

**ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall on Thursday January 11, 2018 at 7.00pm**

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Hayley Wright, Lisa Smith
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2017, were accepted as presented and approved
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES  
Questions were raised on the condition of the former BT phone box in the village now owned by the parish council and lack of contact by the police to a call by a resident reporting a worrying situation. The chairman said the telephone box was due to be re-painted in March. The clerk was to write to Paddy Tipping in regard to the police matter.
5. FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
A letter from Coun. Sue Saddington, who was unable to attend, was received. In it she said she had some funding available to help the council in regard to play equipment and also make some money available for a WW1 event in November. She reminded the council of the new Local Improvement Scheme was now available from Notts County Council.
6. CORRESPONDENCE  
Keep Britain Tidy Group advised of a National litter pick between March 2 – 4 weekend. The council would not take part but would organise an art competition at the village school and make £60 available in prize money.  
Notts Energy winter warmth workshop details were reported but members felt it could not support taking part. Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme application closing date was January 31.  
Notts County Council Community Commemoration Fund was offering the possibility of funding for WW1 events. The clerk would submit a request. Coun. Ivor Walker said he was happy to make his field available for a fire on November 11 and said that his usual November 5 event in aid of the church would not take place this year. He was willing to work in hand with the parish council and would undertake whatever they required in regard to the event. The clerk was to write to the Vicar to see if she could be involved and Coun. Archer was to check on possible current residents having had a relative taking part in the war. It was agreed to suggest that funding from Coun. Saddington be used for food on the evening. The use of poppies for a display was mentioned .
7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
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17/02275/ful. 3 Tudor Oaks. Loft conversion with roof lights, replacement window and bricking up external door at ground floor. Do not object.

**DECISIONS FROM NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

17/01990/ful. Richard Brook, Hawthorne House, Top Street. Erect rear extension. Grant

8 UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Clerk had attended the agm of NALC in November. Police had confirmed the future of Newark police Station was safe.

The clerk said it was necessary to carry out the appointment of a Data Protection Officer who cannot be a councillor or the clerk, on present information . The appointment has to be in place by May 28.

9. PLAYING FIELD

The chairman said he understood there were possible moves afoot to introduce a football team to use the Pinfold Lane sports field.

Discussion took place on the question of a need for provision of a footpath from the Pinfold Lane junction on Top Strefor this.

10. VILLAGE HALL The clerk said the Land Registry application involving the village hall land was progressing slowly.

11. CHEQUERS INN, COMMUNITY ASSET

The chairman reported the establishment of the Community Benefit Society in the village in connection with the attempt to purchase the Chequers Inn which was now closed and listed as a Community Asset. The question of parish council involvement from a financial point of view if the purchase of the property became a possibility was raised. The chairman said property values in the village could be affected by the loss of a village pub. A parish meeting was being held on January 18 to test the feeling from the village in regard to the availability of shares to raise money to purchase the premises.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR

The meeting confirmed the continuing efforts to obtain funding for purchase of a defibrillator.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was felt by the council that steps towards the possibility of a Plan being produced should be put on hold for the moment.

14 FINANCE

Authorisation of payment of accounts were accepted as presented and approved

Budget and Precept 2018-19

The council discussed a report presented to the meeting by the clerk and agreed to call for a precept of £18,000 for the coming 12 months. The figures included £500 for possible legal expenditure in regard to the Chequers Inn and £1000 towards churchyard grass maintenance and £3,520 for the loan repayment the council has in connection with their support for village hall expenditure.

15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 8, 2018

It was agreed the question of fly tipping and hare coursing be raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-35pm.