

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council

The Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council was held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley on 20th October 2015 at 7pm.

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

Others present: Mrs W Davies (Clerk) and members of the public

1168/15 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

1169/15 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations received.

The Chairman brought the following two agenda items forward.

1170/15 To hold a 10 minute public session

Matters raised:

- The new Elkesley signage requires moving
- Who is responsible for the small parcels of land left over from the bridge works; wooden fences and the children playing in the lagoon?
- Comments were noted over the September Idle Times article
- The bin next to the church requires cleaning

Mrs Douglas gave an update on the Poulter Valley group:

- The group has had support from the landowner to level the path from Brough Lane down to Stoney Bridge
- Working to improve access to the plantation
- Working with the rambles group on West Drayton Ave to upgrade the path to a bridleway
- Working with the Forestry Commission to improve this side of Crookford and also the path through the Forestry Commission; however the biggest issue is that they have Crown immunity so the path cannot be claimed in the normal way. The group are seeking advice from the Village SOS Organisation which deals which sort of issue
- Fundraising options are being looked into

Mrs Douglas also mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum which takes place on the 12th November and asked the Parish Council to take over the responsibility of getting residents out to vote.

1171/15 To receive any update on the Robin Hood Pub

A question was asked over the Robin Hood Pub's status as a community asset. The Chair read through various letters from the District Council and the Parish Council's response to the owner's objection to the pub being listed as a community asset. The formal decision on the acceptance of the pub being a community asset will be made on the 23rd October 2015.

The meeting was then spent discussing the Robin Hood pub planning application. The Chair has arranged for the hire of the hall on the following Monday for anyone to come along to contribute towards comments to put forward as objections to the application.

1172/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2015

Minute 1156/15 - amended to show that Cllr Simpson abstained from voting
 Minute 1159/15 – amended to alter the wording from ‘clarified’ to ‘expressed their opinion’

Following the above amendments, Cllr McCaffrey proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Simpson and resolved by 9 votes.

1173/15 To receive a report from the District Councillor

District Cllr Dukes was not present at the meeting.

1174/15 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application: 15/01400/HSE
 Location: 10 Yew Tree Road, Elkesley
 Proposal: Erect single storey side extensions and 2.0m high boundary wall

Following consideration – It was resolved by 7 votes not to make any objections.

Decision notices received

Application: 15/00889/COU
 Location: The Gables, Jockey Lane, Elkesley
 Proposal: Change of use of land at The Gables (C3) to general industrial (B2) as part of the wide Alpine Industrial Park, (Whilst retaining the Use of C3 for occupation ancillary to the adjoining B2 use)

Decision: Refuse planning permission

Application: 15/00965/HSE
 Location: 54 Lawnwood Ave, Elkesley
 Proposal: Erect two storey and single storey side extension
Decision: Grant planning permission

The Clerk advised that an extra meeting would be required to consider the planning application for the Robin Hood Inn to comply with legislation – date to be arranged at the end of the meeting.

1175/15 To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan and referendum

The Chair reported that Bassetlaw District Council has accepted the Elkesley Neighbourhood Plan and the referendum will be taking place on Thursday 12th November 2015 in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

1176/15 To receive feedback from the resident consultation on the requirement for the A1 garages

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow Mrs O'Brien to speak on the A1 garages.

Mrs O'Brien has received the consultation results from Cllr Stronach as follows:
 47 people completed the questions from 31 households; 15 people required a garage, 8 had tried to rent one, 12 were told no garages were available and the rest thought that there were

available garages.

These results were only a 7.2% response of the total number of properties in the village and not comprehensive enough to give an overview.

A1 Housing does not see a problem going through the allocation process but they only manage the garages on behalf of the District Council and therefore have to abide by their rules.

Also, when the houses were originally built there were a lot of council houses; now with the right to buy a lot of houses are now privately owned and the District Council does not have a remit to supply garages to private houses.

Mrs O'Brien will go back to the District Council's Estate's Officer to find out about the rules and regulations and also ask where BDC stand with the land and then the parish council can move forward and put a case together to keep it.

A recommendation was put forward to put the consultation out again; but put the consultation letter through the resident's letter boxes and ask for the completed ones to be taken to a drop of point; the higher percentage return would help to put a case together to keep the land.

Mrs O'Brien said her husband is happy to talk to the parish council regarding the issue of asbestos on the garages.

1177/15 To discuss Christmas tree event, approve expenditure and delegation of tasks

No one has put their name forward to co-ordinate the tree lighting event.

