

I hereby give you notice of the Elkesley Parish Council Zoom meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th March 2021, at 7.00pm.

All Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder.

Public access to the Zoom meeting will be via the email link below and may be recorded

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Dated this 9th March 2021

W Davies

Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1) To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence
- 2) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda
- 3) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session
- 4) To receive reports from the District & County Councillors
- 5) To receive and consider any applications for the casual vacancy of Parish Councillor
- 6) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2021
- 7) To approve payments and receive finance reports as of 28th February 2021
- 8) To consider any planning applications below and note any planning correspondence
- 9) To consider the BDC consultation response to the renewal of the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (Public Spaces (Dog Control) Order 2018
- 10) To consider purchase of a notice board for the cemetery
- 11) To consider cost and replacement of the wire fence on the sports field
- 12) To review the Equality Policy, Health & Safety Policy and Social Media and Electronic Communications policy
- 13) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:
 - a. Sports field & play area safety inspections
 - b. Cemetery
 - c. Defibrillator inspections
 - d. Highways and service faults
- 14) To discuss comments put on Facebook
- 15) To receive any items for information or future agenda items
- 16) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2021

Signed: *J O'Brien*

Date: *27th*

April 2021

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council Zoom meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2021, at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr O'Brien (Vice- Chair - chaired the meeting) Cllr Savill, Cllr May and Cllr Davis. (Cllr Roberts will join the meeting shortly)

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

3403/21 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies and reasons received from Cllr Skelton. Cllr May propose to approve the apologies and reasons given, this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 4 votes.

3404/21 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No declaration of interests received.

3405/21 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

- Question asked about the purchasing of one of the old red telephone kiosks for £1; the Chair is currently looking into this.

3406/21 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

Cllr Roberts joined the meeting during this agenda item.

District Cllr Dukes sent his apologies due to his District Council Cabinet Meeting.

County Cllr Kevin Greaves gave the following report:

- Street light No.1 out of action – Cllr Greaves has reported this as a priority
- The bad condition of Low Street – Cllr Greaves has sent photos of the area to Highways and requested that it is put on the work programme for resurfacing
- Information was given on the Zero Carbon Energy Future for the UK; West Burton power station is to be closed and there is a possibility of it being used to develop atomic fusion energy – please see the report at the end of the minutes
- The work on the expansion joint which has dropped on the bridge is to be carried out; however, Cllr Greaves has not yet been given a date when this will be done
- Cllr O'Brien mentioned the amount of rubbish on the A1 slip road to the A57 at Five Lane Ends roundabout; this has been reported but nothing as yet been done to clear it. Cllr Greaves will chase this up.
- Cllr O'Brien reported that the work on the grips on Jockey Lane has not yet been done. There has been a notice of road works to take place there; but it does not mention the work that is being carried out

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3407/21 To receive and consider any applications for the casual vacancy of Parish Councillor

The Officer reported that one application has been received for the post of Parish Councillor. An interview will be arranged ready for the next meeting.

The Officer reported that Cllr Kath Fish's vacancy notice has been put in the notice board inviting applications for co-option onto the Parish Council. The District Council will contact us in due course, to let us know to go ahead with another co-option notice.

3408/21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2021

Cllr Savill proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2021 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes

3409/21 To approve payments and receive finance reports as of 28th February 2021

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the finance report as of 28th February 2021, budget and bank statements for the Council to view.

Cllr Savill proposed to accept the finances as above and approve the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

- a) Reimbursement to Cllr May for a new gate lock & key plus fuel for grass cutting £17.53 (2092)
- b) Bassetlaw District Council for 26 weeks collection of cemetery bin £162.24 (2093)
- c) Parish Clerk reimbursement for ink, stamps and stationary £68.07 (2094)
- d) Parish Clerk Feb wage £231.50 (2095)
- e) Grounds Maintenance March wage £305.20 (2096)
- f) HMRC – p.a.y.e £57.80 (2097)
- g) Reimbursement to Cllr May for purchase of ring bag holders £29.50 (2098)
- h) Reimbursement to Cllr May for cost of cleaning wheelie bins £8.50 (2099)
- i) Reimbursement to Cllr May for purchase of defibrillator consumables – charge kit and pads £229.20 (2100)

The Clerk reported that District Cllr Dukes has given a £350.00 grant towards a new notice board for the cemetery.

