

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 2018, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley

Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr May, Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Stronach

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

3031/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Wilkinson.

3032/18 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any agenda item to be discussed

No declaration of interests received.

3033/18 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

Issues raised:

- Query over why the cemetery has not been cut – it had been cut the previous day
- A letter read out from a resident disappointed over the behaviour of the Memorial Hall Committee in installing a fence to prevent her from walking onto the hall grass through her back garden which she has done for many years whilst carrying out her role on the committee or helping out
- Query over when the 70mph limit on the A1 Northbound will be re-instated – not till the access has been sorted for the property that has an entrance/exit off the A1
- Who to contact re overhanging hedges – reports should be made to Notts County Council
- When is the road sweeper going to be in the village – they came the day before
- What can be done about the rave at Bevercotes over the weekend – it was noted that the police eventually shut it down on the second day

3034/18 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Not present to give any reports.

3035/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th July 2018

Cllr Flear proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 17th July 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council 7 votes

3036/18 To receive any updates on actions from the previous meeting

- The Licensing of the new vicar has taken place
- The rusted post box at the shop is to be replaced by the Post Office
- The Chair has collected the 3 new village benches. They are to be sited near the bridge, at the end of Coal Pit Lane and one on Holly Bush
- The Chair and Cllr O'Brien attended the Parish Conference and read out various items discussed at the event
- Cllr Woodcock asked there was any update on the A1 garages; Cllr O'Brien reported that she has sent in the information require to BDC but has not heard anything since

3037/18 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decision notices

Application: 18/01027/RSB

Proposal: Proposed garage conversion, first floor, extension, porch extension and new workshop/car barn (Resubmission of P/A 18/00410/HSE)

Location: 14 Park Lane, Elkesley

Application: 18/00959/HSE

Proposal: Erect first floor side extension and single storey rear extension

Location: The Old Police House

After consideration of the above applications; the Chair proposed not to make any objections which was seconded by Cllr Woodcock and resolved by the Council 7 votes

a) To discuss an update on the Robin Hood Pub

The Chair reported that the owner of the pub has now employed a different architect and produced a different set of plans. However, the architect has recommended to the owner that the pub is offered back to the village to be purchased and only build a pair of semi's and a pair of bungalows. The site would include car parking of 5 spaces which is not enough for a pub. It was agreed that this was a starting point of communicating with the developer and architect which hasn't happened previously. The Chair reported that potentially there are different options of funding for the purchase.

Cllr Stronach proposed that the Council meets with the architect. The Chair said there will have to be a very active group of people that will take this forward and work on it. This is for the residents to take on and there are potentially different options of funding available for the purchase; this is not something that the Council will take on. The new asking price will be in the region of £160k which is roughly what it was purchased for. The owner previously offered it back to the village for £300k without the car park.

b) To receive information on a potential development at Bevercotes

Just to raise awareness; the Chair has heard that potentially there could be a new village created on the Bevercotes site for around three thousand people but does not know how accurate the information is. The Bevercotes site originally had an application for a distribution centre but they would have to pay for an upgrade of the Tywford Bridge before anything could happen; this was about 10 years ago.

3038/18 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the August finances to date and the bank statements for the Councillors to view. The following payments were approved:

- a) Tuxford Lawnmower Centre (Via WD) £291.30 (1838)
- b) W Davies – July wage & expenses £252.58 (1840)
- c) HMRC (Via WD) p.a.y.e £61.80 (1841)
- d) I Davis – August wage £268.84 (1844)
- e) C F S Electrical – Defibrillator electrical supply £321.00 (1845)
- f) McAfee - protection for laptop £64.99 (1846)
- g) I Davis – petrol for grass cutting £41.55 (1847)
- h) Elkesley Memorial Hall – hall hire & P Office £92.00 (1848)

- i) Clerk Aug wage and expenses £251.78 (1849)
- j) Street Cleaner last wage £31.24 (1850)
- k) N Oldbury – petrol for collection of benches £41.75 (1851)
- l) PKF Littlejohn – external auditor £240.00 (1852)
- m) HMRC – p.a.y.e £46.40 (1853)
- n) Cllr O'Brien – bin bags £3.78 (1854)

3039/18 To consider request for donation towards the First Responders

It was agreed to look into a training session for the donation.

