

Elkesley Parish Council

I hereby give you notice of a Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

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. Please note that meetings may be recorded.

Dated this 11th April 2023
W Davies

Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence
- 2) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda
- 3) To receive the Chair's report
- 4) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session
- 5) To receive reports from the District & County Councillors
- 6) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21st March 2023
- 7) To approve payments and finance reports as of 31st March 2023
- 8) To appoint the Internal Auditor for the 2022-23 period
- 9) To consider any planning applications as listed or planning correspondence
- 10) To discuss the King's Coronation event
- 11) To discuss the Christmas Tree lighting event for 2023
- 12) To consider the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- 13) To consider the Community Speed Watch Scheme
- 14) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:
 - a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections
 - b. Cemetery
 - c. Defibrillator inspections
- 15) To receive highways and service faults
- 16) To receive items for information only
- 17) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting
- 18) To exclude the members of the public under The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable the Council to discuss the Living wage increase.

Planning for consideration:

Application: 23/00370/FUL

Proposal: Residential development for up to 5 dwellings (resubmission of 22/01032/FUL)

Location: Land to the north of The Barn, Twyford Lane, Elkesley

Payments today for approval:

Wages £TBA (SO)

Grass cutting fuel £TBA

Reimbursement of expenses £TBA

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

Present: Cllr Skelton (Chair), Cllr O'Brien, Cllr May, Cllr Stronach and Cllr Savill
Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), Mr Craighhead (Climate Change Manager B.D.C) and members of the public

2935/23 To receive apologies and reasons for absence
No apologies received.

2936/23 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda
No declaration of interests received.

2937/23 To receive the Chair's report
The Chair gave his monthly report and thanked the public and Councillors for the attending the meeting. The Councillors donated 41 hours during the month to carry out their various roles. The partnership working remained the same with issues continually being addressed such as criminality, anti-social behaviour and anti-social driving. Work with elements of the village such as the Primary School, the Church and the Memorial Hall remain top of the agenda

2938/23 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session
The Chair suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr Robert Craighhead, Climate Change Manager from Bassetlaw District Council; attended the meeting to announce that a large pot of money has been set aside in Bassetlaw (predominantly for Mattersey Thorpe and Elkesley) to assist and improve heating, insulation, solar and battery back-up within properties which could benefit from renewable energy and modernisation.

This would be in the form of a "home update grant" and would not require any repayment.

The requirements are that property does not currently benefit from gas central heating and has a EPG of 4 or below.

If you meet the criteria and could benefit from loft and cavity wall insulation, UPVC upgrades, solar and batteries and air source heating, then you may be eligible and may be entitled to this assistance.

The Council will remain in contact with Roberts and will of course keep up updated with any developments and have asked he attend the village hall for a 'community meeting', where residents will have a chance to ask questions and learn about this grant.

Carrie, a resident from the village, reported that she would like to use the funds raised from her previous quiz nights to be reinvested in our village, with support from the Parish Council. Carrie would like to plant further fruit trees, bushes, a new herb garden and endless new daffodil bulbs. The Parish Council gave its support to the request; this will not only make our village look attractive but will be of so much benefit to families who want to take part and use the produce.

2939/23 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors
No District or County Councillors present.

2940/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21st March 2023
Cllr Savill proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 21st March 2023 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

2941/23 To approve payments and finance reports as of 31st March 2023

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the financial reports, budget/variances and bank statements for 31st March 2023.

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the following payments and financial reports as above; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

The year-end accounts will now be sent to the internal auditor ready for the annual parish council Meeting in May.