- A resident previously offered his assistance in helping with the tree and has Mr Baines contact details
- Cllr Flear offered his assistance to whoever is co-ordinating the event
- The Chair is happy to help with putting the lights on the tree and it was noted that new lights would need to be purchased
- The Clerk to apply for a licence

1178/15 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update

The following payments were approved and resolved by 9 votes

- a) B.D.C – collection and disposal of waste from the cemetery wheelie bin £144.94 (1579)
- b) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance £624.00 (1580)
- c) Street Cleaner – October wage £230.25 (1581)
- d) Parish Clerk – September wage £140.80 (1582)
- e) HMRC payment £66.20 (1583)
- f) Parish Clerk expenses £46.95 (1584)
- g) Parish Clerk office expenses £49.97 (1585)
- h) N Oldbury – photocopies of fliers £18.00 (1586)

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

1179/15 To approve purchase of Remembrance wreath

It was resolved by 9 votes to purchase a Remembrance wreath.

1180/15 To receive update on any grass cutting costs

This agenda item was deferred to the November meeting pending full breakdown of costs.

1181/15 To receive updates on quotations for hedge cutting

Following consideration of the quotes obtained, Cllr Woodcock proposed to accept the quotation for £1295 for work on the left side boundary Hawthorne hedge on the sports field; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by 9 votes.

At this point Cllr Raper asked who is responsible for the hedge at the bottom of Headland Ave and its ongoing maintenance. Cllr Simpson reported that he has spoken with the Highways Foreman and was told that the hedge will remain; a gate and a ramp will be put into a section of the hedge but wasn't sure of the reasoning for it. It was also noted that the right of way at the bottom of Headland Ave will be altered for drivers entering and leaving the village; the drivers leaving the bottom road of Headland Ave and Coalpit Lane will have to give way to traffic entering and leaving Headland Ave.

The Chair will contact Highways and ask the questions brought up at the meeting.

1182/15 To receive village reports

a) Sports field and play equipment inspection plus discussion on CCTV for the proposed changing rooms

Cllr Woodcock reported that no new issues had been raised following the play equipment inspection.

Cllr Simpson thanked the person who cleared the rubbish out of the shelter; it has been a disgrace and said that the shelter should be removed if the litter bin that has been placed there wasn't going to be used. Cllr Flear said the bin had been moved to next to the shelter to help those people who were clearing up the rubbish after it had been left.

Regarding any CCTVs on the sports field, the Chair reported that funding was still to be secured for the building of the changing rooms; any CCTV cameras would have to be near an electric supply and put where they won't get damaged.

A discussion followed on the pros and cons of having CCTV and it was noted that this issue should be raised again when the changing rooms have been built.

b) Highways and Service faults

- The Highways agency reported that the footpath that has been removed in front of the Indian up to the entrance to the village will not be re-instated; it is deemed that when the A1 work is completed and traffic speed is increased, then people will be walking through the village to the other end. Cllr Stronach made a comment that the District Council had told him that the path should be re-instated.
- There is a hump in the middle of the road at the bottom of the through road – to check with Highways if this is being removed.
- Cllr Raper asked if the Council could contact the District Council's Enforcement Officer to ask for a copy of their inspection log of the stack height at Plevins; it appears to be higher than it should be.

c) Cemetery

Cllr Stronach reported that he has now dealt with the memorial plaque on the bench.

Cllr Stronach reported that he has been approached on behalf of a resident about burial of cremated remains; the Clerk advised that the funeral director should submit an application to the parish council.

d) To receive update from the Poulter Valley Group

Cllr Flear reported that the next Poulter Valley meeting is after the next parish council meeting and he would like to clarify some of the points raised earlier; then give a fresh update at the following meeting.

e) To receive update from the Youth Council

Nothing to report till their next meeting on the 22nd November.

f) To receive any update on the A1 bridge

The Chair read out an update on the A1 bridge. It was noted that the opening is still dependent upon the satisfactory completion of a road safety audit by all parties involved; if there are no major issues then the road would be able to open shortly after.

Cllr Simpson asked if there was any news on who was going to officially open the bridge, the Chair reported that the suggestion of Dr David Pell has been put forward but he hasn't heard anything further.

1183/15 To receive items of information for future agenda items

- To discuss effective ways of communication
- To discuss request from the Elkesley Memorial Hall request for financial assistance towards costs of hosting the mobile post office

1184/15 The time and date of the next monthly Parish Council meeting

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on the 17th November 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

The time and date of the **extra ordinary meeting** to discuss the Robin Hood pub planning application will be held on Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.