

Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2016, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr Raper (Vice-Chair), Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr Hirst, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Stronach and Cllr McCaffrey

Others present: Sgt Crofts and 6 members of the public

1604/16 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Oldbury.

(For reference: apologies received from the Clerk and Cllr O'Brien took notes for the meeting. Cllr Woodcock had sent his apologies to the Clerk)

1605/16 To hold a 10 minutes public session

At this point the Chair introduced Sgt Crofts and brought forward agenda item 4

Sgt Crofts heard the reports of antisocial behaviour, parking issues, obstructing pavements and littering, from members of the public. Sgt Crofts gave examples of offences that could be dealt with by the police. The police work within the law and can't deal with perceived offences they must be offences that are actually happening. Cllr O'Brien asked if Highways restrictions on the road would resolve the issues. Sgt Crofts advised that BDC Parking Enforcement and not the police deal with contravening highways parking restrictions. Sgt Crofts also highlighted the BDC Environment Act Notice for littering and dog fouling and identified BDC as a possible start point for training to issue notices locally.

Members of the public raised the question regarding naming and shaming offenders. Sgt Crofts advised that this is not something they would police do.

Cllr Raper thanked Sgt Crofts for attending. Sgt Crofts left the meeting.

Grass cutting and the condition of the sports field. The Parish Council accepted that the condition of the sports field was not as they would have liked, but it was a new system in its 1st summer and was still in the process of bedding in. The new system has yet to be amended in light of any additional voluntary help and any concerns raised, but this would be done as and when required.

Cllr O'Brien highlighted that a member of the public had seen two people digging on the sports field whilst using a metal detector, the damage is quite evident between the MUGA and the goal posts.

The Memorial Hall committee highlighted issues of the bins being used by litter pickers, causing them problems with refuse disposal. Litter pickers will be advised not to use Memorial Hall bins in the future.

1606/16 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations of interests received.

1607/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2016

Cllr Hirst proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2016 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Flear and resolved by 7 votes.

1608/16 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

No reports received.

1609/16 To discuss roles and responsibilities

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

1610/16 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices

Application: 16/00740/SHE

Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and erect two storey rear extension to create additional living area and bedroom

Location: Orchard Cottage, Church Lane Cottages, High Street

The Council considered the above application and resolved by 7 votes not to make any objections.

Application: Amendments to 15/1348/FUL

Location: Robin Hood Inn, High Street, Elkesley

Proposal: Demolish Existing Public House and Erect Sixteen Dwellings Including Four Terraced Houses, a Three Storey Apartment Block with One One Bedroomed Apartments and Eight Two Bedroomed Apartments and Erect Three Detached Dwellings and Construct New Access.

The Council considered the amendments to the above application and resolved by 7 votes to submit objection letter based on the original objections. Cllr O'Brien will circulate letter for approval.

1611/16 Proposal to discuss Battery Lane

Battery Lane is not recognised on the definitive map. Cllr Hirst submitted the paperwork for a Modification Order to the Council for approval and signature. It was resolved by 6 votes to sign and submit the paperwork. Cllr Flear abstained.

1612/16 Proposal to discuss the A1 garages

Cllr O'Brien asked for volunteers to discuss and make recommendations regarding the asbestos issue in the garages before the July Council meeting. Cllr Flear, Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Hirst and Cllr Fish all showed interest and will provide dates they are available.

1613/16 Proposal to discuss the Local Council Award Scheme

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

1614/16 Finance– To approve payments and receive financial update

The financial update was circulated and the following payments approved.

- a) Homes & Communities Agency – refund of unspent grant £5859.00 (1643)
- b) SLCC 50% subscription £51.50 (1644)
- c) Information Commissioners Office – Date Protection subs £35.00(1645)
- d) HBTC – stationary £35.48 (1646)
- e) Street Cleaning £247.80 (1647)
- f) Parish Clerk £217.81 wage & expenses (1648)
- g) HMRC £4.20 (1649)

- h) Mrs Bragg for 1000 ltr water for the cemetery £40.00 (1650)
- i) Elkesley Memorial Hall – rent and contribution to the Post Office £56.00 (1651)

1615/16 To consider the request for a donation to the First Responders for equipment

The donation to the first responders for training supplied will be made once the defibrillator fund total was known. Cllr McCaffrey to advise at the next meeting.

1616/16 Nomination of responsibilities and H&S Councillor

Cancelled - Duplicated agenda item.

1617/16 To receive village reports

a) Sports field and play equipment inspection

Cllr Raper confirmed the gates have been returned and just in the process of being painted, prior to fitting.

b) Highways and service faults

Tree roots by Greaves farm entrance and surface not level causing issues for older people and repair to bridge pavement has not been surfaced. Cllr Raper will speak to Carillion and report back to the Council.

c) Cemetery

Cemetery grass cut but not fully completed. Grass clippings not removed now quite a large pile required removal. Cllr Raper commented that the equipment has the facility to mulch so grass clippings should not be an issue. Cllr Flear advised that mulching was only possible if the grass was cut on a regular basis and short. Cllr Stronach volunteered to keep the cemetery cut and tidy using Parish Council equipment. Cllr O'Brien advised that risk assessment would be required prior to Cllr Stronach using Parish Council equipment.

d) Defibrillator inspection report

The inspection has been carried out with no issues raised.

1617/16 To receive items of information for future agenda items

- To discuss and allocate Parish Council roles and responsibilities to Members
- To discuss which way the Parish Council wishes to proceed with the A1 Garages
- To discuss if the Parish Council wishes to participate in the Local Council Award Scheme
- To discuss the amount of funds available and if a donation should be made to the first responders for the CRP training
- To discuss the options for moving the play area shelter – raised by public
- To received update on the MUGA gate
- To discuss the Preferment clause and allocation of housing to residents
- To discuss a timetable for the amount of hours allocated to grass cutting and street cleaning

1618/16 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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