

Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2018, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr O'Brien (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stronach, Cllr May, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr L Foulkes-Jones, Cllr Flear, Cllr Fish and Cllr Woodcock

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk) District Cllr Kevin Dukes, County Cllr Kevin Greaves and members of the public

Cllr O'Brien (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Oldbury (Chair).

2032/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Oldbury.

2033/18 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declaration of interests received.

2034/18 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Issues raised:

- No grit in the Park Lane grit bin – Cllr Stronach used the grit on the first occasion it snowed and since chased Highways to fill the grit bin during the second occasion it showed; he will chase them again. Meanwhile Cllr Wilkinson will collect the bags of salt that Cllr Stronach has and put in the Park Lane grit bin.
- Parking on High Street near the Tywford Bridge entrance which is causing problems for cars coming off the slip road and round the bend where the car is parked. Cllr Foulkes-Jones will have a word with the landlord of the property

The meeting was re convened.

2035/18 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

County Cllr Kevin Greaves gave his County Council report:

Jockey Lane grips and dykes have now been redone.

Several new ditches are to be cut out to help with the flooding

An investigation is currently being carried out on the Elkesley Bridge/Coal Pit Lane junction; extra safety measures are to be put in place following the several accidents there.

Battery Lane – a further consultation is being carried out; all landowners and the Parish Council have been informed.

District Cllr Kevin Dukes gave his District Council report:

- Following a District Council cabinet meeting; it was reported that the Worksop police will be relocating into the District Council's Queen's Buildings. The current police station is deemed not fit for purpose. The new police station will have interview rooms and a bail station so that people no longer have to go to the Mansfield police station. There will be improvements in policing in Worksop; with the return of a C.I.D presence which has been absent for 20 years.

- An external company has carried out a market consultation which has resulted in very positive comments for the Retford and Worksop markets.
- A polling station review is currently being carried out.

2036/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 20th February 2018

Minute 2018/18 – the paragraph regarding A1 garages. Second line the word ‘happen’ was altered to ‘in the contract’. Fourth line the name ‘Cllr O’Brien’ was altered to the ‘Chair’.

Following the amendments; Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 20th February 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by 8 votes.

2037/18 To receive any updates on actions from previous meetings

No updates reported.

2038/18 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decision notices

The Resubmission of application ref: 17/01627/RSB at the Robin Hood Inn, High Street has been refused planning permission.

The Clerk has received notification that a consultation is now taking place on the Parish Council’s application (reference EB/180314/EPC) to register Battery Lane as a public bridleway.

2039/18 To receive updates from any Neighbourhood Plan meetings

The Chair reported that the Steering Group had met and just covered going forward with the consultant. As part of the review the group will be writing to the local land owners.

2040/18 Proposal to consider an Elkesley Neighbourhood Watch Group

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

2041/18 To receive reports from any meetings attended by Council Representatives

The Chair report that she and Cllr Oldbury attended a Neighbourhood Plan event the previous week. The event was for those council’s that have completed their Neighbourhood Plan to have a stand displaying information on their own Neighbourhood Plan and answer any questions from other parish council’s that are currently going through the process or thinking of starting their own.

Cllr Fish reported that the Memorial Hall Committee now has a Facebook page where all regular and forth coming events are listed. Cllr Fish read out the regular weekly booking for the hall and the Post Office which attends Monday and Fridays 1pm-4.30pm.

2042/18 To consider insurance information and suggestions regarding where to site a BBQ on the sports field

The Clerk has contacted the insurance company for advice on putting a BBQ on the sports field. The recommendation was to erect signage to advise the public of the correct procedures for use and waste disposal. Cllr O’Brien has taken advice from the Fire Brigade; they recommended not to put it near to the edge of the field in case of a burnable crop in the farmer’s field. After discussion it was agreed for the Councillors to meet on the field at 6pm prior to the next meeting to choose a suitable area.

2043/18 To discuss alternative options for the glass recycling bins

The Environmental Officer will be visiting the village to look for alternative options to site the recycling bins. After discussion regarding the lack of management and rubbish around the bins; Cllr Foulkes-Jones proposed to ask for the bottle banks to be removed and if an alternative site is found; see if any other types of recycling bins can also be included. This was seconded by Cllr Flear and resolved by 8 votes.

