

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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 16th December 2014 at 7pm.

987/14 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Fish, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Raper and Cllr Woodcock

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

988/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

No apologies received.

989/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations received.

990/14 To give a presentation to the members of the public on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Baines attended the meeting at this point.

The Chair gave a presentation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan to the members of the public present. The presentation received a positive response and no objections were made.

991/14 To hold a 10 minute public session

Matters raised:

- A resident asked if the village night time street lighting was going to be turned back on. The Clerk reported that she has written to Notts County Council and they have agreed to do so; the work would have to be scheduled and carried out in due course
- A resident commented over the off road vehicles causing damage at Crookford; the Chair gave a report on the current situation.

992/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 18th November 2014

The following amendments were approved:

Min. No. 975/14 – second to the last line should read the 'land owner adjacent to the field'.
Min. No. 975/14 – the grass cutting list should also include Yew Tree Road, this had been omitted.

Following amendment of the above; Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 18th November 2014 as a true record, this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 9 votes. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

993/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor and update on the Neighbourhood Plan

District Councillor Douglas sent her apologies and submitted the following report:

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held a consultation event on Saturday 11th December and received very positive comments from the residents. The consultation on the draft Plan finishes on the 18th January 2015. All the documents can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan web site, hard copies can be found in the shop, pub and Memorial Hall or contact Mrs Douglas if you want to borrow a hard copy. We hope to submit the final document to Bassetlaw District Council in January/February when they will undertake another 6 weeks publicising it. It will then be reviewed by an Inspector and hopefully it will go to referendum in June/July 2015.

994/14 To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application: 14/01566/HSE

Location: Meadow Farm, High Street, Elkesley

Proposal: Extension to existing detached garage

The Parish Council considered the above application and resolved by 9 votes not to make any objections.

995/14 To receive an update on the changing rooms

The Chair reported that the current plans for the changing rooms have been submitted to Bassetlaw District Council as a pre planning application.

996/14 To receive an update on the A1 bridge

The Chair reported that no written updates have been received from Carillion and it was agreed to ask them if they could attend the next meeting.

997/14 To receive sports field and play equipment inspection report

Nothing new to report.

998/14 To receive progress report on the sports field hedge cutting

The Chair reported that a site visit on the sports field took place with the adjoining landowner. It was agreed that existing trees of a good size would be left, any overhanging branches cut back, the underneath and the ditch cleared.

The previous landowner commented that the dip on the west side is part of the sports field. It was agreed that, as there is lack of clarity that written confirmation should be sought from the land registry

It was suggested that where appropriate areas be kept for wildlife and the hedge be maintained annually.

It was agreed that all the councillors should walk to area together.

999/14 Proposal to discuss recycling in the village

Cllr Raper discussed the request from residents of some recycling facilities in the village. A discussion took place regarding hiring a seasonal skip, however past experience has shown that they are filled straight away with builders' rubble. Another suggestion was the provision of bottle banks however the public house already has this facility.

The Chair suggested waiting to see which parcels of land will become available when the bridge has been finished; then have a look at the opportunity to site some recycling facilities and allotments. It was also agreed to ask the Memorial Hall committee if they would like to use an area of the car park for recycling use.

1000/14 Proposal to discuss CCTV cameras for the sports field

A discussion took place on the installation of CCTV cameras on the sports field. The Chair commented that limited coverage may only be a possibility if the changing rooms are built and electricity is available in that location.

Cllr Woodcock proposed that the Council asks the Youth Council if they would like to be involved with the project; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by 9 votes.

1001/14 To approve memorial headstone as circulated

The memorial headstone for Mrs Houlden was approved by 9 votes.

1002/14 To receive any village reports

Cllr Baines gave a report on the Christmas tree event which went very well. The Canute Company rescued Santa and the Newark Brass Band was able to play on the night.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that were able to help in various ways and make the evening a success.

Cllr Baines reported that he would not be able to arrange the event next year; the Councillors thanked him for all his efforts over the past three years.

1003/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial report

The following payments were approved by 9 votes.

- a) Street Cleaner's December wage £225.32 (1496)
- b) Clerk's November wage and expenses £362.47 (1497)
- c) A Baines – Christmas tree event expenses £31.88 (1498)
- d) Garage rent for 26 weeks £156.00 (1499)
- e) Street Cleaner's expenses – gloves/jacket £30.00 (1501)
- f) Planning with People – N.Plan expenses £400.00 (1502)
- g) N Olbury – Christmas tree expenses (rope) £18.00 (1503)
- h) Bassetlaw District Council – N.Plan printing expenses £109.44 (109.44)
- i) Mrs Douglas –consultation expenses £68.04 (1505)
- j) Clerk's expenses for Local World – grass contract advertising £43.50 (1506)

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

1003.1 To consider donation for the Newark Brass Band at the Christmas tree event

Cllr Baines proposed to donate £50 towards the cost of the Newark Brass Band to play at the Christmas tree event; this was seconded by Cllr Oldbury and resolved by 9 votes.

Newark Brass Band – cheque for £50.00 (1500)

1003.2 To discuss the 2015/16 budget

To Clerk circulated copies of the budget account and went through the finances prior to setting the budget in January. A budget of £3k to be included for the hedge cutting.

At this point Cllr Fish commented on the mess from the cows in the village; it was agreed that Cllr Raper will speak with the Farmer and discuss at the next meeting.

At this point Cllr O'Brien left the meeting.

1004/14 Proposal to discuss the Nottinghamshire County Council's budget cuts

Cllr O'Brien had previously circulated information from the N.C.C website, regarding their consultation on the budget cuts. It was agreed that due to the large amount of proposals it would be best if councillors submitted their comments individually.

1005/14 Clerk to give an update on the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Clerk updated the councillors on the new legislation that requires putting in the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It was agreed that the Clerk will submit a revised draft version for the Council to discuss and approve at the next meeting.

1006/14 To receive Items for Information and future agenda items

- Carillion to give update
- Youth Council update
- Hedge row update
- Grass cutting contract

1007/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 20th January 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.