

ELKESLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held Tuesday 21st May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2018
3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council
4. Reports from Village Organisations
5. Public Session

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr N Oldbury
Parish Council Chairman

Please feel free to come along if you are a village organisation and would like to give a report

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Minutes of the Elkesley Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Oldbury (Parish Council Chair) Mrs Davies (Parish Clerk)
Members of the public and District Councillor Kevin Dukes

1/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from K Fish, L Ffoulkes-Jones, J O'Brien, R May

2/18 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2017

Mr M Stronach proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 16th May 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Mr Flear and approved by the meeting.

3/18 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Oldbury gave the following report:

Last year I was talking to you about the events and activities that have taken place, this year I would also like to talk about some future plans and what makes Elkesley unique within Bassetlaw.

Allotments

The Parish Council are still investigation the options available. If you are interest please inform Kath Fish.

Christmas Lights

We have another successful 'Christmas Tree' event with decorations hanging from it that the children from the school and Brownies had made. Santa made an appearance and he also enjoyed the soup and mince pies that were freely available. Next year should see the addition of a hand-made angle, more decorations – if you have any further suggestions please speak to Justin Flear who is co-ordinating it.

Finances

As everyone is aware, money is tight and we are doing our best to see where money can be saved or used to better effect. Grant applications are made wherever possible to keep our costs down whilst making the improvements people want.

Garages

We are still in negotiations with Bassetlaw so we can manage the maintenance and letting of the garages ourselves. We believe that we can run them more efficiently and in the long term have more available for rent.

General Data Protection Regulations

This has massive implication for every organisation across Europe. There are lots of bridges to cross but we will do as we always do and work out what needs to be done to comply with regulations.

Local Council Award Scheme

We are looking to apply for recognition from this scheme and to be awarded accreditation. It is a tough scheme to join but it would acknowledge the work, policies and procedures that we adhere to running the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Plan

Whilst it isn't a race, we were still the first village in Nottinghamshire to adopt their Neighbourhood Plan, we are likely to be the first to also review and update it. Planning law changed over time and requirements alter too so it is only right that we reflect this in our plan. More information will follow as the steering group continue with their work.

Robin Hood Inn

We are all aware that the pub has been shut for some time; a public meeting showed that there was interest still in having a pub in the village and a group of people are looking at options and will be reporting back their findings.

Sports Field

This continues to be improved and consideration is being given to enhance it further. A BBQ area is planned and an offer of a custom-built facility has been gratefully received.

Village Clean-up

Elkesley is leading the way in Bassetlaw; they host an annual clean-up activity. We do two, we don't have to but we choose to. A large number of vehicles travel through our village from all over the country now we have the bridge and unfortunately litter of all descriptions is left behind. The range and quantity of rubbish is vast but that doesn't stop groups of people going out to improve our own environment. Some people are doing this on a daily basis – and doing a fabulous job

Volunteers

The projects we undertake often require a lot of support in order to complete them and we very much appreciate help when it is offered. Some young people have approached us asking if they can some of their Duke of Edinburgh work through us as well 'older' people who have the commitment, experience and expertise to make this a better place to live. The cemetery for example is on our radar as a long-term project.

If there is anything you would like to be involved with, or think that we should consider please speak to any of the councillors and we will bring it to the table. May thanks and gratitude go to everybody in the Parish who have helped in anyway

4/18 Reports from Village Organisations

A member of the Elkesley Village Hall Committee reported that the hall is doing well and very busy.

5/18 Public Session

District Cllr Kevin Dukes reported on the current activities of the District Council.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.15pm