

## Elkesley Parish Council

**UNAPPROVED** Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th January 2016, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

**Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr Woodcock, Cllr Raper and Cllr Hirst

**Others present:** Mrs Davies (Clerk) District Cllr Kevin Dukes, County Councillor John Ogle and Members of the public

**1519/16 To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

**1520/16 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

No declaration of interests received.

**1521/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Cllr Stronach proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by 8 votes.

**1522/16 To hold a 10 minute public session**

- The Street Cleaner read out a letter regarding comments Cllr Stronach made regarding his work and asked for an apology; Cllr Stronach refused to apologise and denied making such comments
- Comments over the state of the field following the hedge cutting
- When the village signs will be altered and a request for an illuminated slip road off the A1? Cllr Raper will contact Highways England
- Comments over lack of police crime reports
- New Elkesley village signs
- When is the Christmas tree is going to be removed?

**1523/16 To receive reports from the District Councillor**

District Cllr Kevin Dukes gave an update on devolution and a proposed road show to take place in the rural areas around Bassetlaw.

County Cllr John Ogle gave an update on the local broadband, his visit to Bassetlaw General Hospital and also reported that the Nottinghamshire Police website has information on local crimes.

**1524/16 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**

**Application no: 16/00007/HSE**

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

Location: Nevasa, High Street, Elkesley

The Council considered the above application and has no objections.

## **Decision Notice**

### **Application No: NCC – F/3409**

Proposed development: Construction of new office and weighbridge and removal of existing office and weighbridge (retrospective)

Decision: application formally granted by N.C.C on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## **Correspondence**

A request has been made regarding a meeting of the MP, District Council and Parish Council regarding a proposed development at The Bungalow on Brough Lane.

### **1525/16 To receive update on the Robin Hood Inn**

The Chair reported that the owner of the pub has appealed against the Community Asset Listing. The Parish Council has asked to be part of the tribunal process and a working party has put together a letter questionnaire asking residents for their views on the matter; the results will then be used in the reply to the tribunal.

### **1526/16 Finance– to approve payments and receive financial update**

- a) Mr Askew new key barrel £8.99 (1606)
- b) PS Accountancy £225.00 (Grant money) (1607)
- c) Toparia Summits Ltd – sports field hedge £1295.00 (1608)
- d) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire £24.00 (1609)
- e) Clerk’s Dec wage/holiday/expenses £101.99 (1610)
- f) Street cleaning Jan wage £230.25 (1611)
- g) HMRC for p.a.y.e £51.80 (1612)
- h) NALC subs £132.63 (1613)
- i) N Oldbury – Website fees £71.86 (1614)
- j) Elkesley Memorial Hall – Room hire and donation towards Post Office £109.00 (1615)

The Council resolved by 8 votes to approve the above payments.

The Clerk circulated copies of the current finances, bank statements and budget figures.

### **1527/16 To discuss the village grass cutting options and costs**

Cllr Woodcock circulated a copy of grass cutting costings for the councillors to consider. A discussion took place regarding the Council purchasing its own tractor to carry out the grass cutting via volunteers; an option to use a contractor to cut the public areas for the village (verges).

It was agreed that serious consideration was needed and to re agenda this for the next meeting.

### **1528/16 To consider and approve the budget and precept for 2016**

The Clerk circulated copy of the proposed budget and precept for 2016; after consideration it was resolved by 8 votes to increase the precept by 3.5% (£441.35) which, due to the increased tax base figure; gives a reduction of 13p to the tax payer.

**1529/16**

**To receive village reports**

**Sports field and play equipment inspection**

No additional issues raised. The Chair has contacted a contractor to repair the play area gate and replace the posts with different hinges so that they cannot be damaged again; and repainting in a different colour.

Carillion has carried out work on the BMX track; there are concerns over the surface of the track. It was agreed to have a post installation inspection carried out which was allocated through the grant money. Any actions required can then be brought up with Carillion to rectify.

A discussion took place over the cutting of the field hedge.

**Highways and service faults**

- Cllr McCaffrey gave an update on the installation of the defibrillator.
- County Council John Ogle has given a £400 grant towards a second defibrillator. An application has been sent to the Rotary Club for £300 and District Cllr Dukes will also contribute a further £250.
- Cllr Stronach spoke with District Cllr Dukes regarding the A1 footpath.
- Notts County Council has confirmed that a bus shelter can be installed at the requested area on Coalpit Lane. However, the work will have to be carried out in the next financial year which starts in April 2016.
- Cllr Woodcock commented that residents had to step off the bus into the mud.
- The Chair proposed that some of the Councillors meet on the following Sunday to walk around the village and put together a report for Highways/Carillion; Cllr Stronach, Cllr Flear and the Chair offered to do this.

**Cemetery update and to consider area for future cremation plots**

Cllr Stronach has arranged with a resident to continue filling up the water butt for the cemetery at a cost of £10 which was the previous arrangement; this was agreed.

The Council considered a memorial stone application for plot no. 63 which was approved by 8 votes.

The Clerk reported that the area originally thought to be cremation plots is in fact an un-consecrated area for five graves. The burial plan has a further 48 burial plots available which goes up to the un consecrated area; not leaving any room for an area for cremation plots. The Clerk reported that cremations are becoming more popular now nationally and this needs to be looked at.

**1530/16**

**To receive any update on the A1 bridge**

No update received.

**1531/16**

**To receive items of information for future agenda items**

- The Chair reported that Cllr Simpson has handed in his resignation from the Parish Council at the beginning of the meeting.
- A letter from the Elkesley Memorial Hall was received to request that the grass cutting around the hall is included in the Council's grass cutting contract.

- A request from the Elkesley Memorial Hall to use the field on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 for the Elkesley Feast.

**1532/16 To approve exclusion of members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable the Council to discuss the following agenda item**

The Council resolved to exclude members of the public to allow the following agenda item to be discussed.

**1533/16 To discuss staff matters and the village street cleaning**

Following discussion; Cllr Woodcock proposed that staff wages should not be listed on the agenda for approval as an employee should not have a discussion in public deciding whether a member of staff gets paid or not - this was approved by 7 votes.

Cllr Woodcock proposed that if the Council is happy with the current street cleaning; there was no issue to discussion, this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 7 votes.

**1534/16 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7pm in the Elkesley Village Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm.