

Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January 2017, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

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

Others present: County Cllr Ogle, District Cllr Dukes and members of the public.

Cllr Oldbury reminded members that the meeting was being recorded.

1812/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

1813/17 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

Declarations of interest received from Cllr Oldbury for agenda item 6 and Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones for agenda item 14.

1814/17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th Nov 2016

Cllr Stronach again requested a change to the minutes, stating they were incorrect. He requested that that statement regarding being in the pocket of the landowner be retracted before the minutes were signed. Cllr O'Brien confirmed the wording was correct and the statement in question had been made by Cllr Raper, not Cllr Stronach. Cllr Stronach still requested the minutes not be signed. After further discussion Cllr Oldbury Proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and agreed by 7 votes.

Cllr Stronach then asked for Cllr Oldburys resignation as he has signed minutes that were incorrect. Cllr Oldbury stated he would gladly step down if the majority of Cllrs had no confidence in him and wished him to resign. A vote of confidence was taken and it was voted by 7 to 2 in favour of Cllr Oldbury and the meeting continued.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 20th Dec 2016

Cllr Stronach proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, and seconded by Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones and resolved by the Council.

1815/17 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors

County Cllr Ogle reported:

Police consultation had been circulated previously and although it was quite long the main reply point was the support from a local team and we would want a replacement. Sheffield City Region the result of the judicial Derbyshire review found the consultation was illegal. BDC is in the same position and a decision is awaited.

District Cllr Dukes reported:

Cllr Dukes discussed the Sheffield City region, there will be no Mayor elections in 2017 and there is also talk of a Yorkshire wide devolution bid. Green waste initiative take up has been very good with a lot of take up in East of Bassetlaw. Cllr Dukes is still chasing up the parking signage for Holy Bush Close. Cllr Dukes getting nowhere regarding Stagecoach and maybe a joint letter would move this forward. The main office for Stagecoach is Hull but the local office covering Elkesley is Lincoln.

1816/17 To hold a 10 minute public session

Comments raised:

- A member of the public spoke about a complaint he had put in and the reply he received, had Cllrs taken an oath, and had Cllrs filled out a declaration of interests.
- A member of the public asked if the Parish Council were still paying the Clerk. The Chair replied the Parish Council were still paying Wendy as the RFO and for administering the cemetery.
- A member of the public asked if the litter picking already being done includes the new Bridge to which the Cllrs replied no. Cllr O'Brien advised that the whole issue of litter was on the agenda for tonight so this would be discussed.

1817/17 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application ref: 17/00034/COU

Location: The Gables, Jockey Lane

Proposal: Change of use from B1, B2 and B8 Use (storage for Heavy Goods Vehicles, Machinery, Tools and Equipment) to Use for Sale and Storage of Caravans and Associated Accessories.

Cllr O'Brien advised the Council that having looked at the paperwork the proposal appeared a better option than the existing use. The hours of work were listed as Mon to Sat 08:30 to 17:30 and Sun 10:00 to 16:00. The business is proposing to employ 7 people and it may be that some of those posts could be for local people. The considered the application and voted unanimously not to object to the change of use.

Appeal Decision Notice for the bungalows at Brough Lane. BDC rejected the development at planning but this has been overturned at appeal and the development has been authorised.

1818/17 Finance to approve payments and receive financial update.

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

The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

- a) Idle Times donation £330.00 (1687)
- b) CP & PS Ltd – Mole removal £80.00 (1688)
- c) Street Cleaner's January wage £247.80 (1689)
- d) RFO December wage & exps £134.88 (1690)
- e) I Davis – garage rent £343.92 (1691)
- f) N.A.L.C subscription £137.45 (1692)
- g) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire and Post Office donation £56.00 (1693)

1819/17 To consider lighting for the sports field

Cllr May advised the meeting that Northern Power are coming round w/c 23/1/17 to identify the positions and to quote for how much it will cost. The Parish Council will also look at feedback from residents with a survey and posters will be located around the village.