2044/18 To discuss the 100yr of WW1 Commemoration project

Cllr Foulkes-Jones has been looking into examples of specific projects for the WW1 commemoration and also grants available; Cllr Greaves and Cllr Dukes will forward information regarding grants available for WW1 projections.

Cllr Fish and Cllr Stronach have been looking into fun raising events to raise money so that the St Giles' Church bells can be repaired and ring on the commemoration day; the church bells are the village's war memorial.

2045/18 To consider the draft Community Grant Policy

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

2046/18 To arrange the Bassetlaw Spring Clean day

The Bassetlaw spring clean day was arranged for the 22nd April 10am-12noon. Cllr Wilkinson will supply the fliers.

2047/18 Proposal to discuss dog fouling in the village

In September 2015, the District Council introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order aimed at controlling anti-social behaviour related to dogs and dog ownership.

The existing Order states that:

- Owners must pick up their dogs' faeces on any land to which the public have access
- Owners must keep their dogs on leads in specified burial grounds, cemeteries and churchyards (for Elkesley this will be for the Elkesley cemetery on High Street and St Giles' Church on High Street)
- Dogs are banned from specified fenced children's play areas (for Elkesley this will be the junior play area which is fenced)

The District Council has is now carrying out the three year review on the Order and has asked the Parish Council if it will consider the suggested significant addition to the existing order as follows:

3A. Means to Pick up Faeces

If within the administrative area of the Authority at any time on land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or virtue of an express or implied permission, a person who is in charge of a dog fails to produce a device for or other suitable means of removing dog faeces and transporting it to a bin (whether or not the dog has defecated) when asked to so do by an authorised officer, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless

- (a) He has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so

Cllr May proposed to approve the addition to the existing Order; this was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and resolved by 8 votes.

Cllr Fish also commented on the amount of dog faeces on Coal Pit Lane and Lime Tree Ave. If everyone reports dog fouling to the District Council then it ensures that their records show that there are hot spot areas and the dog warden is able to concentrate on those areas.

2048/18

To receive village reports on the following:

(a) Sports field and play area inspections

No actions from the inspection.

(b) Highways and service faults

Cllr Stronach commented that only a third of the surface on High Street has been resurfaced and now after the recent snow the pot holes are getting worse. The Chair reported that all the pot holes have been reported to Highways.

Cllr Stronach also commented on the amount of grass verges that are being ripped up by vehicles parking or driving over them. A survey has been sent out recently asking for resident's opinions on replace the grass verges with tarmac. It was suggested that photos are taken of the damaged verges and sent to Highways.

The lamp post which is facing the wrong way round opposite the new bus shelter; has also been reported to Highways, but the Parish Council were being told they were not the responsibility of NCC. After much discussion with NCC the report of damage was taken and should be completed. Cllr Greaves requested information on this so he could follow up with VIA.

(c) Cemetery

Cllr Stronach will be filling up the water container in the cemetery in the near future.

(d) Defibrillator inspection - nothing to report

(e) Allotments – nothing to report

2049/18

Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the bank statements and finances to the end of February.

The following payments were approved by 8 votes:

- a) Mr Oldbury – 2 years website fees £187.92 (1794)
- b) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire £37.00 Post Office contribution £36.00 = £73.00 (1796)
- c) T Halford – Church lawnmower service £98.13 (1797)
- d) L.A.B Planning Services Ltd – N.Plan grant money £2400.00 (1798)
- e) Parish Clerk – Feb wage and expenses £256.09 (1799)
- f) Street Cleaner – March wage £257.10
- g) B.D.C (N.Plan grant money) N.Plan review printing £27.83 (1801)
- h) Mr Oldbury – fixings for ne benches £39.78 (1802)
- i) HMRC – p.a.y.e £50.00 (1803)
- j) A1 garage rent £364.00 (1804)
- k) L.A.B Planning Service Ltd – (N.Plan grant money) £1600.00 (1805)
- l) Tuxford Lawnmower centre – service of equipment £408.44 (1806)

2050/18 To consider request for contribution towards refreshments to help stranded motorists on the A1 due to snow

This item was deferred.

2051/18 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

- A1 garages
- WW1 commemoration project

2052/18 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Tuesday 17th April 2018 in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

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