

Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held 19th September 2017 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Flear, Cllr Fish, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Raper, Cllr Wilkinson & Cllr May

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk) County Cllr Kevin Greaves, District Cllr Kevin Dukes and 14 members of the public

1921/17 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Lorne-Ffolkes due to illness.

1922/17 To receive and record declarations of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations of interest received.

1923/17 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow for the public session; matters raised:

- Issue regarding the responsibility of the conifers
- The untidy entrance in the village off the A1
- Untidy farm building
- Dog fouling reported by the Memorial Hall; CCTV to be installed
- Reported improvement on the behaviour around the youth centre
- Comment on the procedure for the public session

1924/17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 20th June 2017

Cllr O'Brien asked for the following amendments:

- Minute No. 1916/17
- b) the complete sentence should read *'the road bollards on Jockey Lane roundabout are not lighting up and one of them is broken and lying in the verge in the hedge line'*
- d) The defibrillator report should have included *'the Chair read out correspondence regarding the County Council and the permission for the electric supply for the second defibrillator'*

Minute No. 1917/17

- First bullet point should read *'Cllr O'Brien explained she had received permission from Cllr Fish who is the Parish Council's representative on the Memorial Hall committee.... Cllr O'Brien was also told to leave the door on the latch when she had finished which she did'*
- Second bullet point should read *'Cllr O'Brien asked for a future agenda item to discuss if the memorial hall doesn't want to work with the Parish Council why we are here?'*
- Third bullet point should read *'to review the contribution to the memorial hall towards the cost of having the post office in the hall which is 19 months overdue'*

After reading the proposed amendments the Chair proposed to accept the changes and accept the minutes of the meeting held 20th June 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council 8 votes.

1925/17 To receive an update on actions from the previous meetings

- Cllr May reported that Mr Headland was happy to allow the defibrillator to be wired into the electric supply from his barn

- The Chair reported that the junior BMX track construction is now underway and should be finished the following week. The seating and shelter should follow a couple of weeks or so after the completion
- Cllr O'Brien reported that she hasn't received any response back from her request for a copy of a standard tenant's agreement for the A1 garages
- The Chair reported that he has not yet received a reply back from B.T regarding the phone box on Headland Ave
- Cllr Wilkinson clarified that we need to get some 2'x2' slabs
- We are still waiting for the speed signs and Cllr May will follow it up

1926/17

To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

District Cllr Kevin Dukes reported on the Parish Forum meeting and the new Data Protection legislation that comes into force next year.

- The District Council are looking for canvassers to go knocking on doors ensuring that residents are registered to vote.
- Please report on the District Council's website any dog fouling as they are looking for hot spots that require tackling.

County Cllr Kevin Greaves reported on the new Transport & Rail Committee.

- Cllr Greaves has put forward 3 roads for resurfacing; Lawnwood Ave, Park Lane and High Street.
- The new Highways Manager Jo Haughton now has to cover Newark & Sherwood as well as Bassetlaw which is a third of Nottinghamshire County Council's area.
- The Local Improvement Scheme which was available for the funding towards the new village signs is no longer there; however Cllr Greaves said there may be a possibility of 50% funding matched by the parishes for the new signs
- The request for a parking permit for Lime Tree Road has been refused as the parking situation is not severe enough to warrant parking permits/ parking restrictions

1927/17

Planning – to consider any planning applications below, note any correspondence and decision Notices

Application: 17/01077/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey industrial building ancillary to existing operations

Location: Canute Haulage Plc. Old London Road, Elkesley

The Council considered the above application and has no objections.

Application: 17/01091/RSB

Proposal: Erect single storey side and front extensions and erect detached single garage (resubmission of P.A 17/00367/HSE)

Location: 2 Elm Tree Place, Elkesley

The Council considered the above application; there being no planning reason to object the Council has no objections. However, a comment will be made for the Planning Officers to take into consideration the concerns raised by neighbours regarding over shadowing.

Application: 17/00918/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings, vacant public house with a residential apartment above with garages and removal of carpark and construction of four terraced houses, private gardens and 7 parking spaces

Location: Robin Hood Inn, High Street, Elkesley

The Councillors considered the above application during August and sent in objections. The application has since been refused.

Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the above decisions; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

Decision Notices

The Planning Authority (District Council) has issued the following decision notices:

Application: 17/00706/HSE

Proposal: Erect new front porch
Location: 5 Pepperly Rise, Elkesley
Decision: Granted

Application: 17/00918/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings, vacant public house with a residential apartment above with garages and removal of carpark and construction of four terraced houses, private gardens and 7 parking spaces
Location: Robin Hood Inn, High Street, Elkesley
Decision: Refused

1928/17

Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update

July:

- a) PF Ironwork – redress BMX track and form sleeper steps £720.00 (1730) paid from grant money
- b) Elkesley Memorial Hall – June/July room hire and Post Office contributions £112.00 (1731)
- c) Street Cleaner July wage £256.90 (1732)
- d) Clerk June wage & expenses £244.40 (1733)
- e) 1734 – void
- f) Clerk July wage £229.20 (1735)
- g) Street Cleaner August wage & expenses £257.10 (1736)
- h) Mrs Blagg – water for cemetery £20.00 (1737)
- i) Mr Oldbury – bin bags & petrol for lawnmower £25.26 (1738)

September:

- j) N.A.L.C – cemetery course £40.00 (1739)
- k) McAfee laptop renewal £59.99 (1740)
- l) I Davis – Lawnmower petrol £59.01 (1741)
- m) Clerk – Aug wage & expenses £268.65 (1742)
- n) Street Cleaner Sept wage £256.90 (1743)
- o) Memorial Hall room hire & Post Office contribution £92.00 (1744)
- p) Mr Oldbury – flymo £140.00 (donation of £80.00 used) (1746)

Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the above payments; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council.

