

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 18th November 2014 at 7pm.

969/14 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Fish, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Simpson and Cllr Raper

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

970/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Hirst and Cllr Woodcock

971/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations of interests received.

972/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 21st October 2014

Cllr O'Brien commented that she will be meeting with Cllr Woodcock to discuss the speed limit on Jockey Lane; this was mentioned at the last meeting but not included in the minutes.

It was also noted that the information given to the council regarding minute no. 959/14 was incorrect and the Robin Hood public house is for sale.

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 21st October 2014 as a true record of the meeting; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by 6 votes. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

973/14 To hold a 10 minute public session

Matters raised:

- Questions over the WW1 Remembrance Service

974/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor and update on the Neighbourhood Plan

District Councillor Douglas reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation starts on the 24th November for 8 weeks. A newsletter will be distributed to the residents over the weekend giving them information on how to access a copy. The Parish Council will be giving the residents a presentation on the draft plan in the public session at the next council meeting.

Cllr Douglas also passed on information relating to the dog fouling campaign that Bassetlaw District Council are currently running; also the consultation on the District Council elections.

975/14 To discuss proposals for grass and hedge cutting tender for 2015/16

Cllr Simpson submitted a list of areas for the grass cutting tender as below:

- Cemetery and frontage
- Beech Way – both sides
- Coal Pit Lane – from No.1 Headland Ave to the speed limit sign at the end of Pepperly Rise
- Headland Avenue – cut both sides up to the shop and school
- Triangle of land in between Lawnwood Avenue and Lawnwood lane
- Grass in front of the garages on Headland Avenue and Lawnwood
- Sports field
- Play area to cut, strim and pick up cuttings

The Chair read out the above list and the councillors included the following areas missed off:

Lawnwood Lane
Brough Lane/Park Lane junction up to the 30 mph sign
Play area and field entrances to be kept short and wide

The Chair read the revised list which was resolved by 6 votes to accept for the grass cutting tender.

It was noted that not all contractors have the equipment to collect grass cuttings; therefore it was also agreed to ask for two prices; one for collecting the cuttings and one for not collecting the grass cuttings in the cemetery and the play area.

Cllr Simpson then submitted his proposal that the hedgerow requires cutting back all the way up the left hand side of the field, up to the boundary fence.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Stronach will speak with the landowner.

Cllr Baines suggested offering any logs to the elderly residents which was approved.

976/14 To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application: 14/01422/HSE
Location: 34 High Street, Elkesley
Proposal: Erect two story rear extension

The Parish Council considered the above application and resolved by 6 votes not to make any objections.

Application: 14/01408/SCR
Location: Land West of Cross Lane and South of Worksop Road, Elkesley
Proposal: Screening Opinion – Proposed installation of a single 500kw wind turbine (blade tip height 77m) and associated infrastructure including access track, crane hard standing, meter house and underground cabling

The Parish Council did not receive this application for consideration from the Planning Authority but after discussion it was agreed to submit comments – the Chair will draft a reply.

977/14 To Receive Information from the Working Party

The Chair read out the response from the Environment Agency regarding water abstraction from the River Poulter at Crookford; Cllr Raper to follow up.

978/14 To Receive update on the changing rooms

The Chair gave an update on the design of the changing rooms which are still being modified. A meeting has been arranged with the planners the first week in December for further discussions.

An application for consent for changes to the site has been sent to the Fields In Trust.

979/14 To receive update on the A1 bridge

The Chair read out an update from Carillion on the progress of the bridge as follows:

The current plan is to land the bridge beams 28th November-1st December which will result in lane closures on the A1. Carillion are currently awaiting a formal approval from Notts County Council for the proposed road closures and they will be issuing a letter drop as soon as possible following the response from Notts County Council on their proposals. Due to their operations being restricted to overnight closure, works to the bridge will extend the works by circa one week.

980/14 Proposal to discuss Jockey Lane

Cllr O'Brien gave an update on the current situation on the flooding on Jockey Lane; following a meeting with the Clerk, County Councillor Ogle has contacted Highways and Carillion and the Clerk is waiting for the Flooding Engineer from Bassetlaw to get back to her. Photos of recent flooding have been circulated to various departments so things are moving along.

981/14 To discuss the village street lighting

Cllr Stronach and Cllr Fish have been around the village and handed in a petition for the Clerk to send into the Notts County Council Street lighting Department with a request to turn the street lights back on during the night.

It was resolved by 6 votes to send the residents response to Notts County Council and make a request for the street lighting to be turned back on during the night.

982/14 To received sports field and play equipment inspection report

Following discuss on the play equipment inspection report; the Chair proposed to facility replacement/repairs up o £1000 to get the jobs completed; this was seconded by Cllr Simpson and resolved by 6 votes.

BMX track – the Chair reported that Carillion have agreed to build the BMX track after they have put the bridge beams up and they have also agreed to help with tidying up the field.

The Memorial Hall Committee have asked if the Council could ask Carillion if they would clear the undergrowth at the bottom of the car park – the Chair will ask when he next sees Carillion.

983/14 To receive any village reports

Christmas tree lighting event – Cllr Baines gave the following update; the Brownies have made posters advertising the event which will take place on the 7th December following the Christingle service at the church. The tree will be put up on the 6th December and it was agreed to purchase some more Christmas tree lights; this was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Simpson and resolved by 6 votes.

At this point Cllr Stronach left the meeting.

Council Notice Board – Cllr Simpson reported that the left hand side of the notice board opposite the pub is leaking and requires resealing; it was agreed that Cllr Simpson would have a look at it.

Highways – Dropped kerb for Beech Walk and the overgrown hedge on Doverbridge – the Clerk has requested the dropped kerb and reported the overgrown hedge.

984/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial report

- a) St Giles' organist £80.00 WW1 remembrance event (1488)
- b) Cumbria Clock – St Giles' Church clock service £174.00 (1489)
- c) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire £35.00 (1490)
- d) The Poppy Appeal – Remembrance wreath £17.50 (1491)
- e) Street Cleaner – November wage £225.32 (1492)
- f) Parish Clerk – October wage & expenses £247.08 (1493)
- g) Void cheque 1494
- h) H Metcalfe –N.Plan expenses £3500.00 (1495)

The above payments were approved by 5 votes.

The Clerk circulated copies of the October finances and the bank statements were available for the council to view.

984.1 To discuss ideas for the 2015//16 budget

- The Chair proposed to budget an amount of £1000 for the Youth Council to enable them to carry out their projects; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by 5 votes.
- The Chair suggested holding a senior citizen dinner
- Village signs and planters
- Remembrance Wreath

985/14 To receive Items for Information and future agenda items

- To discuss the Notts County Council budget cuts –Cllr O'Brien will circulate information off the website.
- Budget for 2015/16
- Neighbourhood Plan – Public session presentation
- Discuss review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

986/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 16th December 2014 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.