

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

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

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Councillor Greaves and members of the public.

**1996/18 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Wilkinson.

**1997/18 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

No Declarations of interest received.

**1998/18 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session**

- When is the next spring clean - the Bassetlaw Spring Clean will be taking place for three weeks in March
- Query on receiving a report from the Memorial Hall Committee – there is an agenda item specifically for receiving reports from council representatives; see minute 2005/18
- Report of the car accident on at the Coalpit Lane/Elkesley Bridge junction. The Clerk has received a photo of the accident from a resident and this has been forward onto County Cllr Greaves to pass onto Highways. This was also discussed under the Highways report later in the meeting.

**1999/18 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors**

County Cllr Kevin Greaves gave the following report:

- On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November the full County Council meeting was a motion put forward by Cllr Kay Cutts (Leader of the County Council) that she should write to the Secretary of State for Health stating that health and social care for Nottinghamshire residents should be provided within the County boundaries and specifically call for Bassetlaw to be part of the Nottinghamshire STP, and be pulled out of South Yorkshire i.e. Doncaster and Sheffield Hospitals. The Motion was carried with a recorded vote.
- Nottinghamshire crime performance showed that Nottinghamshire had the worst level of crimes; an increase of 2,000 more offences in 2017 per month than the previous 2016 year.
- Grass cutting – a question is to be asked at the full County Council meeting if there is going to be a reduction in grass cutting

District Cllr Kevin Dukes highlighted the following events:

- The Parish Forum meeting will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January in the Retford Town Hall at 7pm – information on the new General Data Protection Register (GDPR) and also a presentation from the Plunkett Foundation.
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2pm the Rural Conference in the Retford Town Hall – information on the Hospital Services review, General Data Protection Register and the Neighbourhood Plan Market Place event on 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- John Mann has been informed of the Robin Hood situation

At this point the Chair brought item 9 forward.

**2000/18 Proposal to consider an Elkesley Neighbourhood Watch Group**

Cllr Stronach had asked two members of the Ordsall Community Watch group to attend the meeting to give a presentation on how they co-ordinate and run their group. The presentation was very informative and highlighted how much the crime rate in Ordsall has been reduced since the Community Watch Group started. Cllr Stronach suggested that he and another Councillor join the Community Watch on one of their evening patrols to see how it operates; this was agreed and Cllr Stronach will report back at a future meeting.

**2001/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Items to amend:

- Min 1986/17 – should read *Mr Neal* and not Mr O'Brien
- Min 1990/17 – should include that *the grips and dykes on Jockey Lane have not yet been done*
- Min 1995/17 – should read that the next meeting will be held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Following amendment; Cllr Flear proposed to accept the minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council by 7 votes.

**2002/18 To receive any updates on actions from previous meetings**

Cllr May reported that the shelter on the sports field has been installed. Proposal of putting two new benches in the village; one near the gates onto the road to the bridge and then other on the path near the bollards on the new land after Pepperly Rise. Another suggestion was to put the benches in the bus shelters; it was decided to put this matter on the next agenda.

**2003/18 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decision notices**

**Application ref: 17/01627/RSB**

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 (resubmission of 17/00918/FUL)

Location: Robin Hood Inn, High Street, Elkesley

Following discussion on the above application; it was agreed to ask for an extension for the Council's comments to allow for a public meeting with residents to be considered and their views to be represented.

The Chair proposed that the Council continues to make objections to the application as it still doesn't comply with the Neighbourhood Plan; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by 7 votes. The Chair will draft an objection letter and circulate around the Councillors for comments.

**2004/18 To receive update from the Neighbourhood Plan meeting**

The Chair reported that a grant has been applied for to, carry out a feasibility study on the Robin Hood Pub. The study is to see if the pub would be viable or not; if it is then consideration would need to be given to the next steps.

A grant has also been applied for reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan; this will include a public meeting in the Memorial Hall for residents to give their comments.

**2005/18 To receive reports from any meetings attended by Council Representatives**

No reports given.

The Chair proposed to ask Cllr Fish as the Council representative on the Memorial Hall Committee; to report back to the Parish Council matters of interest from their meetings e.g. events; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

**2006/18 To allocate Councillors to lead on projects for 2018**

The Chair suggested that individual Councillors take a lead role in co-ordinating working groups on various project for the coming year.

Projects highlighted are:

- 1) Installation of new shelter on the sports field – this has now been completed.
- 2) Repairs to existing shelter on the sports field – Cllr May will take on this project
- 3) Installation of two new benches in the village – Cllr Oldbury will take on this project
- 4) Improvements to the cemetery – Cllr Stronach will take on this project
- 5) Improvements to the entrance into the village – Cllr O'Brien will take on this project
- 6) 100 year Remembrance of the WW1 event – Cllr Fish will have a think and come back to the Council; Cllr Stronach was asked to support Cllr Fish in this
- 7) Christmas tree lighting event – Cllr Flear will take on this project
- 8) Improvements to Crookford – Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones will take on this project

At this point Cllr Stronach left the meeting.

**2007/18 To consider quotations for repairs to the shelter on the sports field**

Cllr May has arranged for one quotation for repairs to the shelter. The Chair proposed to delegate Cllr May to obtain a further two quotations and arrange for the repairs to be carried out; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by 7 votes.

To receive village reports on the following:

**Sports field and play area inspections**

No actions required.

The Chair reported that a resident who constructs BMX tracks congratulated the Council on the junior BMX track; he did suggest that some modifications of the large BMX would help make it more useable and offered to do this – the Councillors had no objections

**Highways and service faults**

Following on from the report of the car accident on the Coalpit Lane/Elkesley Bridge junction; suggestions were made to County Cllr Kevin Greaves on what would make the junction a safety place; as well as a request for a salt bin on the corner near the barriers.

It was also mentioned that Stoney Bridge was deteriorating.

**Cemetery** – nothing to report

**Defibrillator inspection** – Cllr May has a new battery that requires fitting and the defibrillator is going to be moved up to the shop in the near future.

**Allotments** – nothing to report

**2008/18 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update**

The Clerk circulated copies of the finances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, bank statements and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

The following payments were approved:

- a) S Wilkinson – 3D defibrillator sign £12.54 (1779)
- b) Street Cleaner's wage £257.10 (1780)
- c) Parish Clerk Dec wage and exps £194.20 (1781)
- d) HMRC p.a.y.e £50.00 (1782)
- e) Void (1783)
- f) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire and Post Office contribution £68.00 (1784)
- g) N.A.L.C subscriptions £143.80 (1785)
- h) Harworth & Bircotes TC – bin bags and gloves £22.68 (1786)
- i) R May – tools for putting up field shelter and returnable deposit £137.93 (1787)

**2009/18 To consider precept for the 2018**

After consideration of the precept figures for 2018-19; Cllr Ffoulkes proposed to increase the precept by 3% in line with inflation; this was seconded by Cllr Flear and resolved by 7 votes. The impact on residents will be £1.20 for D band households.

**2010/18 To receive items for information and future agenda items**

- Information on the forthcoming Bassetlaw Rural events spring 2018
- Information on the Bassetlaw spring clean litter pick in March

**2011/18 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.06pm.