W Gray (Parish Clerk), Members of the Public

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bense  
Cllr Burgess

**2. Erosion of Greens & Verges**

The Chairman Cllr Elvin introduced himself to members of the public who were present and then each Councillor introduced themselves.

The meeting was called to discuss the feedback of circular that had been sent out to every household in the village concerning the erosion of the Greens and Verges and how the Parish Council could preserve them but before the meeting got fully underway Cllr Elvin was happy to report that the Village of Elton had won First Prize in the “Calor Village of the Year Competition for 2008”.

Cllr Elvin then went on to explain the history behind registering the greens which started as far back as 1968 but was not until latter end of 2006 when all paperwork was completed and the Parish Council took ownership in 2008.

During the year the Parish Council has managed to obtain a grant to maintain the greens and it was decided to involve the village and obtain their views. Out of approximately 300 houses we received approx 100 responses out of which 50% said leave alone and 50% were in favour of doing something to protect them.

Cllr Elvin then opened the meeting to the floor for their views.

Mrs Sansom – why are you proposing to do this – Cllr Elvin – greens are being eroded and damaged by vehicles using the greens.

Mrs Wyllie – when traffic is parked on edge, possibly some kerb stones put in sympathetically on the corners. We have lost approximately 3 ft in the last 20 years.

Mrs Porter – how much would it cost if put posts in – Cllr Elvin – already been costed in with various possibilities.

Mrs Wyllie – posts removed before, nothing to say would not happen again, also posts set in concrete. What do PC advise. Cllr Elvin – whatever decision maintenance taken into account to function.

M Upex (daughter) – where did name Blocks Green come from – Cllr Elvin – our local historian. (check where name come from).

M Upex (daughter) – are we wanting to stop traffic parking permanently – Cllr Elvin – no decision has been made, PC would like to ensure used for Elton village, obviously available for village use. PC intends to draw up proposals for use of them and preserve them, if used for parking some time in future PC will decide if o.k. etc. M Upex (daughter) - parking is always going to be a problem, convenient for people to park on the greens. Cllr Elvin – not directed at anyone in particular, greens are being parked on and eroded, we are looking to try to limit erosion without spoiling outlook of the village.

.Mr Nicholson – adapting to change – what are consequences where will all cars park, increased level of traffic.

Cllr Elvin – try to get ideas what we should do.

Mrs Wyllie – I have been parking my car opposite no damage has been done, lived here for nearly 30 years, why should others park on the green and I cannot.

Mr Burton – this was discussed many years ago, greens do have habit of growing back. Wendy McCartney registered greens (check records when clerk).

Mr Ackroyd – if start putting up no parking signs etc start taking area which is preserved, where do they park when no access.

Mr R Smith – leave well alone, parking can be issue at times, way to deal with greens is to reinforce verges.

Mr Sansom – use large pieces of stone. Parish Council would be liable if trip up.

Mrs D’Alton – relative thing is what looks like, edges do get eroded, they do recover, yellow lines could be placed but would not be liked.

Mrs Rankmore – Buses did more damage, now not coming round village erosion would not be as bad.

Mr and Mrs Grist – leave greens as they are.

Mr Hamill – when I was able used to keep the drains clear on edges of greens, unable to do now but these need to be priority whatever is decided, need to ensure drains are kept clear.

Mr Cummings – not very keen on parking restrictions and large vehicles.

Mr Donoyou – might like to consider strategically placed planting of trees.

Mrs Taylor – Little green had 2 trees on it over the years.

Mr Baird – apologise for arriving late, listened to what has been suggested – might consider flat bricks that allow grass to grow through. help prevent edges being damaged, believe National Trust use in their car parks. I have lived in village 7/8 years parking has only recently become a problem. If there is a problem with vehicles parking (i.e. Crown) believe it may be a planning issue.

Mrs Porter – when original ticked box have since thought about it further and would like to suggest leave greens as they are. Fencing in greens could cause danger to children if cars not able to park on greens.

Mr Burton – use blocks on edges of greens that will allow grass to grow through think would perhaps be a better solution.

Cllr Elvin - on behalf of Parish Council thank you for attending meeting and giving us a great deal of food for thought. The Parish Council is looking at very closely as would like to preserve for future generations, will keep everyone informed and perhaps look forward to seeing some of you at Parish Council Meetings in the future.

Mr Housden – when will you be making our decision. Cllr Elvin – Greens and Verges are on the agenda at every meeting, we would like to action by next meeting if we can.

The meeting closed at approx.9.30 p.m.

Signed: ..... Date: .....