

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 2018, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Stronach, Cllr May and Cllr Flear
Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Kevin Dukes and members of the public

3014/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones, Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Woodcock.

3015/18 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any agenda item to be discussed

No declarations of interest received.

3016/18 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

Issues raised:

- Speeding on Park Lane – any possibility of have a recommendation of 20-25mph limit; Cllr O'Brien will ask Highways
- Condition of the Highways on Park Lane and Low Street – Cllr O'Brien speak with Highways
- Why was the Post Office closed – it was noted that it was only due to equipment failure on the day.

3017/18 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

County Cllr Kevin Greaves was not present at the meeting.

District Cllr Kevin Dukes gave the following report:

A review on town centre car parking across the district will be taking place; the consultation will be accessible on-line. Cllr O'Brien asked if a hard copy is available for those people without on-line access; copies can be requested. The Chair asked if Cllr Dukes could give enough notice of when the consultation will start so that it can be put in the Idle Times.

Cllr Dukes reported that Last Thursday the County Councillors passed a resolution to look into the possibility of trying to create a Unitary Authority which would be run from West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire. Bassetlaw District Council is not happy with the prospect. This would have to have Government approval and consultations taken place.

3018/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19th June 2018

Minutes number 3008/18 – cemetery item amended was the price per full refill of the water container was £40 not £20; the £20 was for half filling the container.

Following amendment; Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 19th June 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by 5 votes.

3019/18 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decision notices

No planning applications received.

3020/18 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the financial update, budget and bank statements for the Councillors to view. Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the payments listed below; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 5 votes.

- a) Came & Co Insurance for 2018/19 £1379.34 (1822)
- b) Street Cleaner August wage £268.84 (1829)
- c) Parish Clerk's July wage & exps £276.26 (1830)
- d) HMRC – p.a.y.e £63.60 (1831)
- e) Elkesley Memorial Hall room hire & Post Office £60.50 (1832)
- f) L Ffoulkes-Jones cemetery expenses £10.00 (1833)
- g) I Davies Petrol, oil and strimmer line £169.57 (1834)
- h) N Oldbury – ballast for benches £80.23 (1835)
- i) R May petrol £34.64 (1836)
- j) R May – bearing £82.50 (1837)

3021/18 Proposal to consider signage for the sports field

The recent independent play area inspection highlighted that signs for each piece of equipment was required. The Chair suggested that all the signs could be put on one large notice board. The Chair reported that the original supplier was no longer in business; the Clerk said she would be able to find out who has taken over the company and pass on the contact details to the Chair and Cllr May.

At this point it an update was given on the village signage for the entrance to the village. The Chair reported that Cllr Woodcock is looking at 2 to 3 options on the type of signage; e.g. Stone or Black cast metal. The next round of the Local Improvement Scheme funding will be at this end of 2018. There may be an option to apply for some part funding towards the signage.

3022/18 Proposal to apply for a reduced speed limit for Brough Lane

Cllr Flear reported that on two instances there had been speeding down Brough Lane and Cllr O'Brien made a further comment that three cars had sped down the lane and almost hit her dog. After discussion regarding the national speed limit on Brough Lane which is an unsuitable surface for traffic at 60mph ; Cllr Flear proposed to ask Highways to visit the village and look at the limit for Brough Lane and also Park Lane; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council.

3023/18 Proposal to discuss the condition of Crooksford

Cllr Stronach proposed to ask the relevant river authority to meet with him on site to discuss the condition of the Ford at Crookford; the lack of any maintenance or dredging being

carried out is resulting in the river becoming a lake; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 5 votes.

3024/18 Proposal to discuss grass cutting of the sports field

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting and member of the public will be asked to leave the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss this agenda item which involving discussion of staff.

3025/18 Proposal to discuss the number of council meetings held

This item was deferred to the next meeting when Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones is present to discuss his proposal.

3026/18 To receive any updates on the 100yr of WW1 Commemoration project

Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones was not present to give his update.

Cllr Stronach reported that the hall was booked for tea, coffee and cakes. Cllr Flear reported that Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones had reviewed the ideas on the repair of the church bells to the day but it would be too short notice. Cllr Woodcock has approached the school to get the children involved with making poppies and attaching to a large net; as well as either purchasing of making some large poppies for the lamp posts. Cllr O'Brien is happy to help make the poppies for the net; any help would be appreciated. There were no objections to a budget being put together for the materials purchased to make the poppies.

3027/18 To receive reports from any meetings attended by Parish Council representatives

Cllr Stronach gave a report on his attendance at the Nottinghamshire Police Priority Group Meeting and read out the crimes figures highlighted over the Bassetlaw area. The next meeting will be the 10th September 2018 at the Town Hall.

The Chair reported on his attendance at the Parish Forum meeting; a presentation had been given by the Dementia Organisation.

The Chair also reported that he has completed an on-line National Survey on Open Spaces in Elkesley.

3028/18 To receive village reports on the following:

a) Sports field and play area inspections

Cllr May reported that the play equipment repairs were in hand. Cllr O'Brien commented that the field was looking in good condition. The Clerk asked if the Council could take the Oak sapling that she has been looking after since 2012 when it was given by the Fields In Trust organisation when the sports field was designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust; Cllr May and the Chair would organise collection with a trailer

b) Highways and service faults

- Cllr O'Brien has reported a large hole next to a drain on the right hand side of Low Street

- Cllr O'Brien will contact Highways regarding:
- speeding on Brough Lane and other areas that Cllr Flear would like mentioning and installation of "It's 30 for a reason" signs
- The damaged Elkesley Bridge Road sign reported in January which still hasn't been repaired

c) Cemetery

No issues in the cemetery.

d) Defibrillator inspection

No issues with the defibrillators; one is to be moved next week.

e) Allotments

Cllr Fish not present to give any update. It was noted that information has been put on a face book giving residents information that the Parish Council is still interested in take the allotments forward subject to requests; no comments to date have been received.

It was also agreed to take the allotments off the agenda for the time being and include it when Cllr Fish requests it for an update.

3029/18 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

- Donation to First Responders
- Budget for materials to make poppies out of
- Items deferred from this meeting

At this point Cllr Fish attended the meeting.

3030/18 Time and Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The time and date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 18th September at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

At this point members of the public were asked to leave the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable discussion of agenda item 3024 which will involve discussion of staff matters.