

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

**Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Fish, Cllr May, Cllr Savill, Cllr Skelton and Cllr Stronach  
**Others:** Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr Kevin Greaves and District Councillor Kevin Dukes

**3158/19 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Davis and Cllr Roberts

**3159/19 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda**

No declarations of interests received.

**3160/19 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session**

No members of the public present.

**3161/19 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors**

District Cllr Kevin Dukes gave the following report:

Following his success in the local District elections; Cllr Dukes is hoping to do the things he said he would do over the next four years with the Parish Council to resolve some of the issues previously raised.

- Cllr Dukes is also working with other parishes that have formed their own parish forums with their neighbouring parishes. This has been successful and they have been working on major issues that involve all of the parishes in their area. Cllr Dukes asked if the Elkesley Parish Council would be interested in forming a South West Parish Forum with the other parishes that boarder Elkesley. If the Council is interested then he will approach the other Parish Councils. The District Council will help to formulate the meetings; which will be its own entity and constituted group. The Councillors are interested and will put it on the next agenda for consideration
- Cllr Dukes has also been dealing with the issue of nuts and bolts on the Elkesley roads which are causing damage to cars.
- There is Neighbourhood Plan grant money available for parish councils that are carrying out reviews; there are some new major changes in the planning legislation that existing Neighbourhood Plans will have to take into account.

County Councillor K Greaves reported the following:

- He is also dealing with Highways regarding the issue of the nuts and bolts on the road
- A request has been submitted for grass cutting down Brick Yard Lane; this helps the children walking along it to Ordsall.
- High Street and Twyford Lane resurfacing request was successful and is on Highway's capital programme. If the Council can think of another project and he will put it forward on the next wish list. The Councillors will consider ideas and forward onto Cllr Greaves.
- Cllr Dukes will forward information on the next LIS funding scheme; as well as information on the Lengthsmen scheme.
- Flooding outside Wheel Gate on High Street; Cllr Greaves has requested Highways to look in to the blocked drains when it rains. Any photos of roads flooding due to the heavy rain should be sent to Highways.
- Notts County Council has banned fox hunting on any of its land.

**3162/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council by 7 votes.

- 3163/19 To receive any updates on actions from the previous meetings**
- County Cllr Duke has confirmed the resurfacing work in his report above
  - The Chair received an email from the developers applying to build a Starbucks on the site of the old Indian restaurant. Highways want an access path in the south west corner of the car park of the site to allow access to star bucks from the village – which we asked for. Highways were under the impression it was the council's land; which it isn't and they are now following this up. It was compulsory purchased by Highways during the bridge construction work.
  - The Chair has emailed the owner of the Yew Tree site and asked what he is doing with the site. The owner has a company looking at doing the development work on his behalf; they are arranging to meet around the end of June; hopefully we will get some more information then
  - Carr Estates would like some form of consultation event so that residents can go along and listen to their plans or ideas for development on sites they would like to put forward
  - Cllr Skelton produced a leaflet for the building of the base for disposable BBQs on the sports field; near the junior BMX track. The idea is for children to bring along a brick to build the base. The event will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon
- 3164/19 To consider any planning applications**  
No applications received.
- 3165/19 To receive any updates on the Robin Hood Inn**  
No updates at this point in time.
- 3166/19 Proposal to support people in completing their Duke of Edinburgh award through community project work**  
Following discussion and consideration of various community projects, the Chair proposed to support people in completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award through community work in Elkesley; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by 7 votes.
- 3167/19 Proposal to run a Best Kept Garden competition in the village**  
Following discussion and consideration, Cllr Stronach proposed to run a Best Kept Garden competition; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 7 votes.
- The District & County Councillors offered to make a donation towards the prizes.
- Agenda item 11 was moved to follow agenda item 13 (review of fees)
- 3168/19 Proposal to discuss/consider the siting of the storage container on the Memorial Hall land**  
Following discussions with the Chair of the Elkesley Memorial Hall Committee; the Chair read out the agreement drawn up for the Parish Council to site the container on the area of concrete at the bottom of the hall car park in lieu of the Parish Council cutting the grass around the Memorial Hall. The cost of extra wages for the Grounds person needs to be taken into account; it was suggested to use the budget for the garage rent which the council is no longer using. The Chair proposed that the container is sited as above in lieu of cutting the hall grass as discussed (agreement available as separate document); this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council – 6 votes
- 3170/19 To review the Parish Council's fees**  
The Clerk read through the cemetery fees and after discussion Cllr Skelton proposed to keep the fees at the current rate; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council 7 votes. The Clerk will seek confirmation of the Government Scheme regarding costs of funerals of 18 year olds and under.

**3171/19 Proposal to review the contribution given to the Memorial Hall for the Post Office sessions**  
 Cllr Fish declared an interest in this item as a member of the Memorial Hall Committee.

After reviewing and considering the current £4.50 per session contribution to the Memorial Hall Committee for the Post Office sessions; Cllr O'Brien propose a new rate of £5.00 per week (consisting of 2 session) as from July; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by 6 votes.

It was noted that the council has been charged for sessions that had been cancelled by the Post Office.

**3172/19 To receive reports on the following:**

**Sports field & play area inspections**

- No H&S issues raised from the play area inspections. Cllr May reported that the caps on the fitness equipment require replacing and repainting of benches and bins where corroded is required. These repairs would be a cost of £85.60. Cllr Savill proposed to approve the expense; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by 7 votes.
- 11 piles of dog poo collected on the sports field – everyone please report any sighting to the dog warden at BDC. This will create a 'hot spot' on their records for the dog warden to attend and monitor
- Two horses have been seen riding across the field
- A detailed quotation for the BMX maintenance to be considered at the next meeting

**Cemetery**

- It was noted that a good job of the cutting back of the Holly tree had been carried out; Cllr Stronach is going to collect up the cuttings.

**Defibrillator inspections**

- Cllr Savill reported that no issues following the inspections.

**Highways and service faults**

- A new high viz sign has been installed at the bottom of the bridge road
- Two new give way signs have been installed; one on the right as you get to the bottom of the bridge and one further up the bridge
- Highways have put up 30mph signs on the High Street

**3173/19 To approve payments as listed and receive financial reports to date**

The Clerk circulated copies of the May finances, bank statements and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

The following payments were approved by 7 votes

- a) ICO – Data protection fees £40.00 (1916)
- b) SLCC subscription £76.00 (1917)
- c) N Oldbury - website subscription £4.80 (1918)
- d) Grounds maintenance wages £287.35 (1919)
- e) Parish Clerk's May wage, p.a.y.e & expenses £304.88 (1920)
- f) Cheque (1921) void
- g) R May – reimbursement for petrol expenses for grass cutting £76.27 (1922)

**3174/19****To receive items for information or for the next agenda**

- Parish forum
- BMX track

**3175/19****Time and date of next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.