

I hereby give you notice of the Elkesley Parish Council Zoom meeting to be held on **Tuesday 27th April 2021**, at 7.00pm.

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19th April 2021

Mrs 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 consider co-option application for a new Parish Councillor
- 6) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2021
- 7) To approve payments and receive finance reports as of 31st March 2021
- 8) To certify that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review for year ending 31.3.2021
- 9) To consider any planning applications below and note any planning correspondence

Street Naming application 21/00041/REVPRP

Location: Barton Lodge, Park Lane, Elkesley

New house name proposed: Corner Cottage, 1 Park Lane

- 10) To consider purchase of a notice board for the cemetery
- 11) To consider repairs or options for the large BMX track
- 12) To consider proposals regarding the A1 garages
- 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 - 18th May 2021

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council Zoom meeting on Tuesday 27th April 2021, at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Skelton (Chair), Cllr Roberts, Cllr Savill and Cllr Davis

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

3419/21 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies and reason received from Cllr O'Brien. Cllr Savill proposed to approve the apology and reason, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 4 votes.

3420/21 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No declaration of interests received.

At this point Cllr May joined the meeting.

3421/21 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

A resident, Mr Oldbury reported that there is concern from residents that rent the A1 garages on Lawnwood Ave, that the garages will be lost. Some residents on Lawnwood Ave are having their kerbs to their properties dropped.

This is creating two issues:

- Firstly; the parking on Lawnwood Ave is being reduced as it is illegal to park across dropped kerbs
- Secondly; if dropped kerbs are increasing, then this is reducing the demand potential for a garage and Bassetlaw District Council could be considering scrapping them as they did 3 or 4 years ago.

There are 16 garages; of which 13 are occupied. There hasn't been 13 dropped kerbs altered which is going to increase pressure on the on-street parking where it is already overloaded.

There are some A1 garages near the school and very few of these are in use. The common reasons given is because they are in such poor state of repair that they don't want to put their car in; plus the garages were built when there were smaller cars and the current family cars do not fit in them properly.

The issue of the A1 garages was looked into a few years ago but this was for repairing them. There is a possibility of increasing the number of garages by rearranging the area and having new garages rebuilt.

Mr Oldbury would like the Parish Council to look in to this garage issue more thoroughly to identify a solution; which is namely to demolish and rebuild; this will ensure they will be fit

for purchase, structurally safe and will not need any more maintenance in the immediate future. Hopefully this will help to increase to 100% occupancy.

Mr Oldbury then asked for permission to act on behalf of the Parish Council;

- Work independently but will receive assistance from members if it is asked for
- He will bring costings, plans and timescale back to the Parish Council for the Parish Council to be able to make a final decision as to what happens
- He will not commit the Parish Council to anything
- In return Mr Oldbury can have first choice of his replacement garage if the plan does go ahead, if successful then the scheme could run to the garages near to the school.

A third block of garages opposite Greaves's farm was demolished when the bridge was built which reduced the estates stock of garages by approx. 25%.

The Chair thanked Mr Oldbury and the Council will consider the above under an agenda item later in the meeting.

Another resident asked if there is any news on the spraying of mosquitos at Dover Bottom. The Chair recently spoke with someone on this matter; at the moment they are waiting from agreements and risk assessments to be put into place.

3422/21 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

District Cllr Kevin Dukes was present and is currently in purdah so won't be able to make any comments that could be taken as political.

Cllr Dukes reported that the he has had conversations with the District Council regarding previous issues the parish council raised regarding road cleaning and maintenance. The Environmental Health Department is also looking into our report regarding human defecation left around the village.

3423/21 To consider co-option application for a new Parish Councillor

The Chair reported that he and the Vice Chair had interviewed Mr Neil Jefferson for the Councillor vacancy. Following this discussion the Chair proposed to co-opt Mr Jefferson onto the Parish Council; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

Cllr Jefferson has signed his Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Council and took part in the meeting. Cllr Jefferson introduced himself to the Council.

