

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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 17th December 2013 at 7pm.

787/13 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Fish, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Raper, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Woodcock

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

788/13 To receive and approve apologies for absence

No apologies received.

789/13 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No Declarations received.

At this point Cllr Baines joined the meeting.

790/13 To approve minutes of the meetings held 18th November 2013

The minutes of the meeting held 18th November 2013, having been circulated were approved by 9 votes and the Chairman duly signed them.

791/13 To hold a 10 minute public session

Matters raised:

- Overgrown hedge on Coalpit Road (Yew Tree site), the Clerk reported that the owner is now aware of our request
- Pot hole on Park Lane – Clerk will chase up Highways

792/13 To receive a report from the District Councillor

Cllr Douglas gave an update on the following:

- The accountability of the BDC community grant and the administration of it
- Information regarding the proposed meeting with Mr Plevin and BDC

793/13 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update

The following payments were approved by 9 votes:

- a) Street Cleaner's Dec wage £218.73 (1410)
- b) Clerk's Nov wages & exps £246.53 (1411)
- c) BDC – Affordable Housing Survey N.Plan exps £77.39 (1412)
- d) Memorial Hall Committee – room hire £30.00 (1413)
- e) BDC – N Plan expenses £266.40 (1414)
- f) Mr Baines – Christmas tree £20.00 (1415)

The Clerk circulated copies of the November finances and the bank statements were available to view.

793.1 To receive update on the BDC's Council Tax Scheme and Concurrent grant

Cllr Douglas reported that the Concurrent grant will be reduced by the same percentage that the Government reduces Bassetlaw Council's grant.

There is still no clarity on whether the Government grant which is given to Bassetlaw includes funding for the parishes Council Tax Scheme. If the grant is included then it will be passed on to the Parish Councils, if not then the parishes will not receive any funding (this will be a loss of £2185.00 funding for Elkesley)

793.2 To consider the 2014/15 budget and projects for next year

Recreational aspects were put forward and a request for ballards at the opening of the waste land near the school entrance to prevent cars driving over the land from Yew Tree Road as a short cut.

794/13 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application No: 13/01382/VOC

Proposal: Vary condition 2 of P/A 18/03/00011 to remove designated lorry parking area and to use part of the area for timber storage and processing

Location: Crookford Hill and surround land, Brough Lane, Elkesley

The Parish Council considered the above applications and **resolved** by 9 votes to object; the Chairman, Cllr Hirst and Cllr Raper will re write and update the previous objection letter. It was agreed to send copy of the letter to the members of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Woodcock expressed his thanks to the Chairman and the Councillors who have spent a lot of time writing responses to the Plevin applications.

The Chairman gave an update on the Enforcement Notice served on Plevins.

794.1 To discuss the BDC site allocations for Elkesley

The Bassetlaw Site Allocations Preferred Options Consultation Paper has now been released and the final consultation will take place 3rd February to 31st March 2014.

On the last preferred options paper there were 5 development sites highlighted for Elkesley; there is now only one site which is the Yew Tree Road site with 11 dwellings allocated for the site. The design of the development has to incorporate a pedestrian route across the site and access to the site will be provided off Yew Tree Road.

A date will be arranged for a public consultation in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

At the point Cllr Simpson left the meeting.

795/13 Proposal to discuss the A1 Recycling Plant

Cllr O'Brien gave a report on various issues of concern regarding activities at the site and asked if the Parish Council would write to the Environment Agency to ascertain who is responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of the site.

It was proposed and approved by 8 votes that Cllr O'Brien drafts a letter addressing the concerns for the Councillors to approve.

796/13 To receive information from the Planning Working Party

Already covered in 794/13.

797/13 To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Douglas gave the following report:

- The Housing Needs survey has been distributed to the residents and now waiting for replies
- The Christmas newsletter has been circulated around the residents
- The resident's survey will be going out at the beginning of January and this is important that residents complete this as the responses will be used to base the policies on
- The funding consultant was very impressed with the children's competition work
- The next meeting will be to start the policies

798/13 To receive an update on the Local Improvement Scheme for the sports field

With the removal of some items from the original scheme; which can be purchased at a later date, the project is now just under budget and the landscape architect is happy to commence work.

Unfortunately there will be a loss of some of the tarmac path but the Chairman has spoken with the bridge contractors and they are happy to donate some tarmac to the village to help with the project.

799/13 To receive an update on the BMX track

Now the issue of the rotation of the football pitch has been agreed; the design of the BMX can now start. The bridge contractors have offered the use of the machines and some soil to help with the project. The Chairman is also looking at extending the path from the MUGA to the BMX track.

800/13 To receive an update on the football pitch rotation.

The football pitch will be moved when the work on the BMX track starts.

801/13 To receive village reports:

Sports Field Inspection - Nothing to report

Play Equipment Report - Mr Davis is happy to inspect the scorpion swing.

Highways and service faults

The Chairman read out an email from the Highways North Manager following complaints over the flooding at the school entrance. There are problems within the drainage system itself and unfortunately there is no more funding this year for drainage investigation or repair work; it will be put forward for the next financial year.

Again funding is an issue for repair on the High Street and the Manager is trying to find funding from another repair system that they have on trial. The Manager apologies for this, funding is a real issue at the moment but he will always try to do what he can.

Other reports:

Cows escaping onto the sports field, Cllr Stronach proposed sending a letter to the farmer. After discussion it was agreed by 6 votes that Cllr Woodcock with speak with the farmer in the first instance and follow up with a letter if need be.

At this point the Chairman wanted to acknowledge a thank you for Cllr Baines and Mr Davis for all their help with the Christmas tree; appreciation to A1 Sleeper Company for donating 4 sleepers to secure the Christmas tree in the bad weather, to David Greaves for his help with the use of his equipment and to Mr & Mrs Sellars for the use of their electric supply for the tree lights.

The Chairman suggested that Cllr Baines takes on the Christmas Tree event as a project with support from other members. Cllr Baines mentioned that he may be able to borrow an organ player to play music at the switching on of the lights.

The Chairman suggested purchasing some more tree lights for next year.

Cemetery - Cllr Stronach is to sand down and varnish the tree seat.

To receive a report from the Memorial Hall Committee

A report was submitted by the Memorial Hall Committee and it was noted that a Medieval re-enactment group has decided to have regular training sessions in the hall after the New Year. The Boule pitch is well in hand, thanks to the hard work carried out by members.

802/13 To Receive items of information for future agenda items

- 2014/15 Precept
- A1 Recycling
- Village website

803/13 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 21st January 2014 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, Elkesley.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.