

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council

The Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council was held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley on 15th December 2015 at 7.00pm.

1203/15 Present: Cllr Oldbury, Cllr Raper, Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Stronach Cllr Hurst

Others present: 5 members of the public

Cllr Oldbury took the minutes and Cllr Raper chaired the meeting.

1204/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Woodcock.

1205/15 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declaration of interests received.

1206/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2015

The minutes of the meeting were approved and the Chair duly signed the minutes.

1207/15 To hold a 10 minute public session

Mrs Douglas shared a map of Elkesley and talked through the focus of the EPVG. The group has been wound up for the time being. Their main focus has been path 'D', the land where this is owned by Carrs and leased to the Forestry Commission. There is no right of access and no support has been offered by the Forestry Commission for opening it up.

Mrs Douglas mentioned other paths from the map and access issues relating to them. The landowner where there is access to stony bridge is happy for it to be improved and some villagers will be working on this during the year. Notts CC will potentially upgrade Crookford bridge – budget permitting. The hedges and potholes on Brough Lane have been addressed. The path alongside Plevins has been improved. The EA have agreed to boulders to be placed in the river in response to the 4x4 driving downstream. The Forestry has to apply to the EA for this to be done.

Action:

Cllr Dukes to be asked to contact the Forestry commission about this application

Mr J Stronach will be leading on the seating project around the village

Money left from the EPVG to be held by the PC for 1 year in case the group re-forms. If they don't then the money is to be ring-fenced and spent on 'paths'

1208/15 To receive a report from the District Councillor

District Councillor Dukes was unable to attend.

County Councillor John Ogle was unable to attend.

1209/15 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application: Notts County Council Ref: F/3409
 Location: A1 metal recycling
 Proposal: Construction of new office and weighbridge (retrospective)

The Council discussed the above application and it was agreed to find more details over the application before making comment.

1210/15 To receive an update on the Robin Hood Pub

The Community Asset listing is being appealed for the second time and it will now go to tribunal. As the PC made the original listing they have been asked if they would like to make representation. Due to the timescale, they said they would (this had to be confirmed before the PC meeting).

1211/15 Proposal to discuss right of way on Battery Lane

Cllr Hirst explained and outlined the position regarding ownership. A proposal was made to approach the Definitive Map Officer to clarify officially the status of the lane and to request County Councillor J Ogle to help get a speedy resolution

Proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Stronach it was resolved by 6 votes and 2 abstained (JF, BS)

1212/15 Progress report on the defibrillator

This is now installed, functioning and registered
Action: GM to send short paragraph to Wendy for the Idle Times

1213/15 To approve payments and receive financial update

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

The following payments were approved:-

a)	Tony Halford -lawnmower service	£99.98	(1598)
b)	Parish Clerk's - Nov wages & expenses	£208.06	(1599)
c)	Street cleaning wage for December	£230.45	(1600)
d)	HMRC paye	£76.40	(1601)
e)	Garage rent	£TBA	(1602)
f)	Idle Times donation	£330.00	(1603)
g)	N Oldbury Xmas tree lights/printing	£108.59	(1604)
h)	M Stronach – varish for seat	£8.00	(1605)

Although the PC approved all payments, M Stronach refused to sign the cheque for I Davis and has requested copies of the time sheets for the street cleaner.

1214/15 To discuss the village grass cutting costs

As Cllr Woodcock was absent and is leading on this item it was deferred to a future meeting.

1215/15 To discuss budget ideas for 2016

£1000 to be set aside for maintenance and upgrade work to the play area
An amount to be allocated for seating materials

1216/15 To receive village reports**a) Sports Field and play equipment**

No report made.

Action: Cllr Oldbury to find details/costs for fixing the gates and powder coating them.

b) Update on the BMX track

Carillion have funded the building of the track, the grant that had been given for this purpose is still in the PC account and has to be used for associated BMX activities. Cllr Oldbury has spoken with Mr Brown (BDC) who has said this is ok. Cllr McCaffrey expressed concern over the surface of the track as it was 'soft'. It is thought that the weather has been so poor it hasn't been able to dry and harden.

c) Highways

Concern expressed over a lack of light at the junction on Coal Pit Lane with the bridge road. The position of the new road signs within the village are causing confusion

Action: Contact NCC to determine options available regarding a light at the junction and relocation/replacement signs

d) Cemetery

There is no resolution regarding the lack of a water supply for the cemetery.

e) EPVG

Report made during public session.

f) A1 Bridge

Nothing to report.

1217/15 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

Cllr Woodcock to report on the grass cutting options.

Cllr Stronach to lead on 'street cleaning'.

1518/15 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held 19th January 2016 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 8.27pm.