

Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th March 2016, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

1550/16 Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Stronch, Cllr Raper, Cllr Woodcock, Cllr Flear and Cllr Fish
Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Councillor Kevin Greaves (Transport), County Councillor John Ogle and members of the public

1551/16 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received and accepted for Cllr Hirst.

1552/16 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed
No declarations received.

1553/16 To Discuss Highway issues with County Councillor Kevin Greaves

Various highway issues were discussed with Cllr Greaves:

- Headland Ave – lack of parking availability and cars using grassed area
- Damaged handrail on Headland Ave
- High Street – significant number of pot holes and poor quality repairs
- Dropped kerb on High Street not replaced
- Request for new Welcome to Elkesley village signs
- Bus stop on new High Street
- Bus shelter required for bus stop on new High Street (NCC already approved)
- Lagoon – water not draining
- Lagoon near bridge – no standing water, bank collapsing and no danger signs or life belts
- Old Coalpit Lane – no tarmac at field access
- A1 bridge junction – no street lighting – cat eyes as an alternative
- Jockey Lane – no kerb edging
- Signage on Brough Lane

At this point County Councillor John Ogle gave his report:

- The District Councillor is considering joining the Sheffield City Region; his is putting forward a motion to the District Council that the residents get a chance to vote at a referendum on whether they want to join Sheffield City Region or not
- Funding is available through the N.C.C Local Improvement Scheme for village signs.
- Cllr Ogle asked the residents on their opinion if the 20mph advisory speed limit is work outside the school

1554/16 Co-option of new Councillor

Cllr Stronach proposed to co-opt Mrs O'Brien onto the Council; this was seconded by Cllr Oldbury and it was resolved by 8 votes. Mrs O'Brien then signed the Declaration of Office and then joined the meeting.

1555/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2016

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2016 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by the Council.

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1556/16 To hold a 10 minute public session

Matters raised about the requirement for village signs and complaint about dogs going in to the play area.

At the point it was approved to bring agenda items 11 and 12 forward to allow Cllr woodcock to speak before having to leave the meeting.

1557/16 Proposal to discuss the 2016/17 budget

Cllr Woodcock proposed as a cost cutting measure for 2016/17 for the Council to purchase its own grass cutting equipment and incorporate the grass cutting in with the street cleaner's hours. This was approved and Cllr Woodcock circulated costings for the proposal and prices for equipment to discuss in the next agenda item.

1558/16 To discuss the village grass cutting options and costs

Cllr Woodcock proposed that the Parish Council purchases its own grass cutting equipment and for the street cleaner to cut the sports field and cemetery; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 8 votes.

Following circulation of options; it was agreed by 8 votes to purchase a tractor, lawnmower and a strimmer.

Cllr Woodcock proposed that the Council asks the County Council to take back the cutting of the village grass verges initially for this year; this was seconded by Cllr Raper and resolved by 8 votes.

At this point Cllr Woodcock left the meeting.

1559/16 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

Cllr Olge gave his report under minute 1553/16.
Cllr Dukes sent his apologies.

1560/16 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**Application No:16/00192/HSE**

Location: Honeysuckle Cottage, 9 Park Lane, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect detached double garage and excavation works to create new entrance

The Council considered the above application and had no objections.

Application No:16/00194/COU

Location: The Bungalow, Crookford Hill, Brough Lane (Plevins)

Proposal: Change of use of residential bungalow to welfare unit and site office

The Council considered the above application and had no objections but commented that there is no disable provision and a significant imbalance of ladies/gents facilities.

Decision Notice

Application No: 16/00007/HSE

Location: Nevasa, High Street, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

Decision: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

1561/16 To receive any update on the Robin Hood Inn

There was nothing new to report; the Chair gave a review of where the application is at the moment and confirmed that the Parish Council has been granted permission to attend the verbal hearing which is thought may be held after the Easter holidays.

1562/16 Finance– to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated finances to date and copy of the bank statements for the Councillors to view.

The following payments were approved by 8 votes:

- a) Clerk's Feb wage and expenses £131.50 (1623)
- b) Street Cleaners March wage £230.25 (1624)
- c) HMRC – p.a.y.e £62.20 (1625)
- d) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire and Post Office costs £59.00 (1626)

Cheques to follow for the grass cutting equipment.

Following on from previous meetings; the Clerk has obtained a quotation for a sign for the sports field to cover legal information; it was resolved by 8 votes to approve the quotation for £357.50.

The Clerk has received quotation to undertake a tree condition survey of the two trees in the playing field for insurance purposes; at a cost of £50.00 plus cost of OS plan; it was resolved by 8 votes to accept this quotation.

1563/16 To receive village reports

a) Sports field and play equipment inspection

It was agreed for the Chair to arrange the repair of the broken play area gates at £40 each plus cost to repaint.

It was agreed to accept the price of £400 to complete the surface of the BMX (grant money).

b) Highways and service faults

Already discussed.

c) Cemetery update

Cllr Stronach is measuring up for the cremation area as previously discussed.

d) Inspection report on defibrillator

Cllr McCaffrey reported that the defibrillator is all in order. Comments received that there are no reference numbers on the housing for the equipment; Cllr McCaffrey confirmed that due

to only having one in the village no number was required; if more than one then registration numbers will be allocated to them which would need to be quoted when emergency services are called.

Following correspondence regarding a second defibrillator; it was confirmed that a second one is to be purchased using the funds raised specifically for this.

It was also agreed to look into CPR training and offering it to residents; possible arrange for when it is the Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr McCaffrey to make contact with a trainer.

1564/16 To receive items of information for future agenda items

Notification received that Mrs Oldbury has resigned from the Memorial Hall Committee – another council nominated person required.

Future agenda item

- CPR training

1565/16 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 19th April 2016 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm