

**Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017, at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.**

**Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr May, Cllr Raper, Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Ffoulks-Jones

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

**1863/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Stronach.

**1864/17 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

No declaration of interests received.

**1865/17 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors**

Apologies received from County Cllr J Ogle and District Cllr K Dukes.

**1866/17 To hold a 10 minute public session**

Matters raised:

- The condition of the highways of Low Street and Park Lane
- The amount of caravans going down Park Lane to the Old Vicarage

**1867/17 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Cllr Flear proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by 8 votes.

**1868/17 To receive any updates on actions from the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The Councillors went through the action list and Cllr O'Brien will update accordingly.

Cllr May circulated information/prices regarding the various types of defibrillators available; the model which was also suitable for use on youngsters was preferred. The money for the defibrillator will be paid for from the earmarked donations received. Any remaining funds will be used to purchase additional consumables i.e pads Cllr May will investigate the siting of the equipment.

**1869/17 Planning – To approve any planning application, note any correspondence and decision notices**

No planning applications received.

**1870/17 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update**

Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the payments below; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and the Council resolved by 8 votes.

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- a) Bassetlaw District Council – collection/disposal of cemetery waste £149.24 (1704)  
Void cheque (1705)
- b) Money Soft – payroll licence for 2017/18 £78.00 (1706)
- c) Street Cleaner’s April wage £257.10 (1707)
- d) Parish Clerk’s March wage & exps £184.65 (1708)
- e) Mr Davis – petrol for grass cutting £56.46 (1709)
- f) Memorial Hall – Room hire and contribution to Post Office £52.00 (1710)

The Clerk circulated copies of the March 2017 finances to date, budget figures and bank statements.

**1871/17 To receive feedback from the informal meeting regarding allotments**

Prior to the Council meeting an informal meeting for people interested in an allotment was arranged; Cllr Flear gave an overview on what the meeting was about – mainly to see what the residents thoughts were on the kind of allotments they were looking for. However, due to low numbers of those attending, further notification of another meeting will be arranged. Those people who had registered an interest in having an allotment had been sent notification of the meeting but only one attended.

**1872/17 To receive village reports:**

**a) To receive sports field and play equipment inspection**

Cllr May report that the next action planned is to lift the mats up on the play area when it is dry; plus looking at what painting is required. The stiff play area gate has been dealt with.

Cllr O’Brien mentioned how lovely the sports field was looking with the flowers and blossoms out on the trees; thank you to all the people that have worked on it.

**b) To receive any highways and service faults**

- The Chair reported that Carillion will be repairing the damaged road sign at the junction to the bridge, but the damaged fence is the responsibility of the landowner.
- The speed limit on the A1 north bound is to remain at 50mph for the time being due to visibility issues from the entrance Tea Table Cottage. Southbound traffic will have a speed limit of 70mph
- Cllr O’Brien reported damaged lights on the roundabout at the end of jockey Lane and the damage finger posts have not yet been replaced
- Cllr Wilkinson commented on the condition of the pavement on High Street

Cllr Raper will contact Highways regarding the above reported faults

**c) To receive any updates on the Cemetery**

The Chair reported that a resident has voluntarily repainted the cemetery gates and made a fabulous job of it; it was agreed to send a thank you to him. The resident is also willing to re treat the bench in the cemetery as well.

**d) To receive defibrillator inspection report**

It was reported that everything was okay.

At this point Cllr Wilkinson reported on the Neighbourhood policing meeting that he had attended with Cllr Stronach; a list of crimes in the area was circulated to the Councillors and copies for the members of public. The Police reported that new speed signs were to be put up in the village.

**1873/17 To receive items of information for future agenda items**

- Review of contribution towards the Post Office
- Cllr May proposed to discuss if the Vehicle and Operating Services Agency/police could come along and speak with the youths on awareness of speeding etc.
- External Audit and annual year end reviews
- Allotments

**1874/17 To exclude members of the public under the (Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings) 1960 Act to allow discussion regarding staff**

At this point members of the public left the meeting.

**1875/17 To discuss/consider options regarding staff matters**

Cllr Raper proposed to approve that the Clerk returns to her full role of Parish Clerk; this was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and the Council resolved by 8 votes.

The Clerk reported that the Street Cleaner's hourly wage has increased inline with the Living Wage £7.50 figure this month.

Discussions took place regarding working practices/weekly schedules and additional equipment requirement for the street cleaning/grass cutting services. Cllr Ffoulks-Jones is happy to line manager the street cleaner.

It was noted that a cheque is to be return of £80 from a supplier as a donation to the Council; a trailer and a fly mower for the BMX banking will be purchased with the donation. A s/h ride on mower to be purchased as a spare - this to be put on the next agenda for approval at the next meeting.

**1876/17 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm) on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

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There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.32pm.