1820/17 To consider possible donation of a container for storage

Enquires will be made regarding a donation and the Parish Council would be looking at a 20 foot container. As the proposed position for siting is located on Memorial Hall land the Parish Council will need to speak to the committee regarding this. The Memorial hall will put it before their committee for consideration.

1821/17 To consider feedback regarding the Lengthsman scheme

The scheme may be withdrawn so at present it's a non-starter for the Parish Council.

1822/17 To consider the precept for 2017

Cllr Oldbury passed out the most current figures and talked through the budgets proposed. He explained that the higher the percentage increase in precept the lower the amount of precept was paid by residents. The council discussed an increase of 2.5% which decreases the amount of precept paid by residents, but

increases the money paid to the Parish Council by £326.63. Cllr Wilkinson proposed a 2.5% increase, which was seconded by Cllr Stronach and was unanimously agreed by the council.

1823/17 To consider what can be done regarding the damage to Jockey Lane from lorries and the safety of the public

Cllr O'Brien advised the Council she had met with Highways (Mr Parker) regarding the mess to the verges and the mud being transferred to the road. At the time of the visit the mud on the road was not as bad as it has been recently, but Mr Parker has said that if the mud got any worse action would take action to resolve the issue. The damage to the verge is obviously from HGV's and Mr Parker couldn't see how the HGV's could use the gates without using the verge. Due to lack of funds Mr Parker couldn't fund bollards or any other sort of visible deterrent but he was not against any self help options that could be agreed with the business owner. Cllr O'Brien suggested discussing with the owner if he could help tidy the area up by providing some sort of hard standing in place of the mud that is there. Cllr May agreed to make contact with the owner of Nottingham Sleeper Co.

1824/17 To review roles and responsibilities

Cllr Oldbury explained to the meeting the duplication that can take place if members of the Council and the public didn't know who was dealing with which specific items for example Highways, planning and problems with the Cemetery. Cllr passed out a list of roles as a start point and asked Cllrs to consider if there was anything else that needed adding or removing and which roles or responsibilities they were able to volunteer for. Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones asked if this was something that could be taken away and bought back for the next meeting in Feb, which was agreed. Cllr Oldbury also noted that all of the roles didn't need to be done by Parish Councillors members of the public who have an interest may wish to help as well and would be welcomed.

1825/17 A request to discuss any update on Battery Lane

Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones left the meeting while this item was discussed. Cllr Stronach gave a brief update on where the application regarding a Bridleway was, but also requested that Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones be asked to remove the sign from the gate on Battery Lane. After Discussion it was agreed to ask for the sign to be removed. Cllr Stronach proposed and Cllr Oldbury seconded which was agreed by 7 votes with 1 abstention.

1826/17 To discuss designated areas in the village for delivery of Parish Council information

Cllr Oldbury provided a map of the village with the streets highlighted in different colours and separated out for Cllrs to discuss the delivery of information on behalf of the Parish Council.

1827/17 To consider taking part in the Great Britain Clean Up this year

Cllr O'Brien asked if the village wanted to take part in the Great Britain Clean up this year which takes place on the weekend of 3-5 March. The village took part a couple of years ago, but we would need help from villagers. Cllr May advised he will ask the youth of the village when he meets with them in 2 weeks. Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones suggested posters in the village notice boards, lampposts and school and Facebook advertising to drum up interest. Cllr Wilkinson suggested talking to the school and volunteered for the poster design, Cllr O'Brien will have a look at how we got help last time the Poulter Valley Group did this, which can be discussed at the next meeting in February.

1828/1 To consider response on the District Councils consultation on a voluntary ban on smoking in childrens' play areas

Smoking within the play areas was discussed and although it would be a voluntary ban BDC would be happy to supply signs highlighting that smoking was not allowed. It is a requirement of the play park inspection that signs be provided one of which is a no smoking sign. Proposal by Cllr Oldbury to join in with the voluntary ban was agreed by 7 votes with one vote disagreeing as there was no way to police it.

1829/17 To receive village reports:

a) To receive sports field and play equipment inspection report.

