

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7pm.

**915/14 Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Fish, Cllr Hirst, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Raper, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Simpson

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

#### **916/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Woodcock.

#### **917/14 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed**

No declarations received.

#### **918/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by the Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

#### **919/14 To hold a 10 minute public session**

Matters raised:

- Grass cutting in the church yard – the Clerk has contacted the contractor
- Re-siting of the rubbish bin at the junction of Yew Tree Road/High Street to the other side of the road due to it not being used; possibly due to the overgrown hedge around it.
- Request for the entrance to the sports field via Brough Lane be cut wider?

#### **920/14 To receive a report from the District Councillor**

- Cllr Douglas reported that she has met with the Drains Engineer at BDC this afternoon, along with Cllr Stronach and the Clerk. The meeting was very helpful and the Engineer will contact Severn Trent regarding the locking up of the drains on Headland Ave and speak with N.C.C regarding the surface water drains. Kevin Greaves, Chairman of Transport and Highways for N.C.C will be copied into any information.

It was also noted that so long as the flooding issues on the High Street have been dealt with then the street will be resurfaced when the bridge has been completed.

- Cllr Douglas gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan; consultation on one policy for the proposed development on the Yew Tree site was carried out at the weekend. Most parishioners that attended were not worried about the number of houses for the site, two options were available 25 or 30 houses; 30 was the preferred amount. The Steering Group will be meeting to discuss the consultation replies. The draft plan will be sent out to the consultants to have a look at and then it will be circulated to the parishioners for comments.
- As part of the Neighbourhood Plan several projects have been highlighted and as a result one of these is the regeneration of Crookford. Cllr Douglas reported that the first meeting on this project was very positive and support has been given from the MP, police, Notts C.C,

Bassetlaw District Council and the Parish Council.

- Cllr Douglas invited the Leader of B.D.C, Simon Greaves, to visit Elkesley to see what the Parish Council are doing in the parish; Cllr Raper volunteered to join Cllr Douglas and Cllr Greaves as a representative of the Parish Council.
- The Rural conference is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 10-12noon at Retford.
- Cllr Douglas will be running a surgery on the first Monday of the month – appointments to be pre-booked.
- The Stuart and Lady Florence Charity is open for grants – to Contact Linda Dore at BDC.

#### **921/14 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update**

The following payments were approved by 8 votes;

- a) Street Cleaner's July wage £218.73 (1462)
- b) Street Cleaner's Aug wage £218.73 (1463)
- c) Parish Clerk's June wage & exps £211.88 (1464)
- d) Parish Clerk's July wage & exps £219.60 (1465)
- e) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance June grass cutting £708.00 (1466)
- f) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance July grass cutting £708.00 (1467) (pending agenda item 11)
- g) N Oldbury – Sports field expenses £46.94 (1460)
- h) Mrs Douglas – consultation expenses £81.68 (1468)
- i) Elkesley Memorial Hall – Room hire PC & NP £90.00 (1469)
- j) Rural Communities Action Notts – subscription £70.00 (1470)
- k) M Stronach – cemetery expenses £20.18 (20.18)

A copy of the June finances were circulated and the bank statements were available for the councillors to view.

A letter was approved to transfer funds out of the Neighbourhood Plan grant into the current account as the grant has now been completed.

#### **922/14 To Receive Information from the Working Party**

It was reported that a letter has been sent to B.D.C regarding R Plevin & Sons request to alter the 4m screen and a letter has been sent to R Plevin & Sons clarifying that the Parish Council are willing to meet with them to discuss any 'day-to-day' or village issues. Both letters were approved by the Councillors.

#### **923/14 To receive update on the BMX Track**

The Chairman has contacted Carillion regarding the loan of some equipment to use on the BMX track.

#### **924/14 To Receive update on the A1 Bridge**

No updates received.

#### **925/15 To receive update on the WW1 Centenary**

Cllr Hirst will be away for the November Centenary; Cllr Raper suggested that the Centenary be part of the November church service.

Cllr Stronach suggested to site a cross on the proposed village green on the Yew Tree site as a

memorial to those served in the WW1 and more recent wars.

#### **926/14 To discuss grass cutting**

Following discussions over the village grass cutting it was agreed that a tender will be placed in the Retford Times and Worksop Guardian for next year's requirements. This will be put on the agenda for September for proposals.

#### **927/14 To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**

**Application: 14/00773/LBA**

Location: Meadow Farm, High Street, Elkesley

Proposal: Erection of Conservatory to rear elevation

The Council considered the above application and resolved by 8 votes not to make any objections.

Application: 14/00808/HPD

Location: 75 Lawnwood Ave, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect ground floor rear extension

The Council considered the above application and resolved by 8 votes not to make any objections.

The Chairman read out an advance notice from IGas Energy to vary conditions 1,24, 25 and 26 of planning permission 1/12/01515 to allow for an extension of time for the completion of oilfield operations until 31 December 2040 at Bothamsall oilfield, near Bothamsall. (Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)

The Clerk has received an email from BDC's Street naming asking if the PC would like to be involved in the naming of the new streets/roads for the new layout on the A1 Elkesley; various ideas were put forward and the clerk will contact BDC for further information.

#### **928/14 To receive village reports**

##### **a) Sports field inspection**

Comments were made about the amount of wet wipes left of the field. The Chairman has gone through the new cleaning rota with the street cleaner which will start in September.

It was noted that the Brownies have carried out a McDonalds litter pick and it was agreed to send them a thank you card.

##### **b) Play equipment inspection**

Discussion took place over the damaged youth shelter; it was proposed that the shelter stays as it is and the panel will be replaced in spring.

The Clerk reported that the independent play inspection needs to be carried out as per the insurance requirements; this was approved.

Cllr Raper asked the Youth Council could be put on the next agenda.

##### **c) Highways and service faults -.**

- Comments over large lorries using the bottom entrance into the village rather than the top entrance
- Request that Carillion are asked if they could put move over signs on the A1 road works to

- allow drivers to leave the village safely – Cllr O'Brien will contact Carillion
- Cllr Fish commented over the tree that has been removed on the High Street by a resident.

**d) Cemetery**

The Clerk read out an additional inscription for a Memorial stone for the late Mrs Finch; this was approved.

**e) Memorial Hall**

No report given.

Cllr Baines thanked the Memorial Hall Committee for a good day at the Elkesley Feast which was a success.

**929/14 To receive information for Information and future agenda items**

Following the Parish Council's letter to A1 Housing asking if S106 money from the demolished garages on Coal Pit Lane/Headland Ave could be used to refurbish the remaining garages in the village; the Chairman read out a reply from the A1 and Estate Manager as follows:

*"The land on Coal Pit Lane/Headland Ave (the former garage site), acquired from B.D.C was made under the A1 Truck Road (Elkesley Junctions Improvements) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012; Bassetlaw Council as freeholder will received compensation for the land taken.*

*There are no Section 106 monies due with regard to any planning g obligations. At this stage the value of the compensation payable has not been agreed between the Council and the Valuation Office Agency, who act on behalf of the Highways Agency. Once the compensation has been agreed, the monies received will be treated as a capital receipt into the Housing Revenue Account. These receipts are to be used for housing purposes that could extend to refurbishments to remaining Council garage sites situated on Lawnwood Ave".*

**Further agenda items:**

- Proposals for next year's grass cutting tender
- Youth Council
- WW1 Centenary and purchase of Remembrance wreath
- Public House for sale

**930/14 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley

The Chairman closed the meeting 8.30pm.