

ELKESLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Elkesley Annual Parish Meeting took place on 16th May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

1/17 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair of the Parish Council) Mrs Davies (Clerk) and members of the public.

2/17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs O'Brien and Mr Wilkinson.

3/17 Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2016

Mr Raper approved the minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2016 as a true record; this was seconded by the Chair and approved by the meeting.

4/17 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The months must be getting shorter as it doesn't feel like 12 months since the last annual report. In that time we have again had another busy year and that rolling stone has gathered no moss.

Village Events

Christmas Lights

The annual light switch-on was again a positive event with the community pulling together to make it happen. Plans and discussions are already happening in preparation for Dec 2017 and it is hoped to build on the successes of previous years.

Village Clean-up

A large number of people turned out to help tidy the village and over the 2 days a huge quantity of rubbish – ranging from discarded CDs to a bath tub and car tyres to a gas fire were collected and ultimately removed by Bassetlaw District Council. They were immensely grateful to the residents of Elkesley for their efforts and the difference was quite noticeable. It is a shame to see the litter thrown and another day is being considered for the autumn.

The Robin Hood Inn

After some battling and to-ing and fro-ing, the pub retained its status as an asset of community value following an appeal hearing by a judge from London. In the months after this, the planning application to demolish the pub and construct a significant number of dwellings was retracted and the site is as it was. Various people have expressed an interest in re-opening the pub but at the present time the ownership has not changed.

Garages

Contact has been made with Bassetlaw with a view to potentially taking over the management of the garages in the village. We have not heard anything yet but will keep people informed

Allotments

The Parish Council has been approached regarding allotments and we are looking at what can be done. We need as many letters of interest for this to be progressed

Defib

The funding for a 2nd defib has been in place for some time. It has now been ordered and should be installed in the very near future. Many communities have a defib, for a village of our size to have 2 is fantastic

BMX

A grant application has been submitted to construct a junior BMX track adjacent to the existing one and will provide another opportunity for people to enjoy. Providing we are successful this will include benches and a covered seating area as well as good access for all from the park.

Councillors

It is good to see that we again have a full complement of Parish Councillors. The various roles that the Council undertakes have been shared out and will hopefully enable us to provide a more efficient operation

As I have just indicated, last year was extremely busy for us all and I would like to thank the people sat around this table as well as everyone else who has got involved in lending their support to assist with the various activities and projects. It's through the goodwill of people that Elkesley can achieve so much.

In conclusion, and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank you all.

5/17 Reports from Village Organisations

No reports were received.

6/17 Public session

No matters raised.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.08pm.