

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 18th March 2014 at 7pm.

843/14 Present: Cllr Raper (Vice-Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Simpson and Cllr Woodcock

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

844/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Oldbury.

845/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations of interest received.

846/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 18th February 2014

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 18th February 2014 as a true record which was **resolved** by 7 votes and the Vice-Chairman signed the minutes.

847/14 To hold a 10 minute public session

No matters raised.

848/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor

Cllr Douglas gave the following update:

The joint event on the 13th March – Elkesley Play Committee, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and B.D.C held a joint event on the 13th March to open the new facilities provided by N.C.C Local Improvement Scheme and to consult on the Site Allocation & Neighbourhood Plan policies. Thank you to John Douglas for organising the opening of the N.C.C facilities, Patricia Millar, Bev Pell for donations of cakes and Patricia Douglas for cakes and drinks. Cllr Douglas asked a member of the Parish Council to draw the raffle ticket for the £30 prize draw which was won by Miss Woodcock.

Village drainage – following the last Parish Council meeting and comments made at the Neighbourhood Plan policies consultation, Cllr Douglas reported back on her enquiries from B.D.C. that the responsibility for the public sewer network lies with Seven Trent Water, any blockage or flooding must be reported to them because without reports they cannot generate resource to carry out work. All incidents must be reported by everyone affected, individually, every time it happens on 0800 783 4444. The B.D.C Drainage Officer has offered to work with the group to try and resolve the issue.

Cllr Douglas would like to set up a group to look at the regeneration of Elkesley Woods and Crookford – anyone interested please contact her on 01777 838200

Cllr Douglas is currently following up on queries regarding the A1 garages in Elkesley and the acoustic barrier on the A1.

Neighbourhood Planning - the group continues to work hard on behalf of the Parish Council, the next phase will be to develop policies and have the draft document ready by the end of May. Many thanks to Bassetlaw District Council for their support, Awards for All and Locality for funding the Neighbourhood Plan.

849/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update

Cllr Woodcock proposed to approve the following payments which were resolved by 7 votes:

- a) S.L.C.C £63.00 (1426)
- b) N Oldbury – paint £14.95 (1427)
- c) Street cleaner's March wage £218.73 (1428)
- d) Elkesley Memorial Hall £137.50 (1429)
- e) N.A.L.C £54.99 (1430)
- f) Clerk's February wage & exps £259.80 (1431)
- g) B.D.C – N.P expenses £315.58 (1433)
- h) Greenmile Trees (grant) £360.00 (1434)

The Clerk reported that the Playground Committee will be using some of their funds to purchase some more trees and benches for the sports field.

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

850/14 To approve St Giles' Church clock repair

Cllr Woodcock proposed to approve the £280.00 repair of the church clock as it is a War Memorial; this was **resolved** by 7 votes.

851/14 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Decision Notice

Application No: 13/01422/FUL
Location: Top Farm, Coalpit Lane, Elkesley
Proposal: Demolition of derelict farm building and erect new agricultural steel portal frame building
Decision Notice: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

852/14 To consider a response to the Site Allocation consultation

After discussion and proposals it was resolved by 4 votes not to object to the Yew Tree site proposal subject to housing density is in keeping with the surround area.

Comments re adequate infrastructure to support the development is put into place prior to development.

853/14 To receive information from the Planning Working Party

The Vice Chairman reported on the response of the Parish Council's letter of complaint sent into Bassetlaw District Council's complaint department. It was noted that nothing has yet been received in response of the letter of complaint sent to the Chair of the Planning Committee.

854/14 To receive update on the BMX track

Cllr Woodcock reported that work started the previous week to deliver soil to the site; unfortunately the lorry got stuck in the field and had to off load the soil near the gate so that it could drive off the field. The use of some roller tracks has been offered so that the work can restart. Lots of offer of help has been given and the work is progressing.

855/14 Proposal to discuss the village drains

Cllr Stronach proposed to discuss the condition of the village drain but this has been discussed under minute 848/14.

856/14 To receive village reports

a) Sports field inspection

Cllr Simpson reported that everything was okay and that he has now stepped down from carrying out the sports field and play equipment inspections; Cllr Woodcock thanked Cllr Simpson for all his hard work over the last few years on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Woodcock reported that the school children are planting tree saplings later in the week and asked for ideas of where to place the saplings. After discussion Cllr Raper proposed to delegate the tree planting to Cllr Woodcock, Cllr Oldbury and Mr Savill; this was agreed by the rest of the Members.

Play equipment inspection

It was reported that the youth shelter has been climbed on and scratched; a sign is required.

b) Highways and service faults

- Cllr Stronach asked about the clearing of the village drains. The Clerk reported as previously mentioned that Highways will no longer respond to a request just to attend 'all' the village drains; specific drains need to be identified. Cllr Stronach will speak with Highways at Retford
- Pot hole at the junction with the High Street and A1 Slip road – Clerk will report
- Cllr Baines reported that the access across the A1 to Jockey Lane and southbound carriage way will be closed during the bridge works; diversion to Apley Head roundabout will be put in place. There will also be a 40mph speed restriction during the work
- The contractors will be providing monthly updates on the progress of the bridge and it was noted that the bridge may be completed by the end of the year

c) Cemetery

Cllr Stronach is dealing with the tree seat so that a memorial plaque can be put on.

d) Memorial Hall Committee

A report was submitted and it was noted that the Committee is planning for the Elkesley Feast and any helpers are welcome; a fancy dress disco is planned for the 3rd May; quotations have been received for the fitting of CCTV outside the village hall and a jumble sale will be held on 29th March and proceeds will go towards a tea for the over 60's.

857/14 To receive information for future agenda items

The Vice-Chairman read out a letter of support and offer of assistance from the Elkesley Play Committee to the Parish Council for any future proposed development of changing rooms and public toilets for the sports field.

Items for the next agenda:

- A1 Bridge update report
- Youth council if information available

858/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 15th April 2014 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, Elkesley.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.