March:

1) Parish Clerk – expenses £82.22 (2260)

April:

2) Cllr May reimbursement of payment to L & S Mower blades £39.90 (2261)

3) Cllr May reimbursement of fuel for grass cutting £7.86 (2262)

4) Cllr May reimbursement for weed killer, fuel, strimmer line £113.22 (2263)

5) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire and P.O contribution £35.00 (2264)

6) Wages £667.20 (SO)

2942/23 To appoint the Internal Auditor for the 2022-23 period

Cllr May proposed to appoint Mrs Palfreman for the internal auditor for 2022-23; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

2943/23 To consider any planning applications as listed or planning correspondence

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After consideration, concerns were raised over the density which does not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan; the site would be more suitable for 2 or 3 dwellings. The Council would also like to highlight the access and egress to the site; taking into account that it is in a narrow area.

Cllr Savill proposed to make objections for the above reasons; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

2944/23 To discuss the King's Coronation event

The Village Hall committee in conjunction with the Parish Council, will be running a family fun day on the 7th May; with a BBQ and afternoon tea and the bar will be open. Others things will be happening around the hall too. The event will run from 12noon to 6pm – helpers still required.

2945/23 To discuss the Christmas tree lighting event for 2023

The Chair reported he has spoken to the school and they will bring their choir to the event.

The Memorial Hall Committee will purchase a Christmas tree which is the same as the Parish Council's; so there will be one tree at either end of the village.

The tree lighting will be held on the 3rd December at 4pm after Christingle in the church. Food will be available from outside and inside the Memorial Hall and the bar will be open.

2946/23 To consider the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Clerk received an email encouraging councils to consider setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes again. Cllr Stronach reported that some years ago the village did have a Neighbourhood Watch.

It was noted that people these days use social media to alert other residents which works well. Therefore, after discussion, Cllr Stronach proposed not to take this idea forward; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

2947/23 To consider the Community Speed Watch Scheme

The Clerk received an email from the Police asking if parish councils wanted to consider setting up their own community speed watch scheme; this would involve purchasing a speed gun and other items, including the calibration of the gun.

After discussion; Cllr May proposed not to set up a speed watch scheme but to use the Safer Neighbourhood team come and carry out speed checks in the village; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

2948/23 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

The Independent play area inspection report has been received – any risks are very low or low.

The three concrete bollards at the bottom of Lime Tree Road have either been damaged or worn over time; now require some repair. The Chair and Cllr May will rebuild them.

The gate at the bottom of the field onto Brough Lane; has a post in the middle that requires Strengthening, plus on the far side another post also requires strengthening. The Chair and Cllr May will carry out the repairs.

Cllr Stronach proposed to purchase some angle iron to secure the posts; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – 5 votes.

Cemetery - Cllr Stronach reported that all was okay at the cemetery.

Defibrillator inspections – Cllr Savill reported that a battery will be required shortly for one of the defibrillators.

At this point Cllr O'Brien reported that she has been in touch with Notts County Council's regarding their Lengthsman scheme which the council previously applied for; but then told that the scheme had been cancelled. Cllr O'Brien found out that the scheme has now started again and contacted NCC to apply again for £1,100 funding towards works adjacent to the highway that the parish council can carry out. Cllr O'Brien will circulate this information and criteria of the work that it covers to the councillors to consider. If the Councillors are happy to take this forward; then Cllr O'Brien will arrange a meeting with Highways to visit the village and to discuss further.

At this point, Cllr Savill reminded the Council that help is still required to help with the cutting of the church yard grass. Cllr Savill and the volunteer are now struggling to continue to do this work; help is now required.

2949/23 To receive highways and service faults

No new faults reported.

2950/23 To receive items for information only

A reminder that the spring clean litter pick will be on the 29th April at 10.30pm from the Memorial Hall.

2951/23 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 16th May at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

2952/23 To exclude the members of the public under The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable the Council to discuss the Living wage increase

At this point the members of the public left the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the living wage rate has increased on the 1st April 2023 which will need to be implemented for one of the staff. Cllr O'Brien proposed to increase the hourly rate as required; this was seconded by Cllr Savill and resolved by the Council – votes. Cllr May declare a declaration of interest and did not take part in this agenda item.