

ELSTON PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Elston Village Hall
Tuesday September 10, 2019, at 7.00pm**

Cllrs. Bertie Pinchera (Chairman), Peter Clark, Mathew Dyer, Michael Key, Jim Archer (A), Rev. Liz Murray, Andy Biddlecombe
Also, present: Clerk, Mike Elliott, Newark and Sherwood Councillor Ivor Walker, Nottingham County Council member Sue Saddington and 38 residents.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Jim Archer.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2019**
were accepted as circulated and signed by the Chairman
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none
- 4. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS**
Comments were made regarding improvements to roads and pavements in the parish. The Chairman was to collate them and forward them to Notts County Council member Cllr. Sue Saddington.
- 5. UPDATE ON CHEQUERS INN**
The Chairman updated the council on the current position in regard to the public house including on the question of a Working Party being formed of three members which could make recommendations to the council but not decisions. He spoke of a site visit being organised for the working party to the premises.
The Chairman said there was a good deal of work yet to be undertaken and he did not think there could be any finality before this side of Christmas.
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Coun. Dyer updated the meeting on the current position and said there were two dates suggested for a site visit to the premises, intended to be used as a means to investigate what work was required to be undertaken inside the building with a view to its being re-opened as a public house.
The member agreed on the need for a village consultation to be carried out to enable the council to obtain the views of residents and to enable the council to have the necessary approval to proceed with plans for a required Public Works Loan to be instigated.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE**
Colin Green wrote regarding a free tree scheme that Newark and Sherwood DC are offering. The council suggested that the sports field would be an ideal place for planting.
CPRE wrote in respect of their restructuring programme. The council confirmed its support.
Notts County Council wrote regarding the Pinfold Lane sports field and the lease held on it by the parish. The clerk was to ask for their comment on an asking price if they would sell it to the Parish.
Notts County Council Mineralism gave details of the Local Plan consultation to Oct 11th, 2019. It was not felt there was any matter for this council to consider. A note was received from Cllr Sue Saddington on a highway's maintenance scheme programme they were compiling.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

There were none

Decisions from Newark and Sherwood District Council

19/01250/ful. Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Appleacre, Low Street: Remove single storey rear sunroom to create space for single storey rear extension with pitched roof. Grant.

19/01289/TWVA Peter Clark, Hall Farm, Pollard 2 Sycamore trees and allow to coppice to encourage growth of adjacent Ash tree. Approve

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

- **Village Website** the Chairman spoke on the work of development of the website. It was agreed he contact a local resident understood to be willing to assist. The site operator had been into the village to take photographs. Information was now needed for it.

- **Sports Field** The meeting agreed there was a need for a 5-year development plan. The council would consider buying the site or would wish a 50- or 99-year lease.

- **Gateway village signs** the council approved the expenditure required for the project to move forward. It was agreed progress be made on the design of the signs. It is understood the cost of each sign will be £3600. Notts County Council, it is hoped, will provide half the necessary funding with the parish council finding the remainder.

- **Community Transport Discussion** took place in regard to the existing scheme being operated in the village. It was felt there was no action needed.

- **Village Hall and Church Lane Registration.** The meeting discussed the question of statements of truth needing to be registered with the solicitors. Coun. Murray was to deal with the matter involving the church and the chairman and the vice chairman to progress the matter with the village hall and shop.

- **VE Day preparations.** Couns. Murray and Biddlecombe were to progress the matter.

- **Grant aiding the Parish Church** the Chairman was seeking clarification on the matter.

10. PROPOSALS - Elston Parish Policies on Guidelines on Public Question Time, Code of Conduct of members, Grant applications and other financial requests made of the Parish Council and Proposals to establish an HR Committee

The chairman asked for comments on the papers he had circulated to be forwarded to him. Coun. Murray was to lead the arrangements for the formation of an HR committee which the meeting had agreed to.

11. ENVIRONMENT - footpaths.

No action was agreed but Coun. Key was to keep the council informed on any matters that arose.

12. FINANCE: - Authorisation of Payment of Accounts was approved.

13. TO RESOLVE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

In view of the workload being experienced it was agreed meetings of the council up to at least the end of the calendar year be on a monthly basis. The suggested date of the October meeting was the 15th or 22nd according to hall availability.

14. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING October 22nd, 2019

15. 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

- 15.1. **Confidential Minutes of meeting held on August 27, 2019** were accepted as circulated and signed by the Chairman.
- 15.2. **Playground gate.** The clerk was to check with the insurers regarding removal of the gate and to deal with any continuing matters that arose.
- 15.3. **Chequers Inn update Coun.** Dyer was to deal with the ongoing matter.
- 15.4. **Clerk's employment details** Existing files of the council were to be retained by Elliott News Service until a permanent clerk has been recruited. It was agreed the permanent post for a new clerk should be paid at eight hours a week.

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