

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council

A Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council was held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley on 20TH January 2015 2014 at 7pm.

1008/15 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Raper, Cllr Baines, Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Simpson

Others Present: Mrs Davies (Clerk) District Cllr Mrs Douglas and members of the public

1009/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Woodcock.

1010/15 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No declarations received.

1011/15 To receive an update from Carillion on the A1 bridge

Representatives from Carillion attended the meeting and gave a progress report on the bridge work. Various problems have caused delays but they are hoping to be able to open one lane over the bridge in May with an end completion date of 22nd June 2015.

The representative answered questions from the members of the public and the Councillors.

1012/15 To hold a 10 minute public session

A resident commented on options for recycling and waste collections within the village.

1013/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th December 2014

Cllr Stronach proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th December 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Oldbury and resolved by the Council. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

1014/15 To receive a report from the District Councillor

Cllr Douglas gave a report on the various District Council's consultations which are currently taking place.

The next Poulter Valley meeting is taking place on the 2nd February at 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall

The Neighbourhood Plan public consultation finished on Sunday and the Steering Group met on the 19th January to go through the consultation responses; no negative comments were received and everyone had responded positively. There were no objections from the statutory consultees; suggestions were made to alter some wording to strengthen the policies. The group have been granted support from Locality funders for the planning consultant to update the draft documents with the comments received.

The Steering Group will meet on the 9th February to go through the amended document before submitting to the District Council (pending approval of the next agenda item); a further six week consultation will then take place. An Inspector will be selected to review the draft plan and if approved then a referendum will take place around July time.

The Chair then thanked Cllr Douglas, the Steering Group, Natalie Cockrell and James Green from Bassetlaw District Council; without which the Neighbourhood Plan would not have been possible.

1015/15 To approve the submission of the Elkesley Neighbourhood Plan to Bassetlaw District Council

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan; this was seconded and resolved by the rest of the Council.

1016/15 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

No applications received.

1017/15 To receive sports field and play equipment reports and approval to purchase additional bollard

Play equipment inspection – the monkey rings rattle but Cllr Simpson reported that they have always rattled. the matting is coming up around the sports equipment.

The Chair reported that he will be contacting the LIS people to discuss the junior play area gates.

It was noted that the field has been damaged by tyre marks from the van used by the footballers to take the white lining equipment down to the pitch.

The Chair proposed to purchase an additional bollard to be installed at the field entrance off the hall car park to prevent unauthorised vehicles from being taken onto the field; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the rest of the Council.

1018/15 To receive progress report on the sports field hedge cutting

After discussion, Cllr Raper proposed that that the Council waits for all the information to be received regarding the precise location of the boundary, then all the Council walks the hedge as a group, mark out the area and agree what to do and discuss with the adjoining land owner; this was resolved by the rest of the Council.

1019/15 To receive an update from the Youth Council

The Chair reported that the Youth Council met again; the group are very enthusiastic and have a couple of projects in mind which they would like to present to the Parish Council. The group would also like to invite individual Councillors in turn to attend their meetings.

1020/15 To discuss the street naming section process

The Chair proposed that the street naming selection progress to consist of 2 members of all the recognised village groups, Parish Council, public and the school; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

1021/15 To receive any village reports

No reports received.

1022/15 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial report

- a) Clerk's expense – Worksop Guardian advert £101.57 (1507)
- b) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire £67.50 (1508)
- c) Street Cleaner's January wage £225.32 (1509)
- d) Clerk's December wage & expenses £221.29 (1510)
- e) B.D.C N.Plan printing expenses £109.38 (1511)
- f) Mr Oldbury – website subscription £71.86 (1512)
- g) N.A.L.C 2015 subscriptions £127.17 (1513)

h) Expense for filling the cemetery water butt £10.00 (1514)

The Clerk circulated copies of the current finances and budget amounts. The bank statements were available for the Council to view.

1023/15 To approve the precept for 2015/16

The Chair went through the precept options and after discussion Cllr Raper proposed to increase the precept by 1%; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the rest of the Council.

1024/15 To review Standing Orders

The Clerk circulated an updated version of the Standing Orders to comply with new legislation that has come into force.

It was proposed and resolved that item 20 (c) for any proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and the execution of works with an estimated value in excess of £2,500 shall be procured on the basis of a formal tender as summarised in standing order 20 (d).

The Council resolved to adopt the revised standing orders.

1025/15 To receive correspondence for information and future agenda items

The Chair read out a report from County Councillor John Ogle on the current threat to cut or reduce neighbourhood policing in the rural areas. The arresting powered constables are being removed from the rural areas to work in the town centres at the weekends. Cllr Ogle suggested that the parish councils write to the Police Commissioner and Chief Constable.

An invitation to the Licensing of Mrs Angela Morfett-Jones as Stipendiary Lay Minister for the Elkelsey group of parishes on 5th February alternatively to a open house on 1st February 2-4pm.

No items were put forward for the next agenda.

1026/15 To exclude members of the public from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 for the following agenda item

It was approved to exclude the public for the considered of the grass cutting tenders.

1027/15 To consider grass cutting tenders

The considered four grass cutting tenders; it was agreed that the council would like the grass cuttings collected from the junior play area and the cemetery.

It was agreed to ask the contractors how they would dispose of the grass cuttings and also to supply references as required.

Cllr Stronach will ask the Memorial Hall committee if they would allow a composting area at the bottom of the car park if required.

The consideration will be deferred to the next meeting.

1028/15 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 17th February 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.