



# ELSTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Est: 1894



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 commencing 7.00 pm  
HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO LINK**

**Present: Cllrs Bertie Pinchera, Liz Murray, Andy Biddlecombe, Peter Clark, Michael Key, Sandra Wright, Matt Dyer**

**In Attendance: Cathryn Crane- Clerk, Jim Sweeting (Elston Football Club), Mike Ebbins (Elston Festival Organiser)**

**District Councillor Ivor Walker, and 5 members of the public**

**Chairman welcomed all to the meeting**

- 1. Resolution: To record this meeting** – There was an issue with the recording of this meeting via Zoom. It was agreed that in future the meetings would be automatically recorded on Zoom for transparency and records keeping purposes. Proposed Cllr Pinchera, seconded Cllr Biddlecombe. All in favour.
- 2. Apologies for absence – None**
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – There were none.
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held 11 June 2020** – These were agreed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Key, seconded by Cllr Murray.
- 5. District and County Councillors' Report**

District Cllr Walker gave apologies for Cllr Keith Walker and Cllr Neill Mison. Cllr Walker reported that he attended a meeting regarding to discuss the £25 Million Pounds and the ongoing public consultation. He noted that things were slowly starting to return to some normality after the effects of COVID 19.

Cllr Walker also reported that he had been to the Trent Valley Drainage Board Meeting and that there was nothing to report.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **The Great Big Elston Festival**

Cllr Pinchera invited Mr Ebbins to present the Great Big Elston Festival. Mr Ebbins presented the concept of having an outdoor Festival for Elston Village and surrounding villages. The festival would include live music, food stalls and other activities such as juggling and face painting. The Festival is aimed as a family event to include all within the area. The finances were being worked through with a view to a top end spend of £2,500 which would be recuperated through ticket prices and stall hire out costs. There had been many requests for such an event made by local residents after a successful Elston Camp Out which had been widely supported at the start of lockdown.

There were concerns about parking on Pinfold Lane and surrounding streets within the village along with concerns about the weather/ the event being cancelled along with being able to deliver within a potential 3-month timeline.

District Cllr Walker offered his field for parking at a charge which would be given back to the festival and also asked Mr Ebbins to consider First Aid and the Licences required for such an event.

There was a discussion about using the village green and incorporating the Village Hall which already had amenities within for immediate use and about considering sound issues for residents. Mr Ebbins preferred the Sports Field.

Cllr Pinchera proposed that permission to be granted to make available the sports field for the use by the Elston Festival Cllr Clark seconded. 6 in favour and 1 abstain.

Cllr Clark proposed that the Parish Council make available the £2,500 required upfront to be reimbursed after the festival. Cllr Wright seconded. All in favour.

Cllr Pinchera invited Mr Ebbins back to the July meeting to report on progress made.

## **7. Sports Field – Agreement with the Football Association**

Mr Jim Sweeting (Elston Football Club) presented a request to the Council to approve a 6-year maintenance agreement for Elston Football Club to obtain funding and maintain the football pitches. The agreement also detailed the external Football Foundation funding applied for by Elston Football Club. The Agreement is between the Elston Football Club and the Football Foundation, with Elston Parish Council confirming its agreement. Mr Sweeting stated that this document was an important part of the overall application for funding. There was some discussion around the naming of the field to "Darwin Park" along with a note to discuss in the future how the hiring of the field would be organised. Cllr Clark noted that it would feel inappropriate to gain an income from the use of the field as it will continue to be an open space for all to use.

Cllr Biddlecombe proposed that the agreement is signed for Elston Football Club to maintain the field for 6 years with no fee. Cllr Wright seconded. All were in favour.

Cllr Biddlecombe proposed that the name "Darwin Park" is adopted (but we would check with Mr Christopher Darwin that he would have no objection). Cllr Key seconded. All were in favour.

Cllr Pinchera would sign the document on behalf of the Council.

## 8. Public Question Time

Cllr Walker noted that there was an error at the start of the meeting with agreement on the recording of the meeting. This was noted by the Clerk and rectified.

There was a discussion around the level insurance cover for Elston Sports Field. It was requested that the Clerk make enquiries and report back to the July Meeting.

There was also a discussion around the continued authority for people to exercise their dogs on the Football Field and how this would be managed when regular sport commenced. All agreed that the Field was for use by all but needed to be treated respectfully ensuring rubbish and mess be cleaned up. This would be looked at in more detail at future meetings with the potential of creating a "Dog Policy". It was requested that the Clerk make investigations into the Public Space Protection Order and report back at the next meeting.

A resident stressed his disappointment that there seemed to be no progress with the flooding issues on Pinfold Lane. Cllr Biddlecombe reported that he had spent time clearing out the the Spinney dyke and that this seemed to have helped the flow of water. Cllr Pinchera added that there had been a slow response from Highways especially since COVID 19 but that the Council were still very aware that this was an ongoing problem and that it was still a top agenda item.

## 9. Elston Amenities

**Pinfold Lane Drainage** – Cllr Pinchera reported that this issue was still on-going but efforts were being made to make this a priority. There was ongoing correspondence between Cllr Pinchera and Mike Keeling from Highways (VIA) specifically to look at Pinfold lane. It has been confirmed an investigation team will visit when normal working resumes.

**Speed and HGV Limits** – Cllr Pincera reported that there was no progress made with this item either since COVID 19 and that as with the above item correspondence was ongoing.

Both Items are supported by Cllr Sue Saddington who had become involved in the communications with the Highways Department.

## 10. Planning Applications

### Chapel Farm – 20/00923/S73

**6 Approve, 1 Object and 0 Abstain**

Comments : Generally no reason for concern and works appear to be in keeping with surroundings. It's a correction of documentation after completion of the work

### Field Ref No 2248 Carrgate Lane Elston -20/00851/FUL

**0 Approve, 3 Object and 4 Abstain**

Comments : There were some concern as to size of the manège, being larger than a normal manège, and the possibility of increased flooding on a field known to flood and affecting neighboring properties. Perhaps another location on the field could address these issues and also improve privacy.

Council did not support this application as presented.

**Lady Pitt Farm – 20/00867/FUL**

**7 Approve, 0 Object and 0 Abstain**

Comments : All in favour.

**11. Finances**

Cllr Murray noted that there was an error of a double payment noted for the Clerk, April and May. The Clerk did not start until May, this was clearly an error. The Clerk was asked to contact Mike Elliott and this line be removed.

Cllr Clark proposed and this was seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Pinchera noted that he was working on an income and expenditure against the budget with the Clerk, and that we should be in a position to report on this at the next meeting.

**9 . Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 16 July 2020 – Parish Council Meeting

**Chairman closed the meeting at 10.06pm**