

I hereby give you notice of a **Virtual Zoom** Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council to be held **remotely** on Tuesday 20th October 2020, at 7.00pm.

All Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder.

Public access to the Zoom meeting will be via the email link below
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Dated this 13th October 2020

Mrs W Davies

Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1) To receive and accept apologies 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 approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2020
- 6) To approve payments and receive finance reports up to 30th September 2020
- 7) To consider any planning applications and note any planning correspondence
- 8) Proposal to consider having an information pack for new residents
- 9) To approve the purchase of a Remembrance Wreath
- 10) Proposal to discuss the mosquito problem at Dover Bottom
- 11) Proposal to discuss the Unitary Authorities and the impact to Parish Councils
- 12) Proposal to consider the future or repairs to the large BMX track
- 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 receive items for information or for the next agenda
- 15) Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

Planning applications:

Amendments to Application: 19/01633/HSE

Location: Honeysuckle Cottage, 9 Park Lane, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect a new detached garage with ancillary space above

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held remotely on Tuesday 20th October 2020, at 7.00pm.

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

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

3321/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Fish and Cllr Stronach.

Cllr Savill proposed to accept the above apologies; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 4 votes.

It was noted that Cllr May would be joining the meeting shortly.

3322/20 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No declaration of interest received.

3323/20 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

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

Items to note:

There is no information as yet regarding Christmas Service and the lighting of the tree. Cllr Roberts will get in touch with the supplier for the Christmas tree

The Parish Council website requires updating with the new MPs contact details; plus a fault that requires looking at

3324/20 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

District Cllr Kevin Dukes gave his District Council report:

Things are moving on quickly at the moment; the council has been engaging with the Health Authority and Government regarding the Covid situation we are in at the moment; plus looking at what would happen if there were further restrictions. The reason why we are in tier 2 is because of our proximity to Sheffield and Doncaster; which have very high Covid-19 rates. Bassetlaw has just over 100 per 100,000 people with Covid. Bassetlaw Hospital is being reserved where possible for operations that are non Covid related, so Doncaster are sending people there for recovery and trying to keep Bassetlaw as clear as possible.

A couple of things that attention is required by the parish councils:

The government has issued a white paper on planning; it is worth a look because it does have some things in it that may affect Elkesley, particularly those of you involved in Neighbourhood Planning. It does seem that the White paper is suggesting that the Neighbourhood Plan will no longer carry as much weight as before, it is a bit light in certain areas as well; there is consultation happening at the moment up to the 29th October. The paper seems to be a developers charter and we need to be careful what you are agreeing to if signing up to this White paper; Cllr Dukes would urge everyone to read the white paper and respond, as rural villages, particular those on edges of rural conurbations could end up being overwhelmed, particular in Elkesley's case – if Gamston Airport is sold once the airport review is over, we need to be aware that it will be a prime development site according to the government.

Bassetlaw District Council's Local Plan will be coming out for consultation at the end of the Month, the next round of consultation will be in place for the Local Plan. It is important that everyone has a look and responds to the consultation and has their say in it.

The Local Plan will involve a Garden Village on the other side of the Five Lane Ends roundabout; which will affect things for Elkesley. The Parish Council response needs to ensure that whatever work Highways England does to the A1; that it includes some kind of noise sound barrier for Elkesley. Part of the Planning for the new village will include increasing the speed on the A1 back to 70mph; after sorting out the Gamston junction.

Also relaunched is the Rural Plan which had been put on hold, but should be back out for consultation in two or three months, review of the new Bassetlaw rural plan in the beginning of next year.

Nottinghamshire was not included in the first round of the government reorganisation to form a unitary authority. The government is pushing to pass more responsibility down to parish council level. We need to know as a Parish council what this means, there isn't a lot of detail on it at the moment and how will that affect the Parish Council's responsibilities. It looks like they may reorganise parishes into much bigger entities; so parishes will be merged together. Elkesley is already a member of Bassetlaw's South East Parish Forum, which seems to be the type of size that the government is talking about; we need to be a strong member of the forum if we want to have a voice.

