

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 16th June 2015 at 7.00pm.

1118/15 Present: Cllr Raper (Vice Chair), Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Woodcock

Others present: W Davies (Clerk) 8 members of the public

1119/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Oldbury.

1120/15 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declaration of interests received.

1121/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19th May 2015

Following discussion over minute No.115/15; the minutes of the meeting were approved and the Vice-Chair duly signed the minutes.

1122/15 To hold a 10 minute public session

A member of the Poulter Valley Group asked if the Council would object to a ramp being put on stone bridge if permission is given; no objections from the Councillors.

A resident commented on the dust from Plevins and asked if the Environment Agency hotline number could be put in the notice boards for concerned residents to ring.

The Elkesley Memorial Committee asked if the grass cutting maintenance could include the grass area around the hall in the 2016 contract – to be discussed at agenda item 6.

A resident reported that the bottle bank was overflowing at the pub and also enquired if Low Street and Park Lane would be included when the High Street is being resurfaced.

County Councillor John Ogle attended the meeting at this point.

1123/15 To receive a report from the District Councillor

District Councillor Dukes was unable to attend.
County Councillor John Ogle was present and gave his Notts County Council report

1124/15 Proposal to discuss the village grounds care maintenance for 2016

Cllr Woodcock proposed looking into the Council purchasing its own grass cutting machinery and cutting the grass in 2016; he would draw up a 5year plan of costings. Cllr McCaffrey would be happy to help Cllr Woodcock with the 5 year plan of costings.

Cllr Flear commented that now the Poulter Valley Group are carrying out monthly litter picks; he wondered if the Street Cleaner could incorporate some grass cutting in the summer months in his allocated hours.

Following Cllr Woodcock's proposal; Cllr McCaffrey seconded and was resolved by the Council. Cllr Stronach abstained from the vote.

1125/15 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application: 15/00635/HSE
 Location: 2 Lime Tree Road
 Proposal: Erect two storey side extension

The Council discussed the above application and Cllr Raper proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Woodcock and resolved by the Council.

1126/15 To receive village reports

Sports field and play equipment

Cllr Woodcock reported that there were no new issues. The two play area gates have been removed for repair; he has also written to the company regarding replacement posts and equipment. A quote for the damaged youth shelter has been requested from the manufacturer.

Cllr Simpson asked if the Youth Council would speak with youths and ask them to use the litter bins following a number of discarded cans and bottles on the field. The youth were also asked for their opinions on having CCTV fitted to the new changing rooms overlooking the play areas; they were not concerned so long as the cameras were not too close but looked over the area as a whole.

A letter has been distributed to residents on route to and those living on Brough Lane; informing them of that some lorries will be using that route to access to sports field off Brough Lane to deliver road plannings ready to start work on the BMX track.

Highways and Service Fault

Cllr Stronach and Cllr Raper will submit further requests for the removal of the overgrown vegetation on the A1 footpath.

Cemetery

An application for a memorial stone was received for Mr Booth, Cllr Stronach proposed to approve the memorial stone; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by the Council.

Any update on the A1 bridge

It was noted that the new road over bridge has now to be adopted by Notts County Council.

To receive an update from the Poulter Valley Group

Cllr Flear reported that the Poulter Valley Group are currently making improvements to stoney bridge and the Crookford area. Some issues that have arisen around Crookford are partly in the Bothamsall parish; Cllr Woodcock proposed to write to Bothamsall Parish Council and asked if they would be interested in being involved with their project; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and approved by the Council.

1127/15 To receive any update on the proposed village defibrillator

Cllr McCaffrey reported that the defibrillator will cost approximately £1300-£1500 and ideas for fundraising were being considered.

At this point Cllr Hirst joined the meeting.

1128/15 To consider options on the A1 garages following discussion with B.D.C

The Vice-Chair suspended the meeting to allow Mrs O'Brien to speak.

Mrs O'Brien reported on a meeting with John Unstead, Estates Manager for the District Council. There were two options available; one was to manage the garages without buying the land, but may be able to purchase the land at a later date; the second option was to manage the garages and purchase the land.

Mrs O'Brien previously circulated a condition report on the garages for the councillors to read.

Cllr Flear commented that he had investigated similar land for sale on the internet which were for sale at a far lower cost. The cost would have to be negotiated if the Council wanted to purchase them; but the garages would have to be usable and the Parish Council would need to know what the demand was for the garages – possible through consultation with residents.

Cllr Woodcock was concerned over the presence of asbestos; this was shared by the rest of the Council. Cllr Fish commented that she would like to keep her garage and if the Parish Council didn't manage them, then the District Council would get rid of them.

Mrs O'Brien commented that even though the condition report sounded bad, there was nothing to stop the garages from being rented; and suggested that if required, she could negotiate with A1 housing to have a say in the allocations process. The Parish Council would then know how many garages were empty and those residents having problems getting a garage could apply for one and keep them filled them up; B.D.C would then not have a reason to dispose of them.

Cllr Stronach proposed that the Councillors that went to meet Mr Unstead previously; have another meeting and re discuss these issues again. However, since most of Mrs O'Brien's dealings with Mr Unstead have been by telephone, she would be happy to continue to deal with him in this way and report back to the next meeting; this a agreed by the rest of the Council.

1129/15 To receive any update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Woodcock reported that the plan has been formally submitted and the choosing of the inspector will then take place.

At this point the vice-Chair went back to the defibrillator item and asked Cllr Hirst if there was anything he would like to report. Cllr Hirst asked for some meeting dates when he can arrange for a speaker to come to a Council meeting to give a presentation on their experience of defibrillators. The next three meeting dates were given.

1130/15 To discuss roles & responsibilities

Cllr Flear offered to be a Parish Council representative for any discussions between the Parish Council and local farmers/landowners.

Cllr Woodcock proposed to accept this offer; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

1131/15 To approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the current finances and bank statements.

The following payments were approved:-

- a) N Oldbury – sports field expenses £37.54 (1553)
- b) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance £624.00 (1554)
- c) Clerk's May wage and expenses £258.77 (1555)
- d) Elkesley Memorial Hall room hire £20.00 (1556)

- e) Information Commissioner – Date protection renewal £35.00 (1557)
- f) Street Cleaners wage £224.72 (1558)

1132/15 Proposal to discuss a request for a memorial plaque for the village hall

Cllr Fish proposed to pass this onto the Elkesley Memorial Hall Committee which was seconded by Cllr Hirst and resolved by the Council.

1133/15 To arrange staff appraisals and risk assessments

Cllr Raper proposed that he and Cllr Hirst will arrange the staff appraisals; this was resolved by the Council.

1134/15 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

Cllr Simpson reported that he has contacted the N.C.C transport services to enquiry if the rumours that there will only be one bus stop in the village when the new road opens. Notts Council Council has replied stating that the new road will not have a major impact on the bus routes that were operating prior to the roadworks. Once the road is open; the bus services will continue to use all stops previously served in the village, there are no proposed new stops being installed.

Future agenda items:

- Update from the Poulter Valley Group
- Request for an update from Carillion and also the proposed speed limits
- Request for any update on the public house

1135/15 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held 21st July 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Vice- Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.