3424/21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2021

Cllr May proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2021 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 6 votes

3425/21 To approve payments and receive finance reports as of 31st March 2021

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the finances as of 31st March 2021, budget and bank statements for the Councillor to view.

Cllr Savill proposed to accept the above finances and approve the following payments, Ear Marked reserves, virements and possible requirements from the general reserve; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 6 votes.

- 1) R May – Re-imburement of fuel for grass cutting £14.44 (2102)
- 2) Moneysoft – Payroll licence £88.80 (2103)
- 3) Parish Clerk March wage £231.50 (2104)
- 4) Grounds Maintenance Wage £311.85 (2105)
- 5) HMRC – p.a.y.e £57.80 (2106)
- 6) C Milnes – Mole catcher £90.00 (2107)

The Clerk went through the following:

Earmarked reserves:

- Repair to notice board fund - £100.00
- Field maintenance fund - £1500.00
- Village entrance signs fund - £300.00
- Field gate repairs - £300.00

Virements to cover £1,750 lawnmower from the unused – container and planning fund, youth project fund and Christmas fund

Current reserves to use if required for:

- Additional grass cutting for the church
- Repairs to the large BMX track

3426/21 To certify that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review for year ending 31.3.2021

The Clerk circulated copy of the exemption certificate from a limited assurance review for the year ending 31st March 2021. The Parish Council fits the criteria for have having an external audit review; due to the annual turnover as at 31st March 2021 does not exceed the £25,000 limit.

Cllr Davis proposed to approve the exemption from a limited assurance review; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 6 votes

3427/21 To consider any planning applications below and note any planning correspondence**Street Naming application 21/00041/REVPRP**

Location: Barton Lodge, Park Lane, Elkesley

New house name proposed: Corner Cottage, 1 Park Lane

Notification received from Street Naming that the above application has been approved.

3428/21 To consider purchase of a notice board for the cemetery

Deferred to a future meeting; Councillors to look on the website for ideas.

3429/21 To consider repairs or options for the large BMX track

A discussion took place regarding ideas to remove curved humps, repair or remove the BMX track. The Chair will look at any health & safety issues. Cllr May is still waiting for quotations and this item will be put back on the next agenda.

3430/21 To consider proposals regarding the A1 garages

Following on from a discussion with a resident in the public session; and the proposal from Cllr Davis as follows:

1. To give Mr Oldbury authority to research and costs on behalf of the Parish Council
2. For Mr Oldbury to work independently but to give support if he asks for it;
3. If the garages become a reality, to allow Mr Oldbury to have first choice of a garage (to replace his current one) in recognition of the work involved

Cllr Savill proposed to approve the above three bullet points; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 6 votes.

District Cllr Dukes reported that this would be good timing as the District Council is having a major review on all their garage sites.

3431/21 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

Sports field & play area safety inspections

Cllr May reported that work has now been carried out to the metal fence on the sports field; this was completed at a cost of £50 for the parts.

Cllr May reported from the H&S inspection that work is required on the gate that has been bent and work to the tyre swing; this will be carried out during the week.

The Chair reported that smashed beer bottles have been left around the play area which is unacceptable when young children are using the area. Please report to the Chair anyone who is seen on the sports field with bottles of beer.

Cemetery

The water butt is empty and as yet the District Council has not repaired the water tap that belongs to a resident on the A1 houses; this isn't classed as an emergency repair. The Chair is happy to take a couple of containers of water to the cemetery.

Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Savill reported the defibrillators are okay.

Highways and service faults

The Chair reported a faulty lamp post on Park Lane; this was repaired the following day.

Cllr May reported that he had seen County Cllr Greaves taking photos on Park Lane to report back to Highways

3432/21 To discuss comments put on Facebook

The Chair commented on the comments on Facebook which was aimed at a Councillor.

3433/21 To receive any items for information or future agenda items

- Annual meeting of the Parish Council
- Consideration of any BMX quotations

3435/21 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 18th May 2021 at 7pm – we are pending information from Government about face to face meeting after the 17th May 2021.