Cllr Dukes is a Trustee of the food bank and reported that it has been engaged with what is called the Bassetlaw Hub, through the Bassetlaw Volunteer Community Service. If anyone knows of any Harvest Festivals that may have spare food which is not allocated yet; the hub will be grateful of anything food; particularly as the need for food is in demand as the furlong scheme slows down.

It was also noted that County Councillor Kevin Greaves has chased up the work required to pot holes on Park Lane and around that area, Via are looking at that; however, not a lot of work is being carried out in the county at the moment; it is not a high priority at the moment.

Cllr May joined the meeting during the above agenda item.

3325/20

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2020

Following amendment to show that Cllr Savill was present at the beginning of the meeting; Cllr May proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2020 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

3326/20

To approve payments and receive finance reports up to 30th September 2020

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the finances, bank statements and budget figures up to the 30th September for the Councillors to view.

Cllr May proposed to approve the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

- a) R May – reimbursement of purchase of PPE boots and glasses for grounds maintenance work £44.99 (2060)
- b) W Davies – Reimbursement of McAfee & stamps £66.03 (2061)
- c) Grounds maintenance October wage £305.20 (2062)
- d) Parish Clerk September wage £231.30 (2063)
- e) HMRC – p.a.y.e £58.00 (2064)
- f) R May – reimbursement of fuel for grass cutting £51.65 (2065)
- g) R May – reimbursement for ride on mower from Trent Tractors £2100.00 (2066)

3327/20

To consider any planning applications and note any planning correspondence

Amendments to Application: 19/01633/HSE

Location: Honeysuckle Cottage, 9 Park Lane, Elkesley

Proposal: Erect a new detached garage with ancillary space above

Cllr Savill proposed not to make any objections to the above application; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

3328/20 Proposal to consider having an information pack for new residents

This item was referred as Mr Oldbury was not present at the meeting.

3329/20 To approve the purchase of a Remembrance Wreath

Cllr May proposed to purchase a Remembrance Wreath, this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 5 votes

Cllr Roberts lost contact at this point in the meeting.

3330/20 Proposal to discuss the mosquito problem at Dover Bottom

Cllr O'Brien was not present at the meeting to discuss this issue. Elkesley has also been affected with the mosquito problem; it was noted that the Environment Health and the District Council have been involved and carried out tests in the area.

3331/20 Proposal to discuss the Unitary Authorities and the impact to Parish Councils

As discussed in Cllr Dukes report, the that Nottinghamshire County Council has not been invited by the Government to take the Unitary Authority forward at this point in time.

3332/20 Proposal to consider the future or repairs to the large BMX track

Cllr May reported that he has not yet received the quotations from contractors for work to the large BMX track, this item was deferred until after the New Year.

3333/20 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

Sports field & play area safety inspections - Cllr May reported that the sports field is okay and Cllr Davis has carried out a play area inspection with no actions raised.

Cemetery - Cllr Stronach was not present to give a report. However, Cllr May reported that everything is okay but needs some tidying up

Defibrillator inspections - Cllr Savill reported that the defibrillator inspections were okay.

Highways and service faults - The Chair reported that Cllr O'Brien has reported issues regarding the A1 recycling, some lighting columns, the sagging in the bridge road; unfortunately there hasn't been any response as yet.

The Chair asked that if anyone does have any issues with the street lighting, grass verges, the roads; then you can contact Highways directly yourself. The more people that raise faults directly with Highways will assist in getting the problems highlighted as a hotspot and be resolved quicker. Cllr Dukes commented that residents can use the portal on the Nottinghamshire County Council website for reporting faults. If you look on the Bassetlaw District Council website; there is also a link to the Nottinghamshire County Council report site.

3334/20 To receive items for information or for the next agenda

- The lighting of the Christmas tree

3335/20**Time and date of next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held remotely on 17th November 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 19.46pm.