

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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 17th March 2015 2014 at 7pm.

1058/15 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Raper, Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Stronach, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Simpson

Others Present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Douglas, Cllr Mrs Evans and 2 members of the public

1059/15 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

1060/15 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in in any item on the agenda

No declarations received.

1061/15 To hold a 10 minute public session

- A request to invite Carillion to the next meeting to give an update
- A request from the St Giles' Church for the PC to send a written confirmation of their grass cutting grant – Clerk to send.
- Comments over the amount of cigarettes ends thrown on the pavements near the pub.

1062/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th February and 2nd March 2015

Min no, 1033/15 – should read “who is responsible for cutting the hedge” and not the “grass”
Min no. 1035/15 – should also include Geo-caching on the list of Youth Council projects.

Following the above amendments, Cllr Baines proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th February 2015 and 2nd March 2015 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by the Council. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

1063/15 To discuss proposal of taking over the management of the A1 garages

The Chairman brought this agenda item forward.

Cllr June Evans attended the meeting to discuss the options available to the Parish Council with regard to the management of the A1 garages.

Following the discussions; it was proposed that a group of councillors meet with John Unstead, Estates Manager at B.D.C, to discuss the garages further. Cllrs Simpson, O'Brien, Stronach, Fish and Woodcock will attend the meeting; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the council.

Cllr Douglas reported that following a conversation with several residents who rent the A1 garages; it was suggested that a 'friends of Elkesley' group could be set up consisting of residents/councillors. The residents suggested various options and were keen for ownership and could look at the garages as a community project.

1064/15 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

No applications received.

It was noted that the Parish Council's planning application to erect single storey community changing room facility on the sports field has been submitted.

1065/15 To receive a report from the District Councillor

Cllr Douglas gave the following report:

The Poulter Valley group of around 20 people carried out a litter pick on Brough Lane and Coal Pit Lane areas and filled 20 bags of rubbish. It was a successful day and the group are looking to do a litter pick every month. It was suggested that it would be an idea to supply a litter in at Crookford.

The Poulter Valley Group has two projects;

- 1) Litter pick project
- 2) Rights of Way – Notts County Council
The hedge has been cut back by Plevins; the barrier on stoney bridge has been removed to make it a disabled and push chair friendly path.

Bassetlaw District Council will be having all out elections form the year on the 7th May. 'Purdah starts on the 26th March which means that Cllr Douglas will not be able to attend any further parish council meetings and will not be standing for re election. This will be Cllr Douglas's last meeting and thanked the Council for its support. The Council thanked Cllr Douglas for all her hard work for the village;and especially her contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Douglas reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is ready to submit.

1066/15 To receive sports field and play equipment reports

No issues to report.

1067/15 To receive progress report on the sports field hedge cutting

All the councillors met on the sports field and indentified what work is required; Cllr Stronach and Cllr Simpson to spray the areas to be removed. The work will be carried out early next year and the Council needs to consider the option to contract the work out or use a working party at no cost; it was resolved to obtain two quotations. The Clerk asked if prices can also be obtained for risk assessment of the trees on the field; this was agreed.

Cllr Woodcock will look into a price for chainsaw training.

1068/15 To receive any village report

The Clerk reported that a resident has asked about the trimming of the conifers at the Memorial Hall. These trees belong to the Memorial Hall and Cllr Stronach reported that the Committee are dealing with this request.

1069/15 To receive any Highways or service faults

Cllr Stronach commented on the A1 footpath running from Tywford Lane to Elkesley; the Clerk has reported this to Highways.

Cllr Simpson commented on the hedges on Brough Lane – Cllr Douglas reported that the farmer is cutting the hedge on behalf of all the landowners.

At this point Cllr Baines left the meeting.

No report has been received by Carillion but the Chair gave a brief update. Comments were made over the speed limit for Coal Pit Lane. It was noted that Carillion are hoping to start work on the BMX track once the bridge beam has been installed.

Cllr O'Brien gave an update on the flooding issues on Jockey Lane; a meeting has still to be arranged with Ian Parker, Highways Manager.

1070/15 To receive update from the street naming competition

The selected names were:

- 1) Poulter Rise
- 2) Elkesley Bridge Road
- 3) Eskil Way

The Council resolved to approve the new names and submit them to Bassetlaw District Council for consultation.

1071/15 To discuss proposal of a History Board for the Elkesley bridge

The Chair reported that following a conversation with a resident regarding the amount of history in the village; a history board for Elkesley village would be something to consider.

An approximate price for a 3'x4' board on a steel frame would be approx. £850.00.

It was resolved by the Council that the Chair can look into this on behalf of the Council.

1072/15 Proposal to discuss transfer of assets

This was discussed under minute 1063/15.

1073/15 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial report

- a) MP Consulting Engineers – changing room grant £6069.60 (1521)
- b) W Davies – Glasdon's – youth project grant £597.62 (1522)
- c) W Davies – UKLRS – land registry £47.94 (1523)
- d) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire £40.00 (1524)
- e) Street Cleaner's March wage £225.32 (1525)
- f) Clerk's Feb wage & expenses £342.24 (1526)
- g) Smart Jones Ltd – changing room grant £4800.00 (1527)
- h) N Oldbury – changing room consultation refreshments £21.85 (1528)
- i) N W Architects – changing room grant £770.00 (1529)
- j) N Oldbury – MKM – bollard for sports field £82.57 (1530)
- k) SMP-Hags Play inspection repair £902.16 (1531)
- l) BS Orienteering – youth project grant £67.75 (1532)
- m) Yonder consulting Engineers Ltd – changing room grant £4140.00 (1533)
- n) N Oldbury – MKM concrete for bollard £65.04 (1534)

The Council resolved to approve the above payments.

The Chair gave an update on the Locality grant of £2k for the Poulter Valley footpath project and proposed that the Council contributes £300 towards the project from the Council's footpath budget; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

1074/15 Proposal to consider request by the Memorial Hall for funds towards petrol for grass cutting

Cllr Stronach asked that this item is deferred to the next meeting.

1075/15 To receive correspondence for information and future agenda items

Information and election nomination forms were provided to the councillors.

Items for the next agenda:

- Invite Carillion to the next meeting
- Memorial Hall petrol for grass cutting

1076/15 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 21st April 2015 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.