

Present: Cllr Skelton (Chair), Cllr O'Brien and Cllr Roberts

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

3357/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Davies, Cllr Fish, Cllr May, Cllr Savill and Cllr Stronach

Cllr O'Brien proposed to accept the above apologies; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council 3 votes.

At this point the Chair reported that Karen Downing has stepped down as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk has notified the District Council as required; they will send out notices for the vacancy in due course.

3358/20 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No declaration of interests received.

3359/20 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

The meeting was suspended to hold a public session.

Items to note:

- The Church has had lighting problems and waiting for an electrician; hence no Christmas lights have been lit to date
- Question over the football practice on the sports field
- Question over the public session

The Chair then opened the meeting again to continue with the meeting.

3360/20 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

District Cllr Kevin Dukes gave the following report:

- The Local Plan consultation continues – please have your say
- A consultation is also out on the future of Worksop town centre
- Cllr Dukes noted that driving through Elkesley a lot recently on the A1, the 50mph speed limit is not being adhered to. Cllr Dukes is going to write to Highways England and ask them to look into this as there is some confusion as to where the 50mph starts and ends now as this is different to south bound
- Centres are being looked at to use for Covid vaccinations

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- As the Chair of the food bank; Cllr Dukes would like to thank everyone in Elkesley that has contributed to the food bank; they were overwhelmed by the good will of people across the district. If anyone knows of anybody that is needing some kind of support over Christmas; please contact him or pass on the supply numbers on the BDC website

3361/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2020

Cllr O'Brien proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2020 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 3 votes.

3362/20 To approve payments and receive finance reports up to 30th November 2020

The Clerk has circulated copies of the finances up to 30th November 2020, copy of bank statements and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the following payments and note the finances; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council – 3 votes.

- a) J Roberts – re-imburement of Christmas tree and expenses £70.00 (2074)
- b) Grounds Maintenance December wage £305.20 (2075)
- c) Parish Clerk November wage £231.50 (2076)
- d) HMRC – p.a.y.e £57.80 (2077)
- e) R May – re-imburement of garage rent up to 31.3.2021 £208.36 (2078)
- f) R May – mileage expenses £24.26 (2079)
- g) Idle Times contribution for 2020/21 £330.00 (2080)

3363/20 To consider any planning applications below and note any planning correspondence

Application: 20/01518/FUL

Location: Retford Gamston Airport, Ollerton Road, Gamston, Retford

Proposal: Change of use of hangars 6-11 for use as a new safety & assurance centre for connected & automated mobility solutions including vehicle testing facility, workshop and vehicle storage, continued use of the existing tower building as B1 office space, use of the runway for external vehicle testing (alongside the existing aviation use), resurfacing and extension of the existing perimeter road to form a continuous test track loop and associated hardstanding and construction works, erect winch room and screened external plan enclosure

Cllr Roberts proposed to support the above application; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council – 3 votes.

Bassetlaw Local Plan

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Cllr O'Brien asked if she could go through the Bassetlaw Local Plan; following a Zoom meeting she had attended with Cllr Savill and Mr Oldbury was also invited to attend as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Cllr O'Brien asked Mr Oldbury to give feedback from the meeting; this will give a balanced view as all three attendees were part of three different breakout groups.

Mr Oldbury reported that the biggest thing that has come out of the consultation is that the number of houses allocated to individual areas is changing. Originally Elkesley's was 5% of the existing housing stock; then it went up to 20%, which has now been reduced to 15%. This means for Elkesley it will be 18 houses on top of what we currently have; which doesn't include the Yew Tree development because it is a Neighbourhood Plan policy within our document; it would go ahead because it has the support of the village through the existing Neighbourhood Plan; even though it is taking us over the 18 figure we have to have.

If we has a village want to have further housing ; the developer would have to demonstrate a need and it would be part of the bigger picture which would include other benefits to the village not just more houses.

If when the Yew Tree site is completed and if there is going to be future development; such as infill housing; that could be rejected by the Planning Authority because it would take the village automatically over the 18 house limit; it would make further development difficult unless; possibly it is a sizeable one.

There was a discussion of the Garden Village at Five Lane Ends; and what that could potentially bring; plus what possible issues and problems there could be surrounding it. Primary those of access to and from the A1; and potential for a lot of traffic on the A57 towards Worksop.

