

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

**Present:** Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Fish, Cllr Flear, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Wilkinson  
**Others:** Mrs Davies (Clerk) and members of the public

**3087/19 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received and approved from Cllr May and Cllr Woodcock.

The Chair notified the Council that Cllr Ffoulkes-Jones has now resigned from the Council due to moving out of Elkesley.

**3088/19 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any agenda item to be discussed**

No declarations of interest received.

**3089/19 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session**

A resident asked if any bottle banks are to be returned to the village.

The District Council has visited the village to look for another site to put the bottle banks on; but didn't find anywhere suitable. The Clerk will chase the Environmental Services up to see if there have been any further options considered.

**3090/19 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors**

District Cllr Kevin Dukes sent his apologies.

County Cllr Kevin Greaves was not present at the meeting.

**3091/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by 6 votes.

**3092/19 Planning – To consider any planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decision notices**

Cllr Flear commented on the traveller's site on Brough Lane; particular worries over the access of the site and the volume of traffic on the Lane. Whilst no planning application has been received; does the Council want to make any comments meanwhile? The Chair reported that he has already written to the Planning Enforcement Officer and not had a response; but asked if the Council wishes to send further comments of our concerns; this was agreed by 6 votes and Cllr O'Brien will write a letter for submission.

At this point PCSO Champion and PC Mitchell joined the meeting.

The police visited the council meeting to put any concerns to rest over a gentlemen driving slowly around the village; the police will follow up on any comments made.

**3093/19 To receive an update on the Robin Hood Inn**

The plans for the Robin Hood have been resubmitted. Deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> February but the application still doesn't address the issues already raised i.e. the access to keep Highways happy, the number of car parking spaces e.g. if a 100 people attending a function at the pub there would not be enough parking spaces; two of the properties at the back of the site are

outside the village development area. A group of people are currently meeting to start drafting out business plans of how it could be funded and run.

**3094/19 To consider the Football Association grants and quotations**

In Cllr May's absence this item was deferred.

**3095/19 Proposal to consider options regarding the sports field hedge**

This item was moved to be discussed under agenda item 3104/19

**3096/19 To receive update on the play shelter repairs and contractor**

It was noted that Cllr May is currently getting quotations for the repairs.

**3097/19 To consider having a First Aid training session**

The Chair has spoken to the First Responders who are happy to do a training session to cover a donation. The Chair will see if they are available on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019. A resident is also interested in providing first aid training; it was suggested to hold a session during a weekend so that parents with children could attend.

**3098/19 To consider repairs to equipment**

Cllr Flear asked for this item to be deferred.

**3099/19 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update**

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

Cllr O'Brien proposed to approve the listed cheques for payment; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by 6 votes.

December:

- a) Tony Halford – service of lawnmower £102.41 (1868)
- b) The Cumbria Clock Co Ltd – service of church clock (war memorial) £198.00 (1869)
- c) Parish Clerk wage £237.34 (1870)
- d) HMRC – p.a.y.e £59.20 (1871)
- e) J Flear – Christmas event expenses £84.58 (1872)

January:

- f) Parish Clerk wage £196.98 (1873)
- g) HMRC – p.a.y.e £49.40 (1874)
- h) Memorial Hall Committee – Room hire and Post Office contribution £108.00 (1875)
- i) National Association of Local Council's annual subscription £151.80 (1876)
- j) Mr Johnson – petrol for grass cutting £40.54 (1877)

**3100/19 To consider and approve 2019/20 precept**

The Chair went through the draft budget and various options for the 2019/20 precept. After discussion, Cllr Flear proposed not to increase that precept figure; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by 6 votes. The impact on the taxpayer will be a reduction of £1.34 from last year.

**3101/19 To receive village reports on the following:****Sports field and play area inspections**

- The volunteer that currently carries out the play area inspection may have to stop due to other commitments.
- There are aspects of the play area that needs work carrying out as well as a general tidy; Cllr May is looking at getting a working party together to help.

**Highways and service faults**

- Cllr O'Brien has reported two of the bollards on the bridge which are not lit
- Cllr Kevin Greaves has asked for dates in Feb to meet up with Via to discuss the village speed limits
- Cllr Stronach asked if any news from highways on fitting a street light or coloured cats eyes on the junction with the bridge; no information has been received – to chase up with Cllr Greaves at the next meeting.
- Gutter covers have been replaced on Sandy Lane

**Cemetery** – nothing to report

**Defibrillator inspection** – all ok

**3102/19 To receive reports from any meetings attended by Parish Council representatives**

The Rural Police meeting is to be held tomorrow night and Cllr Stronach will be attending.

The Rural conference is to be held the following week – Information on the new draft Local Plan will be discussed; plus two new garden villages on the Gamston Airport and Bevercotes pit site. Cllr O'Brien will try to attend the conference and feed back to the Council.

**3103/19 To receive items of information and for future agenda items**

The Clerk circulated information on this year's village spring clean – it was agreed to hold the event on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 between 10am and 12 noon. Cllr Wilkinson will sort the posters out and Cllr O'Brien will contact B.D.C regarding the litter picking equipment.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Cllr Stronach – Memorial Hall
- Internal control document review

**3104/19 To exclude members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to allow the Council to discuss staff salary scale review and if there is any requirement for a handyman position**

Agenda item 3095/19 was moved to be considered under this item.

Cllr Flear met with three contractors and discussed the requirements for the work required on the sports field hedge. Two quotations were received and the third gave back word to quote at that point in time. The Council discussed the two options available and after consideration; Cllr O'Brien proposed to accept the second quotation in the amount of £1330; this was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and resolved by 6 votes.

At this point the Clerk left the meeting due to the discussion of her appraisal and salary review.

The Chair reported on the Clerk's appraisal and salary review and the Council resolved to increase the Clerk's salary to column point 27 (old version).

**3105/19**

**Time and Date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

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