

ELMER SANDS LIMITED
SUMMARY OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED
Meeting of Elmer Sands Council 13th May 2019
(brief points not official Minutes)

New Directors – Welcome to Rick Hughes and John Kirby.

Chairman – Peter Trebble has been unanimously voted in to continue as Chairman for Elmer Sands Ltd for the coming year.

Street Lighting – There has been some delay in moving this forward but ESL is still researching options and considering quotations to update the lighting.

Newsletter – Thank you to volunteers who distributed the Newsletter.

Sea Defences - The EA contract is due for signing by ESL. Following awarding of the contract, the ESL Chairman will be attending a first “Kick Off Meeting” on Thursday 18th June

Surface Water Improvements WSCC – ESL has written to Landbuild & WSCC flagging up a number of items for attention and reinstatement. Landbuild is committed to repair or replace any damaged property.

Emergency Contingency Plan – The ESL Chairman is hoping to attend the Felpham Parish Council resilience event on 30 May and to follow this in the Summer with a trial of the Elmer Sands plan.

Metal Gates – new gates up to the beach have been installed and Landbuild will replace the field gate.

New Events Equipment Shed at Kiosk – The delivery date for the new shed has been postponed to week commencing 27th May.

Community Library Project – Thanks to residents Karl White and Jane Steventon for getting this project off the ground, re-fitting and stocking the Library.

Estate Agent Signs – ESL follows up on issues with signs being left on verges for long periods after sales and lettings have gone through.

Membership – There are still some 27 fees to collect for the current year. Reminders have been sent with the recent Annual Report Mailing and further reminders will be sent during the Summer. Late payment admin fees are charged. Several fees are outstanding for 2018. ESL is following up on all arrears as applicable.

Grass Cutting - Andrew continues to make efforts to keep the Playing Field as tidy as possible although this has proved a struggle around the Landbuild site especially with large stones getting under the mower.

A Member raised a query regarding a Director's grass verge being mowed by the ESL contractor. This was a private arrangement completely separate to the ESL contract.

Benches – To replace the old worn out benches, ESL is looking into alternatives made from recycled plastics.

Outstanding Tree Work – A number of tree jobs are to be completed in the coming weeks

Summer Gate Security – Guards will be on The Layne and Manor Way Entrances starting May Bank Holiday and over further weekends during the Summer. See Poster for details.

Questionnaire – A full and detailed Summary of the Questionnaire feedback has been compiled to aid ESL's decision making. A simplified version is now being produced for general consumption and will be made available to Members as soon as it is ready.

Speeding - A number of topics arose from the Questionnaire such as 'Traffic Calming' which was also discussed at the AGM. ESL has subsequently formed a sub-group with resident volunteers to take initiatives further.

Skills Database - ESL is considering the possibility of creating database to record the skills and professions of Elmer Sands residents who could then be called upon either on a voluntary basis or as contracted services.

Planning and Development - There is genuine concern about the size and appropriateness of some of the newer developments and how the ADC Planning Department are handling these applications. Where possible ESL Directors have a duty to try and maintain the uniqueness of the Estate and to protect the environment and common land. A thorough review of the current ESL Policy will be undertaken and a meeting will be called with the ADC Planning Department to strengthen communication links and to establish what powers ESL has to influence decision making.

Next ESL Council Meeting 3rd June 2019