The location of the Garden Village was felt to be the most appropriate as it is visible from the A1 and wouldn't require sizeable road infrastructure to be developed if the village was a few miles away from the A1, it would have a bigger impact.

There was talk about the proposed train station; there was one there previously and now looking at re instating it and the need for a bridge over the rail way as you go down by Morton.

The above comments were conversations from the group that Neil Oldbury attended.

Cllr O'Brien's group commented on their worry over the road works and infrastructure from the Garden village. Question of what if the residents do not want to go to Retford via the improved routes and start going over the Elkesley or Gamston bridges and travelling through the villages instead to get to Retford.

Cllr O'Brien emphasised that we need to comment as a parish council; and we need residents to read up on the Local Plan and come back with their views so that we can put a

Parish council reply together. There is also another meeting available with Will Wilson and Karen Johnson from the Planning Department; to discuss the Garden Village and any issues we might have.

Update on the Yew Tree Site

Cllr O'Brien mentioned that the Yew Tree Site was granted at the Bassetlaw Planning Committee last week. The Parish Council didn't put in an objection as the application was purely for the access onto the high Street.

Cllr O'Brien comment that what came out of the Zoom meeting she attended; was that because Bassetlaw District Council doesn't have an adopted Local Plan at the moment; any Neighbourhood Plan that is over 2 years old; will not hold as much weight as it should do. When you have a look at the recent Yew Tree planning application for the 33 houses however the Officer in his report did give us full weight of what was in our Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be reviewed to give us full weight to fight or support any future applications.

3364/20 Proposal to approve the information pack for new residents

Mr Oldbury produced an information leaflet for new residents to Elkesley; which has been circulated around the Council.

Cllr Roberts proposed that the Council supports the leaflet; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council – 3 votes.

3365/20 To consider the draft budget for 2021/22

The Clerk went through the current budget figures and headings with the Council; for any suggestions or comments for draft 2021/22 budget. Other items put forward to consider:

- To consider ear marked reserves for building up funding for projects
- Additional projects – fencing/post for sport field fencing – posts rotten
- Repairs to the bottom entrance gate on the sports field
- Costing for the Church grass cutting – look at best way forward
- Large bmx repairs to consider – seek advice

Cllr O'Brien proposed to note the above draft budget items and additional items for consideration; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council 3 votes.

3366/20 To review Financial Regulations

This item was deferred to a later date.

3367/20 To receive any update regarding bottle banks for the village

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The Clerk reported that after speaking with the District Council; their Officer confirmed that the Bottle Bank contractors will not collect bottles from the Memorial Hall car park. The lorries are too tall to go underneath the overhanging wires; leaving an acceptable space. The Officer will visit the village again the New Year.

3368/20 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a) Sports field & play area safety inspections

No report given in Cllr May's absence; however, no issues have been seen by other Councillors

b) Cemetery

Cllr O'Brien reported that there were no issues in the cemetery. The rubbish in the corner still requires moving; then the water butt can be moved

c) Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Savill has sent a report in to say all is well with the defibrillators

d) Highways and service faults

Cllr O'Brien reported that there was no movement on the damaged lighting bollards; one had been laid in the road; which she moved out of the way plus some bottles. At the moment there is an amount of debris/metal which is falling off the recycling lorries. There have been around a dozen lorries seen leaving the site without covers on; photo have been sent to the NCC Enforcement team. Cllr O'Brien has also requested the magnet lorry to attend to pick up the metal bits; plus litter picking to collect the glass and metal at the entrance to the soak away where people are reversing into.

The Chair reported that he now as a contact with someone at Highways England to speak to about the bridge. He has also spoken to the new MP's assistant to arrange to speak with him about the situation with the bridge. Unfortunately; the Chair was told that he has to arrange a separate meeting with an agenda plus a minute taker, just to have a conversation with him. The Chair suggested asking residents in the village to also contact the MP asking for help.

3369/20 To receive items for information or for the next agenda

- Planting of fruit trees
- Update on the football team
- Budget/Precept
- Internal Control
- Response to the Local Plan
- Update from the Village Garden meeting

3370/20 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Zoom meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7pm.

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