

**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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7pm.

**823/14 Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Raper, Cllr Stronach  
Cllr Simpson and Cllr Woodcock

**Others present:** Mrs Davies (Clerk) District Councillor Mrs Douglas and members of the public

**824/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

**825/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

Declarations of interest received from Cllr Stronach, Cllr Fish and Cllr Simpson for agenda item 15 as members of the Memorial Committee.

At this point Cllr Baines joined the meeting.

**826/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014**

It was **resolved** by 6 votes from members at that meeting to accept the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 as a true record and the Chairman signed the minutes.

**827/14 To hold a 10 minute public session**

Matters raised:

- Pot holes on Park Lane and Holly Bush Close
- Questions regarding the proposed BMX track

At this point Cllr O'Brien attended the meeting.

**828/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor**

Cllr Douglas gave the following update.

- The Elkesley site allocations consultation is taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 4-7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall. At 4pm on the same day the official opening of the Local Improvement Scheme on the sports field will take place and a verbal invitation was given from the Playground Committee to the Parish Council. The Neighbourhood Plan consultation on policies will also take place at the same time in the Memorial Hall.
- The Rural Conference will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 at Retford Town Hall
- A consultation is taking place on the Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning
- The Neighbourhood Plan update – the next consultation will be on policies; 138 responses from the questionnaire have been received and they have been fed into the policy making. The draft plan is scheduled to be complete by the end of May.

**829/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update**

It was resolved by 9 votes to approve the following payments:

- a) N Oldbury – printer ink N.P expense £67.83 (1419)
- b) Elkesley Memorial Hall- PC & NP room hire £40.00 (1420)
- c) N.A.L.C subscription £120.01 (1421)
- d) N Oldbury website fees £43.06 (1422)
- e) Street Cleaner's Feb wage £218.73 (1423)
- f) Parish Clerk's Jan wage & exps £218.60 (1424)
- g) BDC – v.a.t only off N.P invoice £56.80 (1425)

The Clerk circulated copies of the January finances and the bank statements were available to view.

**830/14 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**

**Application:** 13/01453/HSE

**Proposal:** Alteration/extension to form lounge extension with balcony above and rear, reposition entrance door

**Location:** Haughton View, Park Lane, Elkesley

The Council considered the above application and resolved by 9 votes not to make any objections.

At this point the Chairman brought the next agenda item forward.

**831/14 To receive update on the BMX track**

The resident helping with the design of the BMX track gave an update on the proposed BMX track drawings and calculations of the useable area. It may be possible to have two tracks; one for the younger children and another larger one for them to progress onto.

Most of the budget will be used for limestone; other materials, soil, hire equipment and labour will be donated free of charge.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow residents to ask questions.

- The track will be constructed to RoSPA's criteria and a play inspection company will inspect and sign off the track when completed
- A notice to cover the use of the track will be put up
- The maintenance of the track will be the responsibility of the Parish Council who will work with the volunteers

A copy of the BMX track project plan was circulated.

The Councillors were all in favour of taking the next step with the BMX track.

At this point District Councillor Mrs Douglas thanked the BMX and Boules group volunteers for their hard work and for bringing both projects together.

**832/14 To consider a response to the Site Allocation consultation**

Following discussion it was agreed to defer this agenda item to the March meeting following the Site Allocation Consultation in the Memorial Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**833/14 To receive an update on the A1 Bridge**

The Chairman reported that he has spoken with the Site and Deputy Site Manager for Carrillion and they have booked the Memorial Hall for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6-8.30 for the Parish Council, District Council representative, N.C.C representative and technical people to meet with Carrillion.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 3-7pm and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9am-1pm for public presentation, information sharing etc.

**834/14 To receive any updates on the A1 Recycling Plant**

The Chairman has spoken with the Environment Agency regarding the enforcement queries at the recycling plant and was informed that all the information was available on the website.

Cllr O'Brien has also contacted Bassetlaw District Council and currently waiting for some information.

#### **835/14 To receive information from the Planning Working Party**

The Chairman read out information regarding the procedure for appeals and an acknowledgement from BDC re planning process complaint.

#### **836/14 To consider taking part in the Centenary of the First World War**

Cllr Raper proposed to hold an event at the church as part of the First World War Centenary. The Chairman suggested that the 100 free saplings provided by the Woodland Trust could be donated to every child in the school to plant on the sports field and give them ownership of tree. The spare saplings will be planted as a memorial to the Centenary with a plaque to be sited at the planted area.

Cllr Stronach proposed that the memorial should also include all those people who have served since the First World War.

Cllr Raper proposed the above and it was resolved by 9 votes.

Cllr Stronach proposed that a cross be erected for those served in the First and Second World War and those since. This to be in place for 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. This was resolved by 9 votes.

The Chairman is also trying to find the names of the people involved in the war.

The Church will also have a collection for Help the Heroes.

#### **837/14 To receive an update on the Local Improvement Scheme**

The Chairman reported that the work on the play area is almost complete; the field shelter will be installed later in the week and the white lining is still to be done. The field will be tidied and levelled up near the barrier.

The official opening of the project will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.

#### **838/14 To discuss the Memorial Hall's plot of land for sale.**

A letter from the Memorial Hall has been received offering the area at the bottom of the car park (the concrete area where the new path has been laid) for sale to the Parish Council.

Following discussions and suspension of the meeting to allow members of the public to speak; this agenda item could not be considered as the outcome would first have to be approved by the Elkesley residents in a Public Meeting.

#### **839/14 To discuss broadband and communications**

The Chairman reported on the Superfast Fibre Broadband which is a joint project between Notts County Council and BT with funding coming from European, Central Government and Notts CC. The intention is to have a superfast (fibre) broadband connection to 95% of Nottinghamshire homes by the end of 2016. There will be an infill programme to guarantee a 2Mb connection to the remaining 5%.

A report was also given on the Superfast connection.

The Chairman circulated copies of a logo he has designed to use on letter heads, compliment slips and business cards etc. All members approved of the design.

#### **840/14 To receive village reports**

##### **a) Sports field inspection**

Cllr Simpson reported that everything was okay apart from some tidying up.

##### **b) Play equipment inspection**

The springs on the new gate require a bit more tension.

**c) Highways and service faults**

- No. 10 street light on Lawnwood Avenue is faulty
- Culvert in the A1 garages
- Road surface at the A1 road junction
- Pot holes on Park Lane
- A request to move a bin on Yew Tree Road and resite a bin on Brough Lane

The Clerk reported that Highways are arranging for cameras to inspect the drains but this will have to wait for the new budget.

**d) Cemetery**

Nothing to report

**e) Memorial Hall Committee**

A report was submitted by the Committee and the following items were noted...

- All fire equipment has been inspected and a new fire extinguisher supplied
- Proposal of sale of land
- Purchase of CCTV cameras
- The Elkesley Feast will be held from the hall in July
- Current finances
- The Elkesley Boules Club is now a committee and new members are welcome – thank you to all those involved in preparing the boules pitch

**841/14 To receive information for future agenda items**

- Cllr Stronach proposed a discussion on the drains
- Cllr Raper proposed looking again into a Youth Council – District Cllr Douglas offered to speak with a contact that may be able to help.

An email from PC Bailey was read out regarding the prosecuting of young people, reporting of incidents and the current situation regarding the rural policing team.

**842/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, Elkesley.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.