The Clerk circulated copies of the current finances, bank statements and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

Agenda item 9 was moved for consideration after item 12.

1929/17 Reminder to send follow up letter to the secretary of State

A letter to be sent to the Secretary of State to direct the Notts County Council to come to a decision regarding Battery Lane within a specific period of time.

1930/17 To resolve who is responsible and accountable to management and maintenance of the conifer hedge bordering the Memorial Hall and car park

The Chair read from the Conveyance document dated 11th March 1949 (for information - transfer from the owners of the land to the first Trustees of the Elkesley Memorial Hall Committee); which section 3 reads *'The Trustees hereby covenant with the Settlor to erect and for ever hereafter maintain a fence on the west and south sides of the property hereby conveyed.'* (for information the Settlor were the First Trustees)

The Chair then read out a letter written in 2002 from the solicitors involved with the sale of some memorial hall land (north of the village hall) which was sold to a resident; therefore shows ownership.

The Chair stated that just because the Parish Council may have purchased and planted the conifers for the Memorial Hall; it does not mean they are responsible for it. In the same way as the Elkesley Playground Committee fund raised and provided the play areas for the village; then signed them over to the Parish Council to maintain. The Playground Committee has no further responsibility/ownership of the play areas.

However, it does not mean that the Parish Council cannot make a contribution towards the work required subject to budgets. The Chair previously spoke to contractors when they were working on the sports field and the costings would be:

- 1) To reduce the height of the conifers the costs would be £1900.00
- 2) Then a seasonal cut would cost £385.00 (2 recommended each year)
- 3) Alternatively, to remove the conifers would cost £3800

The Chair proposed that a meeting should take place with the residents whose gardens back onto the conifer trees, the Memorial Hall Committee and the Parish Council; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

1931/17 Proposal by Cllr Oldbury to purchase a storage container

The Chair proposed to purchase a storage container for the Council's equipment to be situated on the sports field. Cllr Stronach asked that initially the Council should chase up the offer of a free 20ft container first rather than having to pay for one. The Clerk confirmed that if there was a cost for the container then the Council would have to propose to vire funds from the sports field budget.

After discussion Cllr May proposed that the Council will chase up the offer of a free container; if that option is no longer available then a container could be purchased up to £500 from a virement of funds from the sports field budget. This was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

1932/17 To consider and approve insurance quotations for the ride on lawnmower

Cllr May reported that if a container is purchased and sited on the sports field then the insurance would be considerable less due to the smaller distance the lawnmower will be on the public highways. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

1933/17 To receive village reports on the following:

a) Sports field and play area inspections

- A flymo has been purchased (using £80 donation towards the cost)
- The Fields in Trust plaque has been mounted in stone
- A new dog sign is required
- Weeding on the BMX track has been carried out
- No H&S items raised regarding the play area equipment

b) Highways and service faults

- Cllr Raper reported that the top bollard on the roundabout has been repaired but the bottom one is still faulty.
- Complaints have been sent to Carillion regarding the trees they have planted which have died
- Request for gritting this side of the A1 junction
- County Cllr Greaves has put in a request for cats eyes on

Cemetery

Cllr May suggest moving the pile of soil to the behind the wall on the left hand side; Cllr Stronach suggested the cleared area would make way for at least 9 more graves. Cllr Stronach suggested that people living outside the village should be able to be buried in the cemetery (this does not include people that have had to move out due to illness/care homes). The Clerk advised that to do so would mean that with the very limited grave spaces left; there would not be a lot of space left for Elkesley residents to be buried there as the space would be used up quicker. The Clerk also mentioned that Elkesley residents are paying towards the upkeep of the cemetery and anyone buried there who is not a resident; has not contributed to the upkeep of the cemetery.

The rules & regulations for the cemetery will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Council approved the proposed second inscription for plot no. 61 by 8 votes.

Defibrillator inspection

Everything is okay – a new battery has been fitted

Allotments

The Chair reported one letter has been received requesting an allotment.

1934/17 To decide on a date for the autumn village clean up

It was agreed to hold the next village clean on the 5th November; Cllr Wilkinson will provide the posters.

1935/17 To receive reports from any meetings attended by the Council Representatives

The Clerk reported that she had been unable to attend the Parish forum due to working. Cllr Stronach gave a report on the police meeting he had attended.

1936/17 Proposal by Cllr Flear to trail bi-monthly Council meetings

Following discussions and proposals, Cllr Stronach proposed to keep the monthly meetings as they are; this was seconded by Cllr Fisher and resolved by the Council by 8 votes.

1937/17 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

No items of information received to note.

1938/17 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.56pm.

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