

Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 2017, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley

**Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Raper, Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Stronach and Cllr May

**Others present:** County Cllr John Ogle, District Cllr K Dukes and 14 members of the public

**1851/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Foulkes-Jones.

**1852/17 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

No declarations of interest received.

**1853/17 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors**

District Cllr Dukes brought the meeting up to date on Facias and guttering in Pepperly Rise and parking signs in Holy Walk; then gave the meeting an overview of his site visit with A1 housing becoming more of a shoulder length management company for BDC instead of the arms length one it is at the moment. The damage to verges in Headland Ave is being looked at by Highways & A1, as soon as any resolution is know Cllr Dukes will feed that back to the parish council and residents. Cllr Oldbury asked if Cllr Dukes would be able to chase the issue of "Cats Eyes" on the bridge junction, Cllr Duke will speak to Cllr Greaves regarding this. Cllr Stronach advised the meeting that it was cheaper to light the junction than to fit cats eyes, Cllr Dukes will pass this to Cllr Greaves.

County Cllr Ogle gave an update on his meeting at Tuxford with Paddy Tipping and the inspector that covers Bassetlaw. The inspector wants to absorb the neighbourhood policing budget into other budgets like cyber crime etc. Tuxford have requested a like for like replacement for Bill Bailey when he retires. Bassetlaw hospital is open for business and the reason they do not take pediatric admissions after 7pm is staffing issues and children are redirected to Sheffield where there are consultants on call.

**1854/17 To hold a 10 minute public session**

A member of the public congratulated the Parish Council on the information supplied in the Idle Times but stated he didn't know what the "Public Participation Code of Conduct Policy" was. Cllr Obrien explained and advised where the information could be viewed but she would send a link to help locate it.

**1855/17 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 21<sup>st</sup> Febuary 2017.**

Cllr Stronach discussed the BT letter and the post meeting update supplied by Cllr O'Brien. Cllr Oldbury bought the meeting up to date on the saga of the phone box.

Following this discussion Cllr Raper proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council.

**1856/17 To receive an update on the action sheet**

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

**1857/17 To consider planning applications and note any decision notices and planning correspondence**

**Application ref: 17/00320/HSE**

Location: 10 Yew Tree Road, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect single story side extension, relocate boundary and erect a 1.8mtr boundary wall.

After consideration, the Council resolved not to make any objections.

**Planning decision notice**

Bassetlaw District Council has determined in favour of the application for change of use at The Gables, Jockey Lane, Elkesley.

**1858/17 Finance– To approve payments and receive financial update**

Copies of the current finances, bank statements and budget figures were circulated for the Councilors to view.

Payments as below:

- 1) Hags-Smp Ltd – repairs to play equipment £807.48 (1700)
- 2) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire/Post Office contribution £80.50 (1701)
- 3) Parish Clerk – Feb wage and expenses £186.73 (1702)
- 4) Street Cleaner – March wage £248.00 (1703)

**a) To approve virement of budget amounts**

Cllr Stronach proposed to approve the payments above and the virement of budget amounts from the hedge cutting to cover overspend amounts; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by the Council.

The Responsible Finance Person has reported that the official declaration of the for the auto enrolment pension scheme has been completed.

**1858/17 To consider a request from the Memorial Hall Committee for a donation towards structural repairs and improvements**

The Chair identified that as a Council we had not budgeted for this item and therefore it would be very difficult to support, apart from the fact quotes or statements had not been provided to identify any amounts the committee were looking for and what money was already available. Cllr Flear advised the meeting that we would obviously like to help but without quotes or funds it was very difficult. Cllr Stronach asked what, if any, fund raising had been done prior to it coming to the Parish Council. Mrs Ransford advised the meeting that there were only 8 members and funding bids had not been done to date. The Council advised Mrs Ransford of a person with access to funding avenues.

Cllr Flear proposed that the Council is unable to help at present as no budget to cover this request has been allocated for 2017/18; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

**1859/17 To discuss a plan for setting up allotments following expressions of interest from 9 residents**

Cllr Flear advised the meeting that without knowing what the residents wanted from an allotment it would be difficult to take it forward. The meeting decided to hold an informal meeting 30 minutes before the next parish council meeting in April; to specifically discuss allotments with those people who had shown an interest. This was resolved by 8 votes.

**1860/17 To receive village reports**

**a) Sports field** - Work completed by the contractor and the self help items are awaiting better weather.

**b) Highways and service faults** - The pothole in Lawnwood Lane has been repaired and other works are being reported at regular intervals, pothole inspectors are roaming round identifying areas. Residents are being asked to report potholes directly as individual calls are far better than 1 person ringing all the time.

**c) Cemetery** - Cllr Stronach has written the letter for Idle Times regarding the cremation plots and will pass this to Cllr O'Brien for inclusion in the next article in April.

**d) Defibrillator** - All okay. Cllr May has been looking at another defibrillator which we have funding for; newer defibrillators have batteries that last 10 years. If fitted in the bus stop near the pub we would require permission to tap into the power supply from County Council.

**1861/17 To receive items of information for future agenda items**

No items of information put forward for the next parish council meeting

**1862/17 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting**

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

Prior to the Parish Council meeting at 6.30pm an informal session will be held for anyone interested in allotments.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.18pm.

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