

ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held in Elston Village Hall
Tuesday August 27, 2019, at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Bertie Pinchera (Chairman), Peter Clark(A), Mathew Dyer,
 Michael Key, Jim Archer (A), Liz Murray, Andy Biddlecombe

Also, present Clerk: Mike Elliott, Newark and Sherwood Councillor Ivor Walker and 65
 residents.

- 1] Apologies Coun. Peter Clark (abroad), Jim Archer (hospital)
- 2] Minutes of previous meeting July 18, 2019 were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 3] Declarations of interest There were none
- 4] Public Question Time
 Varying questions were put to the meeting by residents, including questions on the plans by the council for actually running the premises, on the subject of the loan that would be needed to fund the acquisition, the requirement of obtaining views of residents, and the effect of a loan on the level of the council tax for individual properties in the parish.
- 5] To receive an update from Coun. Matt Dyer on the current status of the Chequers Inn and re-affirm Council's interest in its acquisition as an asset to be held on behalf of the Community.
 The council discussed the matter in detail involving the future of the public house and reaffirmed its interest in acquiring the property as an asset for the Community.
 Thanks were offered to Coun. Dyer for his input into the investigations made involving the situation concerning the public house.

Confidential and Exempt items

- 6] To consider resolving that under section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds it would likely disclose exempt information
The council unanimously approved the proposition to go into private session, proposed by Coun. Pinchera and seconded by Coun. Dyer, to discuss the following items.
Play area gate issue
 Members discussed a recent incident involved an injury to a young boy whilst using the gate into the Top Road play area.
 The meeting agreed to continue investigations into the incident.
Commercially sensitive matters relating to The Chequers Inn where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
 Members discussed various items concerning the possibility of purchasing the property and agreed to continue investigations into all aspects of the matter .
 A complaint submitted to the council by the licensee of the Chequers was to be responded to with a letter submitted by the chairman. and provided to all members

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-05pm.