

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 21st October 2014 at 7pm.

950/14 Present: Cllr Raper (Vice Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Simpson and Cllr Woodcock

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

951/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Oldbury.

952/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations of interests received.

953/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 16th September 2014

Cllr Stronach commented that he had not refused to sign his declaration of interest form as he had not been given one. The Clerk replied that the Chairman handed it to him when the other members of the Memorial Hall Committee signed their declaration and then he handed the blank form back to the Chair at the end of the meeting. Cllr Stronach also declared that he had no declaration of interest anyway.

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held 16th September 2014 as a true record and the Vice Chairman duly signed the minutes.

954/14 To hold a 10 minute public session

Matters raised:

- At this point Cllr O'Brien left the table and joined with the public and spoke on behalf of residents on Jockey Lane regarding A1 Recycling, Nottinghamshire Sleeper Co and the damage caused by lorries to the junction with Jockey Lane and Old London Lane. Cllr O'Brien will pass on information to the Council
- A request to put the street lights back on during the evening following thefts and an assault from Mr Headland's Farm. The Clerk asked that if she could have evidence of a consultation with residents with an outcome showing that the residents would like the street lights back on, she can approach Notts County Council. Cllr Fish and Cllr Stronach will arrange a petition.
- Comments over the damage caused by 4x4 vehicles in the woods – the Vice-Chair reported that the District Councillor is currently working with the Environment Agency and the police on this matter
- Comments over the trail of paint on the High Street

955/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor and update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Douglas sent her apologies and submitted the following report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be giving the parish council a presentation before the start of the meeting on the 18th November 2014, to discuss the policies we have developed on from the community consultation, before the draft plan goes out for consultation on 24th November 2014.

There will be a Neighbourhood Plan presentation to residents at the 16th December 2014 Parish Council meeting.

There will also be a consultation on the draft plan on 13th December 2014 in the Memorial Hall from 2-4pm.

Newsletters and flyers will go out in November and December advertising the above.

The consultation on the draft plan will start on 24th November 2014 and last for 6 weeks and we hope to be in a position to submit the plan to Bassetlaw District Council by late January 2015.

956/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update

- a) BDC – cemetery bins £141.44 (1482)
- b) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance Sept & Oct grass cuts £1416.00 (1483)
- c) Grant Thornton – external audit £360.00 (1484)
- d) Street Cleaner's October wage £225.32 (1485)
- e) Clerk's September wage & expenses £196.87 (1486)
- f) Idle Times donation £330.00 (1487)

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

The Clerk reported that the External auditor certificate and opinion 2013/14 has been received as follows:

“On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

957/14 To discuss proposals for grass and hedge cutting tender for 2015/16

Cllr Raper proposed that a working group is formed to walk around the village with a map showing the grass cutting areas to enable a proposal to be put together to form part of the tender for 2015/16; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach. Cllr Simpson, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Fish will act as the working party which was resolved by the council.

The Chair suspended the meeting to ask a member of the Church if they were happy to arrange their own grass cutting arrangements. The Church was happy to do this but require written clarification from the council on certain points. The meeting was then re convened.

(The hedge cutting was not discussed)

958/14 To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Decision Notice

Notts County Council application reference V/3120

Location: Wellsites 1,2,4,5,8,9,11,12,14 & 21, Bothamsall Oilfield, Bothamsall

Proposed Development: to vary conditions 1, 24, 25 and 26 of planning permission 1/12/01515/CDM to allow an extension of time for the completion of oilfield operations until 31st December 2030

Decision: The application has now been formally granted on 23 September 2014

959/14 To discuss the sale of the Robin Hood Pub

This item was proposed to discuss; however it was noted at the meeting that the building is not actually for sale.

960/14 To Receive Information from the Working Party

Nothing to report.

961/14 To receive update on the Changing rooms

This item was deferred but copies of the draft plans were available for the council to view.

962/14 To receive update on the A1 bridge

See attached document.

963/14 Proposal to consider an Elkesley Youth Council

Cllr Raper reported that prior to the start of this meeting 14 youth from the village attended a meeting at the village hall to discuss ideas and projects they would like to be involved in; this was a very successful meeting and another one is to be arranged for next month.

964/14 To discuss the Christmas event

Cllr Baines gave an update on the Christmas tree event; at the end of November the sleepers will be moved into place ready to site the Christmas tree which will be collected 6th December. The Christingle is on the 7th December and there is a possibility that the Newark Brass Band will be playing.

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will be helping with the posters.

965/14 To received sports field and play equipment inspection report

The Clerk read through the play inspection report and listed items that requires greasing, monitoring for wear and tear and replacement parts.

966/14 To receive any village reports

WW1 Memorial Service - Cllr Hirst reported on the WW1 Memorial Service scheduled for the 30th November. The service is to be advertised in the Idle Times and Cllr Woodcock offered to organise the flyers with Cllr Oldbury; Cllr Fish offered to help with distribution of the flyers to the residents. The vice-Chair suspended to the meeting to ask members of the public if they would like to comment on the memorial service. The meeting then re-convened.

Snow Warden Scheme – Cllr Stronach reported that he has confirmed with Notts County Council that he will continue to help as Snow Warden for the village; he has also spoken with Highways regarding the gritting of Jockey Lane when it is re-opened.

967/14 To receive Items for Information and future agenda items

- Jockey Lane
- A1 Bridge update
- Street lighting in the village
- Tender for grass & hedge cutting
- Ideas for the 2015/16 budget

968/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 18th November 2014 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.
The meeting closed at 8.21pm.