

ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Clerk Mike Elliott was present and one resident.

Before the meeting opened a decorated cake was presented to the clerk to mark the fact it was his 80th birthday.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Sue Dyer, Jim Archer
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 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
The council were told by the resident that three of the four Darwin Cottages were currently empty.
. Plans were being considered to add an extension to allow an increase in the size of the shower rooms in each.
Coun. Key raised the question of hare coursing that was taking place in the village and said the activity was regular. The police were aware of the position.
5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There was no report.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
Newark and Sherwood District Council had launched a Cleaner Safer and Greener campaign. The clerk was to obtain a further copy of it to allow the requested questionnaire to be completed.
Coun. Sue Saddington wrote and informed members she had put forward a request to the County for Brecks Lane to be considered for resurfacing. She understood that Chapel Lane might be in the programme for improvement in the current financial year.
The question of progressing the matter of the ownership of the lane leading from the Old School House to the school was agreed. The clerk was to seek confirmation from the Solicitors and Mrs Richmond at the school for a meeting date and then ask for representatives from the shop, the village hall, the church and the council to be available to attend.
7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Newark and Sherwood applications
18/01890/ful. 22 The Green. Replace conservatory roof and render front of dwelling. No objection.
18/01891/ful.: Erection of one dwelling. Land Adjacent Tu Pare, Low Street, Elston
Applicant T B Horner and Sons. No objection but the question of need for a metaled road to be provided to lead to the property was to be raised with the planners

Newark and Sherwood decisions
18/01312. Mr Reacher, Elston Lodge Farm, lodge Lane. Extensions and alterations;
Grant.

8. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

9. PLAYING FIELD

There was nothing further to report.

10. VILLAGE HALL and land

The clerk was asked to contact Mr Clive Rossin at Larkens to attempt to fix a firm date for a meeting between the interested parties involving the land and the lane leading to it and the hall and school. The council said they would ask Mr Rossin for two dates and pick one of them.

11. CHEQUERS INN, COMMUNITY ASSET

The chairman said the group seeking for the purchase of the property were still operating but progress on their aims was slow. There was still interest being shown in trying to get the premises re-opened. If the council were to consider funding the operation a referendum would have to be taken and this could cost in the region of £1000. The chairman said property prices in 'dry' villages were certainly affected detrimentally by the fact there was not a public house there.

The chairman was to seek a meeting with the Group to seek information on their latest aims.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR The clerk said it was ordered and should be delivered within 7 days. The Village hall had given the ok for it to go on their outside wall and they would meet the ongoing cost of electricity for the unit.

13. ENVIRONMENT –. The clerk was to seek information on the position concerning erection of signs saying dogs on the Old Chapel Fields there had to be kept on a lead. The clerk was asked to report a damaged 30mph sign at the junction of Mill Lane and Brecks Lane.

Plans for the WW1 Centenary Commemoration on November 11 were outlined and would include a bonfire in the Pinfold Lane field at 7pm with mulled wine being served and a BBQ. In the village hall during the day there is to be a Children's quiz and a cake competition along with a "To end all Wars" presentation by David Sankey while in the church will be a Remembrance Service at 10-30 and the ringing of the bells at 7-05pm.

14. A CHRISTMAS TREE. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENT WITH CAROLS ETC.

The council unanimously agreed to go ahead with a project for the village to have a Christmas tree, with Coun. Wright agreeing to make the arrangements. The clerk was to approach Coun. Sue Saddington for a possible grant to help towards the cost. Coun. Wright said she would look at the question of a project to invite youngsters in the village to donate a bauble for putting on the tree. The council agreed that Coun. Wright decide on the siting of the tree.

15. FINANCE

Payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list

16. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 3, 2019. The clerk would provide members with a written report on the budget for 2019-20 for the council to discuss and to formulate the precept for that period. The question of village entrance signs was to be raised at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.