3410/21 To consider any planning applications below and note any planning correspondence

No planning applications received. The Clerk has received notification that planning application 21/00006/HSE – Honeysuckle Cottage, 9 Park Lane which was refused; has appealed against the refusal.

3411/21 To consider the BDC consultation response to the renewal of the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (Public Spaces (Dog Control) Order 2018

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The Clerk reported that the District Council is holding a consultation on a further three year extension on their Public Spaces Protection Order which is aimed at controlling anti-social behaviour related to dogs and dog ownership.

The Bassetlaw District Council – Public Spaces (Dog Control) Order 2018 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
- Dogs are banned from specified fenced children's play areas
- Owners must be able to demonstrate to an authorised officer that they are carrying suitable means, such as a suitable bag, to pick up and remove dog faeces from designed land

There are two schedules which apply to Elkesley:

Schedule One – Keeping of dogs on leads

This Order applies to:

- 1) St Giles's Churchyard
- 2) Elkesley Cemetery, High Street

Schedule Two – Dog exclusion areas

This Order applies to:

- 1) Children's playground off Lime Tree Ave

The existing Order can be viewed on the District Council website link:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-control-order-2018/>

Cllr Roberts proposed to support the extension of a further three years; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes

At this point Cllr May left the meeting.

3412/21 To consider purchase of a notice board for the cemetery

This item was deferred to the next meeting – Councillor were asked to look for examples of notice boards that would be in keeping in a cemetery.

3413/21 To consider cost and replacement of the wire fence on the sports field

Cllr May reported that the wire fence is okay but the posts have rotted. Therefore, Cllr Savill proposed to replace with concrete posts and to bolt the fencing to the new posts at an approx. cost of £75.00; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 4 Votes.

3414/21 To review the Equality Policy, Health & Safety Policy and Social Media and Electronic Communications policy

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the above policies for the Councillors to review.

Cllr May proposed to approve the above policies with no amendments; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 4 votes.

3415/21 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a) Sports field & play area safety inspections

- No actions required following recent play area inspections
- Cllr May is meeting the contractor re the work on the small BMX; and also asking for cost to remove the end ramp on the large BMX. The Chair asked Cllr May to see if there are any suggestions they can think of to prevent disintegration of the surface
- The Tuxford Youth Football Club will start using the field Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm initially every week after the 28th March. They are in the process of obtaining £25k of grounds maintenance equipment which they hope to use at Elkesley and two other sites. They will be maintaining the grass cutting; white lining and using their own goal posts.

b) Cemetery

- The water butt will be moved once the corner has been cleared. Unfortunately, there isn't a water supply available at the moment due to the repair required to the outside tap previously used; A1 Housing will not carry out the work due to not being an emergency repair
- Cllr Roberts will meet with Cllr May at the cemetery to make a list of the memorial headstones that require attention. A list of the next of kin is required to inform them that their memorial headstones require work doing to them to make them sure.

c) Defibrillator inspections

- Cllr Savill reported the defibrillators are ok and that the pads have been replaced

d) Highways and service faults

- The Chair is still reporting all the rubbish that is coming off the A1 Recycling lorries and still asking on a regular basis for the District Council to come with their magnet lorries to pick up the metal bits; plus their road sweeper
- The District Council have put up CCTV signs for fly tipping and removed some rubbish. However, the glass has not yet been swept where required
- Cllr May will put up the dog signs on the bridge road

3416/21 To discuss comments put on Facebook

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3417/21 To receive any items for information or future agenda items

Items for future agenda

- Comments on Facebook
- New noticeboard for the cemetery
- Repairs to BMX track
- Next of Kin information regarding memorial stones which require attention in the cemetery

