

ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall on Thursday March 8, 2018 at
7.00pm

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Sue Sterling and the reason accepted.
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11 2018, were accepted as presented and approved
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
There were no members of the public present.
5. FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Apologies were received from Coun. Sue Saddington (Notts County Council) and Coun. Ivor Walker (Newark and Sherwood District Council), both attending a meeting at Newark.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Winter wrote giving grass mowing prices for the coming 12 months which were the final period before the council would seek new quotes for the work. Members discussed the prices which showed only minimal increases on the current ones charged and unanimously agreed to accept them.

Elizabeth Murray wrote regarding the council notice board in the church grounds and asked if members would agree to hand it over to them and they would improve its condition. This was unanimously agreed.

Matt Stone wrote to thank the council for its £2000 grant to the village Preschool.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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18/00093/OUTM 49 dwellings land at Pinfold Lane. Object.

It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Scythia Cross for her work in preparing the words for the objection to the Pinfold Lane site.

Coun. Archer said he had concerns that the planning decision had been submitted to Newark without sufficient involvement of council members.

DECISIONS FROM NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

1702211/ful. Sarah Dennis, 1 Tudor Oaks/ Replace wooden windows and French doors with timber effect alternative. Grant.

8. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The clerk spoke about Data protection and said the council needed to have its own generic email address which members would have to use, and this was agreed. The council also needed to appoint a Data Protection Officer, and this too was agreed. The clerk said Mr Adrian Fretwell of A2 Squared of Sibthorpe would set up the individual emails for each councilor –e.g. Bill Smith @elston.parish.email -- at £5 per year per address. The same firm are willing to take on our DPO position for a figure £150 a year. If attendance was ever needed at a meeting there would be a charge of £30. The clerk said prices being advertised for this new work were as high as £800.

9. PLAYING FIELD

The chairman said the matters involving the scheme for a soil stabilisation were continuing.

10. VILLAGE HALL Members were presented with copies of a letter from Mr Clive Rossin from Larken and Co Solicitors of Newark regarding registering the ownership of the land and car park around the village hall and of the Church Lane highway. Mr Rossin estimated the costs of the work would be between £500 and £1000, and the council agreed that the chairman should sign the contract submitted.

11. CHEQUERS INN, COMMUNITY ASSET

A note from Linda Fitzgerald advised of a feasibility study that had been carried out over support for the future of the public house. David Pearson on behalf of Elston Community Pub Ltd and asked if the parish council would be agreeable in principle to providing top up funding if they went ahead with attempting to purchase the premises now closed and was there a lower or upper limit for such funding. The clerk was asked to write and confirm support for the scheme but to say it was impossible to give an indication of what level of funding would be offered until it was aware fully of what costings were involved.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR

The council agreed to progress the scheme as soon as possible and to check on the funding situation both from outside and parish council sources.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was agreed this item be removed from the agenda.

14. HIGHWAYS including Village Gateways

The clerk said the council would need sanction from Notts County Council if it wished to proceed with a scheme to provide a gated scheme into the village. The chairman said the cost could be in the region of £2000. It was agreed the scheme should not be progressed at the current time. The question of the public being made aware they can deposit dog fouling bags into the rubbish bins in the village was raised and agreed.

15. ENVIRONMENT. Coun. Key commented on the continuing incidents of hare coursing in the village and said the police were aware of the situation and were carrying out checks. Incidents of fly tipping were commented on.

16. FINANCE

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

Appointment of David Dixon as Internal Auditor was unanimously approved.

The clerk confirmed the council has received £550 in grants by Coun. Sue Saddington of Notts County Council, £250 towards repairs to the playground, £200 towards the WW1 event in November and £100 towards costs to refurbish the phone box.

The clerk said there were currently difficulties regarding the transfer of council funds from Yorkshire Bank to NatWest.

17. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MAY 10, 2018 (annual council meeting 7-30 and parish meeting 7-00)

Highway cat's eyes, police and Commissioner Paddy Tipping, and the WW1 event were to be included on the agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-00pm