

# ELKESLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall

**Present:** Cllr N Olbury (Chair) plus members of the Parish Council and 8 residents.

## **1/15 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Hirst.

## **2/15 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Cllr Raper proposed to accept the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and approved by the meeting.

## **3/15 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave the following report.

The last year has continued to be extremely busy for us all and I would like to thank the members of the Parish Council for their support as well as the many people from the village who have assisted with the various groups. It is fabulous to see projects completed and the enthusiasm of those involved needs to be commended.

### **Planning**

The planning process will change for us as we now have a neighbourhood plan and this will reflect the wishes of the community. The A1 bridge is only months away from completion and whilst there has been some disruption it had to be expected with a project of this scale. The benefits once it is complete should be noticed and appreciated by all. Discussions have taken place with the developer for the Yew Tree site and whilst it has gone very quiet recently we hope to see things moving in the near future.

### **Funding**

We received significant funding of £30,000 from a Government source (Homes and Community Agency) to design changing facilities on the playing field. This has been completed and the plans have been submitted to Bassetlaw.

Trees have been purchased and planted from a grant we received some time ago; thanks go to the residents who gave up their time for this.

Further grants have been received to complete the neighbourhood plan and it has not 'cost' the village anything.

£3000 was received from 'Locality' and this has been shared between the Youth Council and the Elkesley Poulter Valley Group for their projects.

### **Events & Training**

The village Christmas tree and 'lighting' was a success again this last year and was appreciated by many people. It was good to see so many people present and having a band there made the event even better.

There was a thought provoking remembrance of WW1 held in the church and my thanks go to the people involved in organizing and participating in it.

Some of the young people have formed a youth council and are busy planning and organizing developments in line with projects that have been identified through consultation on the neighbourhood plan.

A group has been formed to address the issues surrounding the Poulter valley and is busy installing new footpaths, clearing rubbish and investigating the possibility of improving access in the wood.

The Memorial Hall committee organized the Elkesley feast last summer and is busy planning the event for this year.

Wendy, our Clerk has continued to undertake more training and qualifications and is the ideal person to guide us through the role of being an effective Parish Councillor.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan has been completed after 2 years of hard work. It has been submitted and an inspector will now check it and the residents of Elkesley will need to vote to accept it. It is a reflection of what the vast majority want for the village. Formally accepting it will give us the control over our own community. This is an extremely powerful document. Once again, thank you to one and all.

### **4/15 Reports from Village Organisations**

Mr Askew gave a report on behalf of the Elkesley Memorial Committee; it was noted that a new Management Committee has been formed and they are working towards the village fete which is to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### **5/15 Public Session**

The Chair introduced District Councillor Kevin Dukes.

Cllr Dukes introduced himself as the new District Councillor for the Welbeck Ward; he assured the meeting that he will work to benefit and represent the Ward. Cllr Dukes is hoping to promote a surgery for residents half an hour prior to the Parish Council meetings.

There being no further matters raised; the Chair closed the meeting.