

## ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**UNAPPROVED**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council

A Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council was held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7pm.

**931/14 Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Raper, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Simpson and Cllr Woodcock

**Others present:** Mrs Davies (Clerk) District Councillor Mrs Douglas and members of the public

### **932/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

### **933/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

No declarations received at this point of the meeting.

### **934/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

Cllr Simpson proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by 8 votes. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

### **935/14 To hold a 10 minute public session**

Issues raised:

- the updating of the council website – this is currently being rebuilt
- request for a summary of the resolutions at the meetings
- minute 925/14 – regarding the suggestion to put a war memorial on the proposal green on the Yew Tree site – a resident queried the need for another memorial; the Chair reported that it was only a suggestion by one of the councillors
- comments over the grass cutting in the church yard
- The Chair of the Boules Club gave an update on their activities; it was noted that they are proposing to run lessons and a free umpire's course. The group are also looking at floodlights for the pitch.
- questions regarding the proposed shop on the Yew Tree site – Cllr Douglas replied to this question
- Mr Bingham the Project Manager for Carillion gave an update on the bridge works. The work has been set back six weeks due to delays caused by the requirement for extra depth to be dug in the central reservations and the uncovering of an old tip which is required to go through the contamination land process. The opening at the present moment in time is scheduled for February. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October work to re align the north bound carriageway will be carried out and the land beams are scheduled to be put across the carriage way on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Bingham asked what equipment is required to help with the BMX track and type of top soil for the mounds. It was agreed to contact the track designer and arrange a meeting.

### **936/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor and update on the Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Douglas reported on the Neighbourhood Plan which is at the moment at the draft plan stage. The consultant is looking at the draft and it should be back for the residents to comment on during November. The next step would then be to send the draft to B.D.C for a further six weeks consultation before being sent to the Inspector. If the Inspector is happy with the plan then it will go

to a referendum for the residents to vote on; if successful, the Planning Authority has to take into account the Elkesley Neighbourhood Plan when considering any future planning applications.

Cllr Douglas reported that from the Neighbourhood Plan consultations; several projects have been highlighted; the Boules pitch which has now been completed, the changing rooms on the sports field which has been successful with funding towards to the design and the Elkesley Poulter Valley regeneration project which is moving on.

Cllr Douglas also supplied information on creating a Youth Council; once the Council knows exactly what it wants to achieve then help is available via BDL & RCAN.

Cllr Douglas will be holding monthly surgeries on her home; these will be on the first Monday of the month and by appointment only – contact details are available on the village notice boards.

Dog fouling hot spots – if anyone wishes to let Cllr Douglas of any hot spots for dog fouling then BDC will set up a monitoring system for the area with £70 on the spot fines.

#### **937/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update**

The following payments were approved by 8 votes;

- a) Playdale Playgrounds – independent play area inspection £234.00 (1472)
- b) RCS – Council stationary (grant) £410.71 (1473)
- c) Street Cleaner's September wage £218.73 (1474)
- d) Clerk's August wage and expenses £240.04 (1475)
- e) B.D.C – N.Plan printing exps £95.02 (1476)
- f) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance 3708.00 (1477)
- g) B.D.C – N.Plan Hall – room hire/N.Plan exp £105.00
- h) Mrs Douglas – Changing Room consultation exps £39.92 (1480)
- i) Mr Oldbury – Changing Room consultation exps £17.50 (1481)

A copy of the July & August finances were circulated and the bank statements were available for the councillors to view.

#### **938/14 To discuss proposals for grass cutting tender for 2015/16**

The Chairman suggested a proposal to ask the church if they would like to arrange for their own contractor to cut the churchyard to allow them more control over their requirements; the council would set a budget for the annual cost. This was proposed by Cllr Stronach; seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by all members to contact the church.

Others areas to consider:

The Chairman of the Boules Club would like to continue cutting around the boules pitch and include down the side of the hall (between the hall and the conifer hedge).

