

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 21st July 2015 at 7.15pm.

1136/15 Present: Cllr Oldbury, Cllr Raper, Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Hirst and Cllr Stronach

Others present: W Davies (Clerk), District Councillor Dukes, County Councillor Ogle and members of the public

1137/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Simpson and Cllr Woodcock.

1138/15 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations received.

1139/15 Presentation to be given on village defibrillators and consideration of purchasing one

Mr Gibson, the Chair of the Five Village First Responders group attended the meeting and gave a presentation using a defibrillator and the costs involved; approx. £1200 for the defibrillator and housing for it.

Cllr Hirst has kindly secured promises of donations via the Church which will enable a defibrillator to be purchased. Cllr Hirst asked if the Parish Council agree to the purchase of the defibrillator by the church and agree to take responsibility of it once purchased; this was accepted by Cllr Stronach, Seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by 7 votes.

District Cllr Dukes mentioned that D2N2 are also helping communities to purchase defibrillators to site near OAP bungalows.

At this point County Councillor Ogle gave his County report and mentioned funding is available via his Community Grant towards a community defibrillator.

Cllr Ogle will also contact the Highways Manager and the Transport portfolio holder regarding the resurfacing of High Street now the bridge work is now complete.

1140/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th June 2015

Following amendment to minute number 1128/15, second to last line should read that Mrs O'Brien's dealing with *A1 housing* have been by telephone and not dealings with *Mr Unstead*. Cllr Raper proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 16th June 2015 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by 7 votes.

1141/15 To hold 10 minute public session

A resident reported there had been more complaints to the EA about Plevins waste wood processing activities, especially dust related. Heather Smith (EA) would be handing responsibility over to Lindsey Morton (EA) within a couple of weeks. Meanwhile a new mist sprayer has been installed and deployed on the lower site

1142/15 To receive a report from the District Councillor

District Cllr Dukes gave an update on the Parish Forum and rural Isolation Conference. The Goodwin Charity fund application forms can be found on the 'go fund me' site on the BDC website.

Cllr Dukes thanked the village for the Elkesley Feast which he enjoyed and thought the event was very well organised.

1143/15 Proposal to discuss the conduct and manners of Parish Councillors whilst in meetings

Cllr Raper asked Cllr Stronach whether he thought that he owed the Clerk an apology following his accusations at the last council meeting; Cllr Stronach refused to apologise for the personal comments he made. The Chair asked directly if Cllr Stronach would apologise and he again refused.

1144/15 Planning – to consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

No planning applications received.

The Chair distributed a Neighbourhood Plan flow chart of policies for the Councillors to use when considering planning applications.

It was also proposed that the Council purchased a projector so that copy of plans off the District Council planning website can be shown to members when considering applications. The Chair will find a price for a suitable projector.

Information has been received on a 20mph speed limit scheme outside of the Elkesley Primary School.

1145/15 To receive any further developments on the A1 garages

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow Mrs O'Brien to give an update on the A1 garages. A1 suggested that the Council could carry out a consultation to prove there is a requirement for the garages. Cllr Stronach offered to carry out a consultation with residents in the village. The Chair will create a spread sheet of questions for him to carry out the consultation.

1146/15 To receive village reports

a) Sports field and play equipment inspection and consideration of addition litter bin

Cllr Woodcock not present to give report on the field and equipment inspection.
Cllr Flear proposed that the lease used litter bin on the field is moved to near where the shelter will be resited; this was seconded and approved by 7 votes.

The Chair commented on how well the sports field and cemetery were looking.

It was noted that Carillion have delivered some fence panels to the playing field to make a start on the BMX track.

b) Highways and service faults

Cllr Raper reported on his conversation with Area 7 over the A1 footpath hedge and grass cutting.

Area 7 also reported to Cllr Raper that no work to the path to remove overgrown vegetation to widening the footpath will take place until the bridge works have been

completed; for H&S reasons for their maintenance team.

c) Cemetery

It was noted that Mr & Mrs Bragg are no longer able to fill the water butt up at the cemetery. Cllr Raper will look at other options.

Cllr Stronach reported that he still has not varnished the seat and will carry this out as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked Cllr Raper for clearing up the cemetery.

d) To receive any update on the A1 bridge and the proposed speed limits following Consultation

Mr Bingham the Bridge Project Manager and Graham Littlechild both sent their apologies and submitted an update which the Chair read out to the meeting.

e) To receive update from the Poulter Valley Group and consideration of purchase of mobile CCTV

Cllr Flear reported that the group has been carrying out work to the ramp and railings on stoney bridge.

Cllr Flear proposed to purchase mobile CCTVs to monitor fly tipping; this was voted against for this moment in time.

f) To receive any update available on the Robin Hood Pub

No information available to report; however the Chair said that the pub is now listed as a Community Asset which means that if the owners were to put the pub up for sale, the Parish Council would have six months to apply for funds to purchase the building on behalf of the residents.

1147/15 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update

To Clerk circulated the June financial report and copy of bank statements.

Cllr Raper proposed to approve the following payments for July & August; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 7 votes.

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – 2 x grass cuts in June £624.00 (1559)
- b) Cumbria Clock – St Giles' Clock service £174.00 (1560)
- c) B.D.C – printing of N.Plan consultation document £91.39 (1561)
- d) 50% SLCC subscription £51.50 (1562)
- e) Street Cleaning July wage £224.72 (1563)
- f) Clerk's June wage and expenses £178.94 (1564)
- g) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – 2 x July grass cuts £624.00 (1565)
- h) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire June & July £40.00 (1566)
- i) Clerk's July wage and expenses £171.50 (1567)
- j) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – vat missed off May payment £104.00 (1568)
- k) Street Cleaning August wage £224.72 (1569)
- l) HMRC for July wages £69.00 (1570)
- m) HMRC for August wages £69.00 (1571)

1148/15 To receive items of information for future agenda items

- Update on the purchase of a defibrillator and training
- Invite Carillion
- To discuss Battery Lane

1149/15 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 15th September 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.57pm.