

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2018, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr O'Brien (Vice-Chair), Cllr Flear, Cllr Ffoulke-Jones and Cllr Stronach
Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr Kevin Greaves, District Cllr Kevin Dukes and members of the public

3068/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Oldbury, Cllr May, Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Wilkinson; it was noted that Cllr Fish will join the meeting later.

3069/18 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any agenda item to be discussed

No declaration of interests received.

3070/18 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak. No questions were asked.

3071/18 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

County Cllr Kevin Greaves reported:

He has put in a request for dropped kerbing on Beech Walk after a request from Cllr Oldbury; the missing gullies have been replaced, the leaning lamp post has been reported and he will chase up the repair to the faulty bollard on the bridge roundabout.

Little is happening at County at the moment; people are wrapped up with the Unitary Council issues at the moment. 2,600 replies were received from the consultation regarding the Unitary Council; this is out of the 88,500 population.

The Chancellor has allocated £40m towards roads; Notts County Council waiting to hear what their share will be

Notts County Council is also looking into buying Via. Via was created a couple of years ago in coalition with Cornwall; with a view to make a profit that can be put back in to the highways; currently £1.6m profit has been made.

District Cllr Kevin Dukes reported:

The District Council is also tied up with the proposed Unitary Council issue.

The Bassetlaw's new website is now up and running; which includes links to the Parish Portal where faults can be reported.

A1 Housing has now been brought back into the District Council's control; a new Head of Housing is now in place.

Cllr Stronach raised a faulty litter bin which requires a new liner; Cllr Dukes will report this.

3072/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th October 2018

Cllr Flear proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 16th October 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by 4 votes.

- 3073/18 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decision notices**
It was noted that revised plans for the Robin Hood Inn have been submitted to Planning; however no formal notification of the revised plans has been sent to the Parish Council – the Clerk will contact the Planning Officer.
- 3074/18 To receive an update on the Robin Hood Inn**
In his absence Cllr Oldbury sent the following information– the Steering Group has re-formed and is looking at options; the group will keep updating and consultations will be required.
- 3075/18 To consider the Football Association grants and quotations**
Deferred to the next meeting as Cllr May is not present.
- 3076/18 Proposal to consider options regarding the sports field hedge**
Cllr Flear proposed to engage a farmer/contractor to carry out work to the sports field on an hourly rate basis to cover any work as and when required.
After discussion Cllr Flear proposed to obtain 3 quotations for the following specification: *To remove at ground level of all trees, shrubs and bushes within the dyke and sports field side and removed.* This was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by 4 votes.
- 3077/18 To receive update on the Christmas tree and lighting event and approve associated expenses**
Cllr Flear reported on the quote for a Christmas tree to be felled and delivered of £350.00 inc delivery; the Clerk suggested an alternative supplier and would be able to send details after the meeting. After discussion Cllr Flear thought he may potentially be able to obtain a donated tree. Cllr Flear proposed that the Council gives approval for him to obtain a donated tree if he is able to get one; otherwise to source and purchase the cheapest tree; this was seconded by Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones and resolved by 4 votes. Other expenses will be the same as last year e.g soup; bread rolls and sweets etc. The Tree lighting will take place on the 2nd December after the Christingle finishes at the Church.
- 3078/18 To receive update on the play shelter repairs and contractor**
Deferred to the next meeting; as Cllr Oldbury was not present.
- 3079/18 To consider having a First Aid training session**
After discussion; this item was deferred to the next meeting when Cllr Oldbury is present.
- 3080/18 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update**
The Clerk circulated copies of the finances and budget to date figures as well as the bank statements for the Councillors to view.

The following payments were approved:
- a) Western Power – Christmas Tree permit £25.00 (1860)
 - b) Poppy Appeal – Remembrance Wreath and 36 street light poppies £125.50 (1861)
 - c) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire and Post Office contribution £84.50 (1862)
 - d) HMRC – p.a.y.e £59.40 (1863)
 - e) Clerk’s October wage and expenses £285.08 (1864)

- f) Elkesley Memorial Hall – additional room hire £25.00 (1865)
- g) St Giles' Church – refreshments for the Remembrance Day event £10.00 (1866)
- h) M Stronach – bin bags £7.62 (1867)

3081/18 To review current budget and consider budget ideas for 2019/20 and funding for village signs

The Clerk went through the budget to date and suggestions were made for 2019/20; funds to repair the notice board, review of grass cutting and funds for the storage container and planning costs etc.

Cllr Oldbury is happy to contact ICS who can make an application on our behalf for funding; possible to cover new signage, seating and public inform boards. It was agreed to ask Cllr Oldbury to contact ICS.

3082/18 To receive village reports on the following:

- a) Sports field and play area inspections - nothing to report
- b) Highways and service faults – Cllr Ffoulke-Jones will report that the new LED street lights are lighting up people's houses instead of on the road; and will request that shields are put on. Cllr Flear highlighted the condition of Brough Lane between Battery Lane pot holes.
Cllr Oldbury has contact Cllr Kevin Greaves about a dropped kerb on Beech Walk to improve access.
- c) Cemetery – the pile of grass cuttings has now been removed
- d) Defibrillator inspection – Cllr May has the defib registration numbers and will be registering tomorrow

Cllr Oldbury passed on information to say that the post box near the shop has been replaced following a report he submitted. Slabs have been laid for the bench on Eskil Way and a bench has been installed at Holly Bush Close.

3083/18 To receive reports from any meetings attended by Parish Council representatives

Cllr O'Brien reported on the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Council's A.G.M she had attended. Guest speakers were Cllr John Cottee (Chair of Communities and Place Committee at Notts County Council) and Mr Gary Wood (Head of Highways and Transport at Notts County Council). Cllr O'Brien gave a brief report on the presentations that were given.

3084/18 Proposal to consider collaborative working with other groups for the benefit of the village

Cllr Oldbury had submitted this proposal; his idea is to meet and talk with other groups and asked if it could be approved to agree that we should take this idea forward. There would be an equal number of people from each group and he would like to be involved.

Cllr Flear proposed to take this idea forward; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by 4 votes.

3085/18 To receive items of information and for future agenda items

- Items deferred at this meeting to be included on the next agenda
- Consider quotes for the sports field
- Budget and Precept to be approved

3086/18

Time and Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 15th January 2018 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.