It was suggested that inside the play area fencing; the area to be cut and blown.  
Cllr Simpson suggested that the area on Beech Walk doesn't require cutting any more.

It was agreed to bring this item back to the next meeting to be finalised.

Cllr Baines proposed to bring agenda item 8 (sports field hedge) into the same tender process; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by all members.

#### **939/14 Proposal to discuss hedge cutting on the sports field**

Following discussion in the previous agenda item; it was agreed to arrange for an annual contract to trim the sports field hedge.

Cllr Simpson proposed that the Council liaisons with the adjoining land owner to assess what work is required; this was agreed and Cllr Stronach, Cllr Simpson and Cllr Woodcock will meet and bring back the findings to the next meeting.

**940/14 To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**

No applications received.

**Decision Notices**

**Application: 14/00772/RSB**

Location: Meadow Farm, High Street, Elkesley

Proposal: Erection of Conservatory to rear elevation (resubmission of P/A 13/01287/HSE)

Decision: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

**Application: 14/00808/HPD**

Location: 75 Lawnwood Ave, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect ground floor rear extension

Decision: Planning permission not required – the proposal is permitted development

**941/14 To Receive Information from the Working Party**

Nothing to report.

**942/14 Proposal to discuss obtaining water extraction information for Crookford waters**

Cllr Douglas invited Cllr Simon Greaves, the Leader of the District Councillor, to visit Elkesley; Cllr Raper attended the meeting as a representative of the Parish Council. Cllr Douglas took Cllr Greaves to Crookford as part of the River Poulter project. The matter of water abstraction from the ford was discussed and Cllr Raper made a proposal to the council to write to B.D.C and ask for the Plevin water extraction records; this was approved by 8 votes and Cllr Raper will draft a letter.

**943/14 To receive update on the BMX track**

Covered in the public session.

**944/14 To receive update on the A1 bridge**

Covered in public session.

**945/14 To discuss the WW1 Centenary and purchase of Remembrance Wreath**

It was resolved by 8 votes to purchase a Remembrance Wreath (s137).

Following discussion it was resolved by 8 votes to hold a Centenary service on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**946/14 Proposal to consider an Elkesley Youth Council**

Cllr Raper proposed that the Council considers setting up an Elkesley Youth Council, after discussion Cllr Woodcock proposed to put some fliers around the village inviting any youth to an informal meeting at 6.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October, prior to the start of the next parish council meeting, to see if there are any youth interested; this was seconded by Cllr Oldbury and resolved by 8 votes.

#### **947/14 To receive village reports**

##### **a) Sports field and Play equipment inspection**

- It was noted that people have been urinating on the equipment
- One of the swing seats was cracked
- The Chairman started to give a report on the independent play equipment inspection but due to the outburst of Cllr Stronach; the Chairman was unable to finish his report.

##### **b) Highways and service faults**

- A request for a dropped pavement on Beech Walk
- Complaints over the parking around the bus stop next to the farm and Holly Cottage

##### **c) Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

##### **d) Memorial Hall Committee – to receive any nominations for the 2014/15 committee**

At this point Cllr Simpson, Cllr Fish signed their declaration of interest forms as Members of the Memorial Hall Committee. Cllr Oldbury signed his declaration of interest form as his wife was included in the nominations.

Cllr Stronach refused to sign his declaration of interest form.

The following nominations were put forward for the Memorial Hall Committee for 2014/15 Mr Stronach, Ms Fish, Mrs Bragg, Mrs King, Mr Simpson, C Lee, Mrs Savill and Mrs Oldbury; Cllr Woodcock proposed to accept the above nominations, this were seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by 4 votes.

At this point Cllr Baines left the meeting.

#### **948/14 To receive Items for Information and future agenda items**

##### **Further agenda items:**

- Proposals for next year's grass cutting tender
- Youth Council
- Sale of the Robin Hood Public House

#### **949/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.