

ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall on Thursday September 14, 2017 at 7.00pm

Coun. Peter Clark (Chairman)
Sue Dyer (A) Lisa Smith
Michael Key Jim Archer (A)
Sue Sterling Hayley Wright

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott, and 13 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES Couns. Sue Dyer and Jim Archer.
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 2017, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

The meeting discussed the question of a Neighbourhood Plan being established and offers from the floor of residents who were interested in being involved were taken. The clerk explained that a Neighbourhood Plan did not limit the number of new properties that could be built but was able to comment on the type of housing and where it might be situated. It also covered other aspects of provision in the village, such as sports, general design, employment and public buildings.

Representatives from the village Playgroup attended the meeting to outline difficulties they were in over finance and asked if the council could consider assisting. The chairman said the council would need to be shown their current financial situation by production of their last set of accounts. The matter would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

At this point the chairman brought forward item 15 on the agenda concerning the Neighbourhood Plan and the council agreed to forward the idea of producing a plan. The clerk was to inform Newark and Sherwood District Council of the intentions.

5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There was no report.

6. HOUSE NUMBERING

Members discussed the question of having all properties in the village being identified to assist the emergency services, especially if attending the village during the night. The clerk was asked to investigate the possibility with Newark and Sherwood District Council of coordinates being provided for properties in the village.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS There were none

DECISIONS FROM NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

17/01418/TWCA Colin Smith, The Nook, Low Street. Work to nine trees and conifers. Felling four and crown reduction the remainder. Permit.

17/01355/TWCA 15 Paddocks close. Crown reduce Maple tree. Permit

Chequers Pub – update on Licenced status of the premises. The clerk reported that the District council say they are still awaiting information from the applicants on their claim the pub is not viable. They continue to press for it. The meeting agreed the clerk write to the District Council to express their dismay and concern at the length of time the matter is taking to progress.

Pinfold Lane housing. The district council have not received any planning application for the site and have not had contact with the firm who originally set up the village consultation on the possibility of providing 55 houses on the site.

8. LAND REGISTRY APPLICATION - VILLAGE HALL LAND

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Larkens Solicitors at Newark attended also by the clerk and Mr Bertie Pinchera and said some progress was being made. An application would be submitted by the solicitor to register the playing field land adjacent to the village hall in the name of the council.

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The clerk said that Mr Pinchera had offered to meet expenses up to £500 and this was gratefully received.

9. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. There was nothing to report that was not covered on the agenda.

10. PLAYING FIELD The chairman said the soil for the stabilisation of the ground near the goalposts had been ordered as had other equipment required for meeting requirements of the annual report.

11. VILLAGE HALL Village Hall Committee, nomination of Trustees had been confirmed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Robert Jenrick MP in which he expressed concerns at the possible closure of the custody suite at Newark Police Station. The clerk was asked to write to support his letter and also write to the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner Paddy Tipping expressing concerns as well.

Nottinghamshire ALC agm at Epperstone November 15, 7pm. Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Craig Guildford the speaker on Policing in Nottinghamshire. The chairman said he would attend.

Royal British Legion advised of a scheme to sell Lamppost Poppies at £3 each to parish councils for Remembrance Day. The thin plastic poppies would be 450mm wide and cable tied on to posts and railings. It was agreed to order 20 poppies.

The War Memorial Trust wrote seeking support to ensure all war memorials were refurbished before November 11, 2018 for the Centenary of the ending of the First World War. The meeting was told the Elston memorial in church was in good order. The chairman would take a photograph for the clerk to submit to the Trust. The clerk was to contact Coun. Ivor Walker regarding the proposed Bonfire to be held on Remembrance Day 2018 as part of the national commemoration for the ending of WW1 and to ask him if he was aware of anyone in the village who had relatives involved in that war.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS. The question of the decorative Village Entry Signs was to be looked at again for the next meeting. The chairman said Mr Kevin Taylor had offered to paint the telephone box if the council met the cost of the paint and this was agreed. The question of the footpaths reinstatement on the Little Scutchell and the status of it and the need for a sign for it was to be raised with Coun. Saddington. Concerns were raised on the surfaces of both the Little and Big Scutchells and Old Chapel Lane. The County Council were to be asked for the provision of a cycle rack at the bus stop on the old A46 road near Eden Hall.

14. DEFIBRILLATOR

The clerk said application had been made for funding to Community Heart Beat. The question of an application to the Lottery Awards for All was raised. The clerk was to contact the village hall committee to ask if the defibrillator could be placed on the gable end wall of the building. Power would be needed for it.

Newark Rotary are holding a Hog Roast in the village hall on September 17 and Coun. Jim Archer will be presented with a cheque for £300 towards the defibrillator, £50 towards training costs and £250 for the unit.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

16. FINANCE

Authorisation of payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

After discussion the council agreed to authorise the clerk to transfer the council's bankers from the Yorkshire Bank, who had now closed its Newark office, to NatWest, and for Cllr Smith to be added to the list of people to sign cheques. It was also agreed to proceed with a scheme to pay accounts under the BACS payment system.

17. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2017 would include the defibrillator, the playgroup funding and the Neighbourhood Plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-40pm.