The Inspection Company due anytime to do the authorised repairs. Nigel Schofield has asked if he and his daughter can meet with the inspection people to see what they do. Nigel's daughter has asked if she can do some play area inspection training so that she is able to undertake the inspections if her father is unavailable, there may be a small charge for the training.

Some time ago the children from the school held an anti-litter poster competition and the winning entry has been made up by the Chair and is now ready for printing. The Chair highlighted the need for signs at the entrance to the sports field and has drawn up proposals for the signs. The Council discussed the proposals and the approximate costs are £35.00 per sign; Cllr Stronach proposed that the Council goes ahead with the signs; this was seconded by Cllr May and agreed by the Council.

Funding for a small junior BMX track is available until 22nd February 2017. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would approve the proposal of the junior BMX track and the application for funding. The Parish Council agreed to take on responsibility and maintenance of the track and that the Chair and Mr Douglas would liaise regarding completing the application, acceptance was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Stronach and agreed by the Council.

b) To receive any highways and service faults – Cllr Stronach advised the meeting that the majority of drains were blocked and although odd ones have been cleared they all need clearing. Cllr Flear advised the meeting that the drain outside the school was a priority and is always flooding. Cllr O'Brien advised the meeting of the items she raised with Mr Parker from Highways (VIAEM) after discussions with Cllr Raper:

- Sign on the junction with Jockey Lane / Old Brickyard Rd / Old London Rd knocked over is not Highways and it has been reported to BDC
- Finger post on the same junction missing letters and rotten is Highways and reported
- Pavement on the bridge that has not been repaired correctly
- Drainage at the end of Headland Ave
- Street signs where Pepperly Rise is missing
- Tree branches overhanging the pavement outside the cemetery

Two other items Mr Parker was already aware of were, cat's eyes at the village end of the bridge and the hard standing opposite the new bus shelter, both of which had been reported by Cllr Oldbury. Cllr Flear questioned if the Council felt the vehicles going over the two new roundabouts was a one off or would it continue. Cllr O'Brien advised the meeting that boy racers are using the road from Ordsall up to the roundabout as a racetrack and that the icing on the cake was the doughnut on the roundabout. The tracks across the roundabout were from when they missed the doughnut. Cllr Oldbury confirmed that anyone seeing this should report it.

Cllr O'Brien reported that she had been advised that at the end of Headland Ave someone is driving over the grass and pavement instead of exiting the correct way. This is damaging the grass and kerb, which was confirmed by Cllr Raper. Cllr May advised the meeting that when he goes past at 3am there is usually two Police Patrol vehicles parked there although it couldn't be confirmed if these vehicles had caused the damage. Cllr May proposed dropping another concrete bollard in cost approx. £60 to stop vehicles being able to exit this way, this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and agreed by the Council. Cllr Oldbury and Cllr May will liaise regarding completing this job.

c) To receive update on the Cemetery – The moles have been treated. The water butt is full. Cllr O'Brien confirmed she had spoken to BDC regarding the cemetery being able to join the green waste initiative and unfortunately it is only for residential properties at present. Cllr O'Brien did advise BDC that the Parish Council should be seen to set an example by recycling as much as possible and the people using the service would be residents attending the graves, but BDC still felt that we couldn't join at present.

d) To receive defibrillator inspection report – Cllr Raper reported everything is working ok and the battery should be ok until 2018. We do have the money for a second defibrillator in the village and we should be looking at purchasing that and then moving both of them to suitable locations within the village. Cllr May advised the meeting that he was looking at defibrillators on behalf of the football club and would be happy to get prices and information for the Parish Council at the same time.

1830/17 To receive items of information for future agenda items

- To propose adding a section into our agenda that covers an update on previous agenda items not resolved. An action item record
- To discuss what can be done to tidy up Crookford
- Proposal to accept the “Public Participation Code of Conduct at Parish Council meetings Policy” after the two month trial period
- A proposal to discuss if we wish to do anything to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 in 2018

1831/17 Date and time of next parish council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 21st February 2017 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, Main Street, Elkesley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.24pm.

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