

ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall on Thursday July 13, 2017 at 7.00pm

Coun. Peter Clark (Chairman)

Sue Dyer Lisa Smith

Michael Key Jim Archer (A)

Sue Sterling Hayley Wright(A)

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Sue Saddington, Newark and Sherwood District Council member Ivor Walker and 4 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Couns. Jim Archer, Hayley Wright

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2017, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Comment was made on the poor condition of the notice board situated in the church grounds at Top Street. No decision was taken as to whether it should be refurbished or removed but it was pointed out there is a council modern notice board outside the village hall.

The lack of an official sign on one end of the footpath on the Little Scutchell was raised and it was agreed an approach be made to Mr Neil Lewis at the County Council highways. The use of footpaths in the village by quad bike riders was discussed and concerns raised.

5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Saddington advised that Notts County Council had allocated a further £1m towards the cost of pot hole repairs throughout the county. Coun. Walker reported that Newark and Sherwood District Council would be moving into its new offices in the town shortly.

6. CASUAL VACANCY The item was withdrawn.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/00972/ful Replacement of cement tile cladding with cedar boarding, Elston School, Top Street. No objection.

17/00994/ful. Replacement windows to rear second storey 1950s extension, replacement of single upper window to front 1950s extension, replacement handrail No objection.

DECISIONS FROM NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

17/01093/TWCA Rectory Farm, Top Street. Fell 1 Fir tree. Approve.

The clerk was asked to write to Newark and Sherwood District Council to ask why the decision on the Chequers Inn was still in abeyance.

8 SKATE BOARDING., AND BOULES FACILITY,

The installation of the boules facility had been welcomed and was a big success, said the chairman. The question of a skateboard facility was still being investigated.

9. UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Thanks were recorded to Dave Sankey for re-furbishing the village road name signs. The chairman said he had nothing further to report.
10. PLAYING FIELD The chairman said a new goalnet was required on the village hall playing field. The original quote from Playdale had been £1,080, fitted. The clerk was asked to seek an updated price and provided this was not over £1200 to go ahead and order the item.
11. VILLAGE HALL Village Hall Committee- nomination of Trustees. The council agreed to nominate Stuart Blair, John Slater. Ann Sankey and Julie Fulton as their representatives. The clerk was asked to contact Land Registry for an application to register the village hall land and Larkins of Newark in respect of the overall situation of the car park etc.
12. CORRESPONDENCE
OSB EVENTS gave notice of the Outlaw Triathlon July 23 affecting Elston and involving some periods of road closure. Notts Association of Local Councils agm was to be held on November 15. The new Chief Constable Craig Guildford would be the speaker.
Corylus Planning and Environmental advised they were seeking views on a proposed re-development of land off Pinfold Lane for up to 55 houses and were staging a public consultation event in the village hall on July 20.
13. ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS
Telephone box was now owned by the parish council. The chairman said he was hoping to make arrangements for it to be painted. Coun. Key said the police had removed two of the dogs believed to be involved in attacks on people on the route between East Stoke and Elston.
14. DEFIBRILLATOR
The provision of a defibrillator was still being progressed. If necessary a request may be made to the Awards for All Lottery fund.
15. FINANCE
Authorisation of payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list.
16. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FOR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
Little Scutchell footpath status and the need for a sign for it. The surface of both the Little and Big Scutchells was a concern as is Old Chapel Lane. The question of house numbering was also to be raised as was the position regarding cheque signatures and payment of accounts by BACS and the siting of decorative signs in the village. The question of a cycle rack at the bus stop on the old A46 road near Eden Hall was to be discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.33pm.