

Elkesley Parish Council

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2017, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley

Present: Cllr Oldbury (Chair), Cllr Flear, Cllr Fish, Cllr Foulkes-Jones, Cllr O'Brien. Cllr Stronach and Cllr Wilkinson

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr Kevin Greaves and members of the Public

1979/17 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received. At this point the Chair reported that Mr Raper has now resigned from the Parish Council.

1980/17 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item to be discussed

No declarations of interests received.

1981/17 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

The Secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee read out a statement to say that at the informal meeting held on the 20th November; consisting of some members of the Parish Council, Memorial Hall Committee and a Maple Drive resident; that any committal given in a 'vote' by members of the Memorial Hall Committee is repudiated. The Memorial Hall committee members present were not in a position to commit the Memorial Hall to any action such as that indicated by the Chair in minute 1976/17 relating to that informal meeting.

A volunteer at the Memorial Hall enforced the above comments as well as making comments regarding the conifer hedge.

1982/17 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

District Cllr Kevin Dukes sent his apologies.

County Cllr Kevin Greaves reported the following:

- Cllr Greaves is chasing up Highways regarding gritting on Jockey House Lane and on the bridge
- The flashing bollard on the roundabout hasn't been dealt with yet due to Highways England not handing over the electrics to N.C.C Highways; therefore Highways are unable to carry out any repairs.
- He will get to know in the next six weeks what areas are to be tarmacked in the village
- The grass cutting previously missed at the top of the road by Highways has now been carried out

1983/17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21st November 2017

Cllr Flear proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 21st November 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and resolved by the Council.

1984/17 To receive any update on actions from the previous meetings

- Cllr Wilkinson reported that the Christmas tree was put up successfully and approx. 60+ people attended the event. The school took part in a colouring competition of tree decorations.
- Cllr May reported that the new benches have been installed on the sports field.

1985/17 Planning – To consider any planning applications below, note any correspondence and decision notices**Decision notice****Application: 17/01464/VOC**

Proposal: Variation of conditions 2,4,6,8 and removal of condition 9 on appeal decision APP/A3010/W/16/3159336 following refusal of 16/00286/FUL

Location: The Bungalow. Brough Lane, Elkesley

Decision: The District Council has granted this application**1986/17 Improvements to the cemetery**

Cllr Stronach commented that he wishes to be more involved with discussions regarding cemetery developments.

One of the projects previously discussed was to have an infill of soil to level the ground behind the front cemetery wall (left side); this would then give the wall a retaining function and as such calculations are required to see if any or additional re enforcing is required. Mr O'Brien is able to look at these calculations and advise the Council and then Mr Blackshaw will be able to help take the project forward.

1987/17 Review of Neighbourhood plan

The Chair reported that a review of the Elkesley Neighbourhood plan is due to take place. Some of the original Steering Group are happy do this work. The review will concentrate on tightening up of the policies and the wording used. Consultation with the residents will take place on any proposed amendments.

1988/17 Proposal to discuss areas within the village requiring improvements

The Chair circulated copies of a map showing the entrance into the village off the A1 slip road on to High Street. After discussion it was suggested to have a competition to submit ideas with costings on how to improve the entrance into the village. The Parish Council will then look into what funding is available to carry out the work.

1989/17 Proposal to consider an Elkesley Neighbourhood Watch

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

1990/17 To receive village reports on the following:**a) Sports field and play area inspections**

- Someone has been horse riding on the field
- Cllr May will be painting the skateboard ramps
- There may be a fault on the new shelter which requires looking at
- The existing shelter require quotation to supply and fit a new aluminium roof

b) Highways and service faults

Cllr O'Brien commented that there are still barriers left in the village following the bridge works; Cllr Greaves will pass this onto Highways.

c) Cemetery – nothing to report.**d) Defibrillator inspection**

A 3D defibrillator sign for the bus shelter has been ordered. It was reported that the heaters on one of the defibrillators have broken; Cllr May has removed it for repair.

e) Allotments

Cllr Fish will be collecting names and addresses for the people interested in having an allotment. The Chair offered to write a template letter for interested people to use; Cllr Flear suggested that the letter should ask what the resident actually wants from an allotment.

1991/17**To receive reports from any meetings attended by Council Representatives**

The Chair went to a Nottinghamshire County Council meeting in Nottingham; the Leader of the County Council Cllr Kay Cutts gave a speech. The Chair made a request for a grit bin at the junction of Eskil Way and Elkesley Bridge.

The Chair suggested that the Council approaches Plevins to see if they can assist with any gritting. Cllr Stronach reported that he has already spoken with someone at Plevins regarding gritting and he will follow this up.

1992/17**Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update**

The Clerk circulated copies of the finances to date, budget figures and copy of bank statements for the councillors to view.

The following payments were approved:-

- a) GirlGuiding via K Baines donation £75.00 (1768)
- b) Idle Times donation £330.00 (1769)
- c) Street Cleaner's December wage £256.90 (1770)
- d) Parish Clerk's November wage & exps £194.20 (1771)
- e) HMRC – p.a.y.e £50.20 (1772)
- f) N Oldbury £34.76 – Christmas tree event exps £34.76 (1773)
- g) Elkesley Memorial Hall – room hire & post office contribution £51.50 (1774)
- h) Came & Co additional insurance for BMX track £86.81 (1775)
- i) Mr Johnson – petrol for grass cutting in the churchyard £63.64 (1776)
- j) Mr Oldbury Christmas event expenses £158.40 (1777)
- k) Mr Wilkinson – Christmas tree exps £250.00 (1778)

1993/17**To consider budget for the 2018**

The Chair & Clerk went through the draft budget figures with the Council in preparation for the 2018 precept.

1994/17**To receive items of information and for future agenda items**

No items of information received for the next agenda.

1995/17 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 16th December 2018 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, Elkesley.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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