

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2019, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr Skelton (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Fish, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Davis, Cllr Stronach, Cllr Savill & Cllr May

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), members of the public and PC Thomas

3222/19 To receive and accept apologies for absence

No apologies received.

3223/19 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

Declaration of Interest received from Cllr May for agenda item 8.

3224/19 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

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

- PC Nathan Thomas introduced himself as the new Beat Officer for Elkesley; PC Thomas will be attending the parish council's meeting whenever possible.
Contacts for PC Thomas are – phone 07525 226604
email: nathan.thomas@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk
- Complaints received regarding the new tarmac which has been washed away on Park Lane and Low Street area. The Chair has taken photos and will pass on to Kevin.

At this point the new Chair addressed the Council and residents with an introduction of himself and his intentions to introduce good professional practice to the council meetings.

3225/19 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

The District & County Councillors were not present due to being in Purdah.

3226/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th October 2019

Cllr O'Brien proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th October 2019 as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council 8 votes.

3227/19 To consider any planning applications and note any planning correspondence

No planning applications received.

Planning correspondence received:

- Robin Hood Inn – Appeal. Notification from the Planning Inspectorate to say that the appeal has been allowed subject to conditions
- Application 19/00737/FUL for Land at the rear of 34 High Street – an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate

3228/19 Proposal to consider expenditure for additional/new equipment for the church yard grass cutting

Cllr May reported on the costs for three new items of equipment for the grass cutting in the church yard; these can to £205.99. After discussion, Cllr May proposed to purchase the new equipment; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 7 votes.

3229/19 Proposal to consider storage of the lawnmower

Cllr May did not take part in this agenda item.

Cllr O'Brien proposed to pay an annual garage rent of £175.00 for the storage of the lawnmower in Cllr May's garage; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 8 votes. This is a 50% reduction on previously storage costs and will commence from now.

3230/19 Proposal to discuss the Christmas tree event and associated expenses

Cllr Roberts reported that the tree is being delivered on Sunday and the Christmas lighting event will be taking place on the 1st December 2019 at 6pm following on from the Christingle service at the Church. Soup and refreshments will be available. The Chair reported that he has contacted Starbucks to see if they would help with a contribution towards the event.

3231/19 Proposal to consider additional village seating

After discussion, Cllr Stronach proposed that Councillors look around the village for sites to put some new seating in spring; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council by 8 votes.

3232/19 Proposal to discuss a village tidy up project

A litter pick will be organised in the spring.

3233/19 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field & play area safety inspections

Cllr May reported that there were no new actions for the play area or sported field. Cllr O'Brien asked if a spare key could be cut for the new storage for the lawn mower.

b. Cemetery

Cllr Stronach reported that the cemetery was looking good; apart from some mole hills that he will deal with.

c. Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Savill reported that the defibrillator battery seems to be okay and isn't running down as previously thought.

d. Highways and service faults

Cllr Roberts reported that the weeds in front of the farm are on Highways land. This will be reported to Highways; however it is noted that Notts County Council will not be carrying out any grass cutting now.

3234/19 To discuss/consider whether the Council wants to take on the running of the A1 garages

After discussion, Cllr O'Brien proposed that it is arranged for a builder to give an estimate so that the Council has an idea of the cost of repairs; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council 8 votes.

3235/19 Ideas for the 2020/21 budget

The Clerk went through the current budget with regard to items for the 2020/21 budget and suggestion virements and ear marked reserves.

3236/19 To approve payments and receive financial reports

The Clerk circulated copy of the finances, budget figures and bank statement as at 31st October 2019.

Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the finances and the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by 8 votes.

- 1) The Cumbria Clock Company – Clock service - £198.00 (1956)
- 2) The Poppy Appeal – Remembrance wreath - £17.50 (1957)
- 3) Bassetlaw District Council – Cemetery bin collection £154.44 (1958)
- 4) Western Power – Christmas tree licence £25.00 (1959)
- 5) N Oldbury – replacement for lost cheque £71.34 (1960)
- 6) D Savill – reimbursement for tractor insurance £59.56 (1961)
- 7) HMRC – p.a.y.e £52.60 (1962)
- 8) Clerk – October wage £210.40 (1963)
- 9) Grounds Maintenance wage £287.35 (1964)
- 10) R May reimbursement for petrol – grass cutting £10.00 (1965)
- 11) 1966 – Void
- 12) P Johnson – reimbursement for petrol – grass cutting £66.69 (1967)
- 13) 1968 – Void
- 14) R May – Reimbursement for cleaning of cemetery bins £20.00 (1969)

3237/19 To receive any co-option applications and arrange interviews

The Chair read out an application for the Council vacancy. Cllr O'Brien proposed that the Council contacts the applicant for a further discussion; this was seconded by Cllr Davis and resolved by the Council 8 votes.

3238/19 To receive items for information or for the next agenda

Information received:

- The Chair read out a letter from a resident regarding the Elkesley Memorial Hall Committee's AGM meeting. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda when hopefully more information is available. It was noted that there are residents who are interested in joining the Committee; they were advised to contact the Chair of the committee and inform her of their interest. Cllr O'Brien has spoken with the Charity Commission and this was the advice given by them to enable the committee to continue with new members.

Items put forward for the next agenda:

- Co-option
- The future of the Memorial Hall
- Update on the A1 garage costs
- Budget for 2020/21

3239/19 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on the 17th December 2019 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.