Item for information

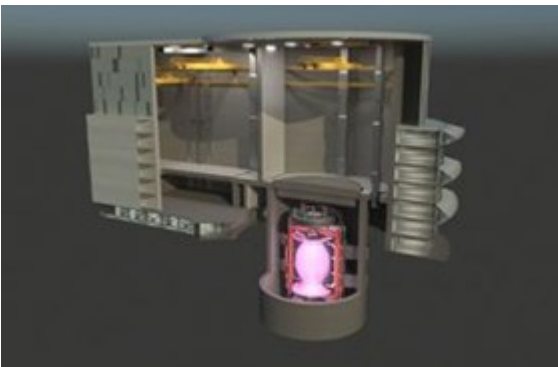
- The Clerk asked for confirmation if the Elkesley Memorial Hall will be open for the May Council meeting

3418/21 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council Zoom meeting will be held on the 20th April 2021 at 7pm.

UK search for a home for world-leading fusion energy plant

10 March 2021



Two county power station sites are ‘in the running’ as potential Nottinghamshire nominations

Two existing coal-fired power station sites could be put forward by Nottinghamshire County Council and its partners as part of a national search to find potential sites to design and build what is hoped to be the world’s first prototype fusion plant by 2040.

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The ambitious Government project - *Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production* - known as STEP, is the first but important stage in the UK's bid to be the first country to commercialize fusion energy, which is expected to generate clean energy to meet future needs.

Fusion offers a virtually limitless source of clean electricity by copying the processes that power the sun.

Part of the site at Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station and West Burton A, based near Retford, look likely to fit the criteria set by UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) for the first stage of the site nomination process which is due to close on 31 March 2021. This includes having the capacity to provide sufficient land for the project's construction.

Both sites could be put forward as Nottinghamshire's nominations for potential sites.

Nottinghamshire County Council is coordinating this nomination process for the county working with several partners, including the landowners of these sites. The proposal to nominate sites, subject to the landowner's agreement, will be further discussed by councillors at next week's Policy Committee (17 March).

Kay Cutts MBE, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, said:

"Our county has proud heritage of producing energy which helped power the industrial revolution, so looking to the future, this could be our opportunity to help lead the UK's green energy revolution.

"it is very early days of course in the process, but it would be a tremendous boost for Nottinghamshire and the rest of the region.

"Generations to come would benefit from new skills, training and thousands of highly skilled jobs, attracting investment and bringing massive benefits to our regional economy, not to mention lucrative opportunities for the local supply chain to help construct the plant.

"Located at the heart of the country, we are very well-placed to host a world-leading green energy site.

"It would build on our own ambitions to reduce carbon emissions and create new jobs and economic growth

"Plans are already taking shape to work with a new regional organisation to help secure more Government and private investment. One of the key regeneration sites is the proposed International Centre for Zero Carbon at part of the Ratcliffe-on-Soar site. The centre aims to help the UK meet its carbon reduction targets, as well as creating thousands of skilled jobs and apprenticeships.

"So together with a potential fusion energy site in the county, Nottinghamshire would truly be a world leader in green energy production and fully recognise the economic benefits it would bring."

Following the first round of nominations, it is expected further assessment of sites will be made based on a set of social, commercial and technical criteria, taking around two years to complete. On conclusion of this assessment UKAEA will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State

for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy with the successful site announced around the end of 2022.

Within twelve months of selecting a site, UKAEA will establish a liaison office within the community including a stakeholder and community forum, to meet at least quarterly. Provisional timelines for planning consultation will follow.

Construction of the plant is due to be completed by 2040.

Based on research, UKAEA considers fusion energy to have several benefits. These include,

- Zero greenhouse gas emissions and no waste products. Its only by-product is helium- an inert, non-toxic gas.
- Fusion energy is inherently safe. It is difficult to reach and maintain the precise conditions for fusion – if any disturbance occurs, the plasma cools within seconds and reaction stops.
- There is enough fusion fuel to power the planet for hundreds of millions of years. The raw materials for energy production are found in sea water and the earth's crust.
- Fusion can produce energy on-demand and is not affected by weather.
- Fusion power stations require less land take than other renewable technologies