

**ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall on Thursday January 10 2019, at 7.00pm**

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

Clerk Mike Elliott, Newark and Sherwood councillor Ivor Walker, Pc Mike Munro was present and three residents.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Sue Sterling
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8 , 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  
 Coun. Key raised a question of an incident where a cat and a resident had been bitten by a dog, and the hare coursing which he said was prevalent in the village. On the latter he said he was in contact with the police and had taken photographs on various occasions of the cars that were in the village and being used by the men undertaking the activity and which had resulted in incidents of conflict. It was agreed the officer should compose an item for publication in the local magazine Octave.  
 The question of a Notts County Council funding scheme to be used for provision of two Gateway signs for the village was raised and the chairman said he would progress the matter. It was suggested £720 could be obtained to pay for such a scheme.  
 A report was presented to the meeting on the question of work being undertaken to correct the spelling of two names on the village war memorial on the wall of the entrance porch to the parish church. It was understood the Parochial Church Council were opposed to the idea but the parish council supported the move. Seven Elston men had died during the 1914-1918 conflict and their names were on the memorial. The name of Joseph Vade was recorded as Wade and Herbert Towlson's name was spelt as Toulson. A relative of the latter was in attendance at the meeting and said his family fully supported the correction being made.  
 The clerk was to investigate the question of the council meeting the £421. 44p cost of the work to be undertaken to correct the spelling of the two words, pointing out a council is not permitted to expend funds on a church building.
- t5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
 Coun. Walker said work of the District Council was progressing well and among other items raised he said it had become partners with Newark Town Council as owners of the Butter Market.
6. CORRESPONDENCE  
 The clerk said the district council were progress their campaign to make the area a Cleaner, Safer and Greener place.
7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
 The council confirmed it's comments in respect of the planning application 18/01891 to erect a dwelling on land adjacent to the property Tu Pare on Low Street, repeating its desire to have a metaled road to be provided to lead to the property.

**DECISIONS FROM NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

18/01954/ful. Yvonne Eardley, Whiteacre, Low Street, Replace existing wooden post and rail fence with 1.2m high wall. Grant.

8 UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman gave a report on the very successful and very well supported event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of World War One in November, and gave warm thanks to organisers of a super event which had encompassed all sections of the village.

The success of the newly staged Christmas tree and carols event was reported and special thanks were given to Coun. Wright for her enthusiasm and work for it.

The clerk reminded members that 2019 was election year for parish councils and the District Council were urging all councils to advertise the fact as best they could so everyone was aware of the availability of having their name put forward for an election. Nominations would have to be submitted to the district Council by April 4.

9. SPORTS FIELD

The chairman reported that new drainage was being installed. Members were asked to consider imposing a No Dogs Allowed order for the field and also the playing field area attached to the village hall and agreed it should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

10. VILLAGE HALL

The question of solar panels being affixed to the roof of the hall was raised but as the building is not owned by the parish council it was not a matter members should consider.

11. CHEQUERS INN, COMMUNITY ASSET

The chairman said there appeared to have been little progress in any move for the village to attempt to purchase the former public house and he was not aware of any activity on that front currently.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR

Had now been fitted to the outside wall of the village hall and final arrangements for its use were being made. The question of a light above it was to be considered.

13. ENVIRONMENT –

It was agreed to make arrangements to meet Mr Clive Rossin, of Larken and Co Solicitors of Newark to attempt to progress the question of ownership the lane and land leading to the village hall and school. The suggested dates were February 11 and February 12 anytime. Invited would be representatives from the school, the village hall, the council and local resident Mr Bertie Pinchera.

14 FINANCE

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

A report on a suggested Budget and Precept for 2019-20 had been presented to members and after discussion it was agreed to present a no increase precept of £18,000 for the coming 2019-2020 financial year.

15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 14, 2019

The question of the use by dogs for the playing field and the sports field.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-12pm.