

## Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

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

**Others present:** County Cllr Ogle and members of the public.

The Chair reminded Members that the meeting was being recorded.

**1791/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

**1792/16 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

Declaration of Interest was received from Cllr Fish.

**1793/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Cllr Stronach requested a change to the minutes, stating that he had not said that Cllr Flear and Cllr Raper was in the pocket of the landowner. He requested that that statement be retracted before they were signed. Cllr O'Brien confirmed the wording of the minutes was correct but it was Cllr Raper's words not Cllr Stomach's words, but Cllr Stronach still had issues. After discussion it was agreed that the tape recording would be checked after the meeting for the exact wording and reported back to both the chair and Cllr Stronach.

**1794/16 To receive reports from the County & District Councillors**

County Cllr Ogle reported:

- That Stagecoach bus service is not a subsidised service and resident need to write to Stagecoach asking them to amend the service and alter the pickup points. Cllr Stronach will visit the pensioner bungalows regarding letters.
- Cllr Ogle has a meeting on 3/1/17 regarding fibre optic broadband. Cllr Ogle explained that the service is below standard and requested resident notify him with any instances while the option to address the issues are available.
- Cllr Ogle also discussed Unitary Authorities, which may cut out duplication and the Parish Council may wish to discuss this and decide if it's beneficial to Elkesley.

**1795/16 To hold a 10 minute public session**

Comments raised:

- Damage to the shelter

**1796/16 To receive an update on Parish Council vacancies and consider any applications**

The Councillors moved to the committee room to conduct interviews with 3 members of the public who have shown an interest in becoming Councillors.

Prior to interviews taking place Cllr Raper left the meeting room due to the conduct of Cllr Stronach.

Members re-joined the main meeting and the Chair welcomed two new Councillors, Cllr Lorne Ffoulkes Jones and Cllr Steve Wilkinson. The new Councillors signed their Declaration of Office.

**1797/16 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**

No applications received.

**1798/16 Finance - To approve payments and receive financial update**

The Finance Officer circulated copies of the November financial accounts, bank statements and budget to date figures for the Councillors to view.

The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

- a) Elkesley Memorial Hall – Room hire, Post Office donation and Christmas lunch donation £111.00 (1680)
- b) Street cleaner's December wage £248.00 (1681)
- c) Clerk's November wage and expenses £140.93 (1682)
- d) N Oldbury – Christmas event expenses £144.25 (1683)
- e) Cheque 1684 – void
- d) Mr Johnson – petrol of lawnmower for St Giles' Church £55.98 (1685)
- e) Garage rent £62.03 (1686)

**1799/16 To look at outstanding items and costs from the annual play area inspection**

The Chair circulated information outlining items previously agreed on play area following the annual report, some items have already been completed and cost at present come out at £699. Cllr's May, Ffoulkes- Jones and Wilkinson will get together to discuss what self-help items can be done to reduce cost.

**1800/16 Proposal to discuss the BMX track and receive update on insurance and liability**

The insurance company has no problem with the proposal put forward at the last meeting. Cllr Stronach made comment on the funding from BDC two years ago and asked where it was, and why it hadn't gone back into the Parish Council fund. The Chair explained that the money is and always has been in the Parish Council accounts, but could only be used for the BMX track, if it was not used for that purpose then it had to be returned to BDC. Cllr Stronach stated he wasn't bothered who was getting it, now it's been two years that 2 quotes have been received, 1 for junior BMX track at £4970 excluding vat and 1 for the land between the farmer Greave's field and the track to level it and remove self-set trees etc., £800. A contractor will be coming in the New Year to dress the surface, big curve and put in an extra hump and sleepers for £1200 approximately, which will come out of the previous grant from BDC.

**1801/16 To consider if hedge cutting is required to be budgeted for 2017 and the costs involved**

Hedge cutting is required and to include the hedges behind the Memorial Hall and driveway. Proposal to get quote as one complete job, this was proposed by Cllr Flear and seconded By Cllr Oldbury and resolved by the Council.

**1802/16 To consider if lighting for the sports field is feasible and if it would be cost effective**

Cllr May advised members that Northern Power is sending some information to the Council but it wouldn't be through in time to be included in 2017 budget; to defer to the January meeting.

1803/16

**To consider suggestions for 2017 budget**

- Cllr Flear questioned if the Parish Council were going to take advantage of the Lengthsman Scheme for funding some items already being funded and completed by our grass cutting operative. Cllr Flear will obtain more information and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.
- Hedge cutting last year £1500 not used to date.
- Clearing ground at back of BMX track
- Maintenance budget for play area £1000
- Seating around village £500 already in budget
- White route markers concrete required £200
- Garage rent – option for container donation possible to be discussed further. Chair to contact BDC re planning permission
- Green waste collection £30
- Repairs to shelter
- Rubbish bins around village seating areas, or relocate existing bins that are unused.

1804/16

**To discuss A1 garages**

It was discussed to proceed forward with managing the garages sooner rather than later. A proposal to send official letter to B.D.C to start the negotiation process to take over the management and maintenance of the garages was made by Cllr Oldbury which was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council.

1805/16

**To consider BT consultation regarding removal of telephone box on Headland Ave**

There was a 5% return on the question of keeping the box and more people saying they have no preference than stating a preference. Cllr Flear noted that if the phone box saves one life it is worth keeping and perhaps we should put in an objection. Cllr Stronach volunteered to draft letter of objection and circulate it round for agreement before being sent.

1806/16

**To receive village reports:**

**a) Sports field** – already discussed earlier in the meeting.

**b) Highways** – Cllr May to take forward any issues highlighted.

**c) Cemetery** – Water butt  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. The quote to remove the mole was £80 CP&PS Ltd; Cllr O'Brien proposed to accept the quotation which was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

**d) Defibrillator report** – not available as held by Cllr Raper who left the meeting.

1807/16

**To discuss what can be done regarding the damage to Jockey Lane from lorries and the safety of the public using it**

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

1808/16

**Nomination for Health & Safety Representative(s)**

This item was deferred to the January meeting to review roles and responsibilities now there are new Cllrs.

**1809/16 Request to discuss any update on Battery Lane**

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

**1810/16 To receive items of information for future agenda items**

- Roles and responsibilities
- Letter Drop

**1811/16 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley

Chair closed the meeting at 21.23pm

Signed (Chair).....

Date .....

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