

Elmer Sands Ltd Council Business Summary June/July 2024

Open Meeting for Members held 8th June, The Cabin.

Formal Council Meeting held 1st July. 9 Directors present.

Main updates 1st July Council Meeting:

ESL Chairman - Colin Bernhardt unanimously re-elected by the Board as Chairman of ESL Council Meetings.

New Director – Welcome to Adam Latus, elected at the 18th May AGM.

Gas Works – DJ Utilities will be returning to complete the last section of mains replacement - Ancton Way to Kingsmead Road - DJ Utilities will contact residents as applicable.

Vandalised Kiosk Notice Board – A replacement door will be purchased £169.00 + VAT.

Estate Entrance Signage – Provision of signage will be reviewed when the entrances are next due for renovation.

Freehold Management Enquiries – ESL has set a standard administration charge for completing FME1 enquiry forms and associated solicitor queries for property sales on the Estate.

Ultrafast Fibre Broadband for the Estate – At the AGM the ESL Council agreed to investigate the options to facilitate ultrafast fibre broadband for Elmer Sands. Following weeks of research and meetings, the ESL Council majority voted to go with Openreach as a trusted company governed by Ofcom, with hundreds of internet service providers to serve the Estate. Openreach has pledged to install the facility by the end of the year. Residents will be informed of planned works in advance.

Surface Water Drainage and Flood Management – An application for WSCC ‘Operation Watershed’ funds is in its early stages. The ESL Team has been liaising with WSCC and ADC and consultants and undertaking on-site meetings. Focus is currently on a project to shore up the waterway running through Elmer Close. The Team is maintaining links with Southern Water and resident groups to monitor flood management on the Estate and surrounding areas.

Stable Field Yard Lease – Following an inspection of the Yard, the ESL Council unanimously agreed to renew the Lease for a further 2-year term. 5% increase to rent plus electricity standing charge and usage as applicable. The Yard is leased for storage of materials. Gate replacement at the entrance to the track £135.00 plus delivery and fitting.

Elmer Sands Boating and Angling Club Fence Replacement – Replacement chain-link fence at the Boat Yard beach side, as per the landlord obligations and terms of the Lease. Two comparison quotations considered. Unanimously agreed contractor Mark Dooley £1,650.00.

Kiosk Jubilee Garden Update – Summer community project to re-instate the ‘Boule Terrain’. Volunteer working parties will be organised, primarily to shift old shingle in wheelbarrows to the Boat Club track. Please contact the ESL Secretary if you can help.

Road Maintenance – Survey of the Estate Roads complete. Areas for repair have been identified. Kattenhorn, the contractors used in 2023, will be invited to quote based on priority jobs within the allocated £8,000 budget for 2024.

Planning & Development – The ESL Team continues to liaise with members on all development projects. On site meetings and assistance given as required. New initiative to connect to ESL storm drains as recommended by ADC. Deed of Easement and all associated costs paid by the homeowner/developer.

Estate Security and Parking Management – Estate entrance guarding, and closure of The Layne entrance for the first two weekends successfully managed unauthorised parking on the Estate. ESL Directors will share responsibilities for gate closure arrangements during the summer holidays. The Parking Team will work to respond to reports of unauthorised parking and penalty charges will be applied when applicable. See separate posters for more information.

Sea Defences – Chichester Archaeological Society will be examining the old exposed wooden sea defence stakes. The EA will then arrange their removal if possible as they are deemed a potential hazard for swimmers. Shingle replenishment due later in the year. The ESL Team continues to push the EA to commit to a longer-term solution.

Community Social Events – The ‘Sausage Sizzle BBQ’ event with live music is scheduled for 17th August. See separate posters and banner.

Little Library – People living on and off the Estate have been dumping large quantities of books into the community library hut in the Kiosk Garden. This is not permitted. The library is for Elmer Sands members only and needs to be carefully managed to maintain easy use and provision of relevant books for the community. Please contact ESL Secretary secretary@elmersands.co.uk with any queries you may have.

Next ESL Council Meeting 2nd September.