

**ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall on Thursday July 12, 2018 at 7.00pm**

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

Clerk Mike Elliott was present as well as Newark and Sherwood District Council member Coun. Ivor Walker.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Jim Archer

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 10 2018, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES No points were raised.

5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Walker, Newark and Sherwood District Council, reported on Footpath 4 leading to Syerston saying it was totally blocked by overgrowth. The clerk was asked to report the matter to the County Council.

The District Council member reported on the effort by Mr James North of the Allotment Association to have a 7.5tons weight limit imposed for the village. Comment was made on a drain cover that had 'sunk' because of the weight of large lorries passing over it as they were driving through the village. Mr North had also suggested a 20mph speed limit being imposed. The council supported the idea and the clerk would inform their County representative Coun. Mrs Saddington of this. The clerk was to inform the County Highways department of the drain which was on the highway near the old Vicarage. Many motorists 'swerve' to miss the drain and cause danger to any oncoming vehicles.

Coun. Walker said Notts County Councilor John Cottee, would be attending the annual meeting of NALC later in the year. One of his responsibilities on the County Hghways is pot holes.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

An Anonymous letter re a private event on Pinfold Lane had been received. The council confirmed its policy was to ignore such letters, and its contents were not revealed. RCAN advised of a planned playground inspection training day later in the year. Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme would be put forward again later in the year.

Community Heart Beat Trust wrote to say they felt only one defibrillator unit would be required to serve the vast majority of the parish, whereas First Responders were suggesting three were needed to cover the parish as a whole. The clerk said an application had been made to the National Lottery for funding for the scheme, with the council offering to make £500 available. The National Lottery had acknowledged the parish request for funding towards the defibrillator.

Newark and Sherwood DC wrote to advise the Chequers Inn could now be put into general sale, it having ended its full moratorium period of six months. Notts County Council Chairman Coun. Sue Saddington is staging a Charity Hog Roast at North Muskham on September 15 to raise money for her charity, the Nottingham Children's Hospital.

Geda Construction were to be told the council preferred the name Willow Rundle as the address for the new 10 property affordable housing development at Low Street in the village. The clerk said there was no further correspondence in regard to earlier reports of a dog killing a cat in the village. The chairman said it was known whose dog it was.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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DECISIONS FROM NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

There were no new planning matters to report.

- 8 UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT The chairman said he had nothing to report.

9. PLAYING FIELD

Members were told that Mr Jim Sweeting of the new village football club was delighted that the council had been able to organise the cutting of the pitch. The clerk was asked to check with the contractors the charge for cutting just the pitch instead of the whole field.

10. VILLAGE HALL  
Noting was raised.

11. CHEQUERS INN, COMMUNITY ASSET

The chairman said the group established to try to raise funds to purchase the former public house had now folded and he understood the £90,000 that had been promised or raised was not now being taken up. The chairman asked for the matter of the sale of the former public house premises to be an agenda item for the September meeting. The clerk was to investigate the question of the council seeking a loan for the purchase of the premises.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR  
There was nothing further to report.

13. ENVIRONMENT

The clerk was asked to circulate paperwork in regard to the question of the land around the village hall and its ownership the people and organisations concerned, being the village hall, the school, the village shop and Mr Pjimmchera.. The dates for forthcoming Triathlon and Newark Marathon events were mentioned but no further information was known.

14 FINANCE

Authorisation of payment of accounts were accepted as presented and approved

A letter from the Clerk's in regard to his salary was reported on by the clerk and members agreed to the payment rent for the clerk should be SCP 25, back dated to April 1 this year. The clerk said his last increase in payments had been in 2016.

15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2018  
An item in respect of the Chequers Inn.