3040/18 Proposal to apply for a reduced speed limit for Brough Lane

Cllr Flear and 3 other Councillors went round the village looking at the speed limits in various areas. After a discussion; Cllr Flear proposed to apply to Highways for a reduction in speed limits to 30mph from Twyford Road all the way up High Street to Plevins and on Elkesley Bridge Road; plus 20mph on side roads off the High Street where the residential housing is. This proposal was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council by 7 votes.

3041/18 To consider request for dropped kerbs on Lawnwood Avenue to help with parking issues

The Clerk reported that some years ago she arranged with Highways to create some parking bays on the right hand side cul de sac on Lawnwood Ave to help with the parking issues at the time; and suggested approaching Highways to do something similar on the left hand cul de sac on Lawnwood Ave as well. In respect of reducing the high kerbing on either side of the cul de sac to create easier parking bays to help with the current parking issues. No one had any objections to approaching highways and Cllr Stronach suggested that when approaching Highways to also ask them to out the grass verges on Headland Ave and replace with tarmac. Cllr Stronach is currently getting putting a petition together to hand into Highways; he will also include Lawnwood Lane. Cllr O'Brien will email Highways but someone would have to take it forward.

3042/18 To receive any updates on the 100yr of WW1 Commemoration project and consider budget for materials to make poppies

Cllr Ffoulk-Jones was not present to give an update. Cllr Stronach reported that the Memorial Hall event is sorted. Cllr Woodcock reported that the school is looking at making some poppies; Mrs Oldbury has offered to make a display of the poppies in the school entrance if someone is making them. The Chair reported that poppies for lamp posts may be some back in stock now at £3 each; the Chair asked if people would like to see some on the lamp posts.

Cllr Stronach proposed to purchase, if available, with a budget of £100; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council. Anyone wishing to make a donation can approach the Council.

3043/18 To receive reports from any meetings attended by Parish Council representatives

Already discussed under agenda 3036/18.

3044/14 To discuss the Christmas Lighting Event

Cllr Flear has the paperwork for the event and asked if the Council wanted to do similar to the previous year's event with a budget of £300. This would consist of soup, rolls, mince

pies, sweets for the children and Santa. The Christmas lights are still okay for this year. The Christmas tree lighting will follow on after the Christingle event. The Clerk will apply for the tree licence.

3045/18 Proposal to discuss the number of council meetings held

This item was deferred.

3046/18 To receive village reports on the following:

a) Sports field and play area inspections

- Cllr May reported that the damaged shelter will be repaired by the end of October. Cllr May reported that the Football Association has offered a £6k grant to make the field level; and to either purchase a storage unit or something related to the changing rooms
- No issues raised from the play area inspections.

b) Highways and service faults

- The sign has finally been replaced at the top of the Elkesley Bridge Road.
- The drain cleaners have been around the village
- The stolen drain/ man hole cover have not yet replaced on the new road towards the bridge

c) Cemetery

Cllr Stronach complained that the grave digger is dumping soil in the wrong place; the Clerk asked for a map of the area where the soil needs to be put.

Two pallets have disappeared from under the water butt when it was moved; two plastic ones have been offered as a replacement.

d) Defibrillator inspection

Cllr May reported he has checked both defibrillators and they are working ok. One has been fitted with a new battery and pads when it was moved to the shop. Both defibrillators now need to be registered.

The Chair is currently reading through information on various defibrillator training packages

3047/18 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

Information received on the NALC AGM on the 14th November 2018 - the guest speaker is from the County Council's Highways and he will be discussing the highways maintenance and resurfacing. Cllr O'Brien and Cllr May will attend.

Agenda Items:

- Frequency of Council meetings
- Sports Field to consider FA grants and quotations
- Hedge cutting
- The Holly tree in the cemetery requires maintenance
- Nominations for MH Representative
- To organise a village litter pick

3048/18 Time and Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 16th October 2018 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

3049/18 To ask members of the public to leave the meeting under the public admissions to meetings 1960 Act to enable discussion of staff matters.

Following the resignation of the Street Cleaner and after discussions; Cllr Stronach volunteered to empty the litter bins fortnightly on the Monday before the Tuesday wheelie bin collection. PPE to be provided.

At this point Cllr May reported that new legislation is now in place that anyone driving a tractor on the highway for more than 200 yds will be issued with 3 points on their driving licence. This then creates a problem for getting to the cemetery to carry out the grass cutting. It was suggested to apply for a temporary two year planning permission for a storage unit on the sports field to store the equipment

Cllr May will help to cut grass with 2 volunteers – PPE and training to be given.

The meeting closed at 9pm.