



ELSTON

PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
THURSDAY 11 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, and Lynda Ogilvie, former Locum Clerk, Jim Sweeting (Elston Football Club), Simon Powell (BE Designs)

District Councillor Ivor Walker, and 28+ members of the public

Chairman welcomed all to this special meeting with a one off agenda item to discuss the proposal to develop the existing Sports Community Hub.

1. Resolution: to record this meeting

All Agreed for the meeting to be recorded. Proposed Cllr Key, seconded Cllr Biddlecombe.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2020

These were approved as a correct record, proposed Cllr Key, seconded Cllr Biddlecombe, all in favour.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Outline Proposals for the Development of Elston Community Sports Hub

Cllr Pinchera presented to the meeting the present state of the sports field, the works that has been carried out on the field to date together with the vision for the future (presentation can be found on Elston Parish website). Cllr Pinchera invited Mr Jim Sweeting (Elston Football Club) to present the Council with his vision for the proposed development. Mr Sweeting went onto say that he envisioned a facility for changing and showering, a kitchen area, an area for spectators and refreshments and car parking. His main interest was football but there is adequate space for other activities, for example, a

track around the field that could be used for walking and running and that this area will add to the village a sense of community in sport for all. The Sports Hub could encourage other uses that could be developed as the need was identified, but the main focus at this point in time would be Football, from which Grant Applications can be made towards the costs and on the type and style of build envisaged, would be between £250k and £400k.

Cllr Pinchera invited Simon Powell from BE Design to present his concept designs for the Sports Field, Club House and Car Park (presentation can be found on Elston Parish website) . Mr Powell gave a detailed presentation which included different ideas of what the Sports field could become using different types of materials that would suit the rural area and gives the least disruption of view to the residents that live on Pinfold Lane. Mr Powell stated that a survey would need to be conducted with the local residents in order for further plans to be produced.

Cllr Pinchera stated that Elston Parish Council as the leaseholders would be managing this development should it proceed and suggested that a steering group be created which included representation from the local sports clubs and the Parish Council in order for the concept to be refined and developed with a view to coming together in the Autumn where further information can be shared and further decisions taken.

7. Public Question Time

Cllr Dyer asked Mr Powell if he had ideas on the approximate price for the designs he has shown. Mr Powell stated approximately £250k for the initial Phase 1 build (175 square metres) and that could rise to approx.. £500k if the build was extended to the larger scale with more facilities.

A number of residents were concerned about the amount of traffic that this may bring to the area and asked for assurance that there would be sufficient parking within the club in order that there would be no road parking. There were also concerns about the state of Pinfold Lane road surface and verges. Mr Powell noted that the car park would be initially for 40 cars and that it could increase but that this also could be managed with proper signage etc. Mr Powell also noted that the road would be left in the same condition – if not better as per the Building Contractor agreement. Another resident asked a question around being able to use the grounds still recreationally and Mr Sweeting said that he did not envisage this being a problem and that these issues would be talked around in more detail further down the line. The Parish Council would stipulate in any hire agreement that the field would be open to public use though the facilities would be secured in manner similar to the Village Hall.

It was noted that the field had been completely flooded on occasion and this is a matter that will need to be addressed, and will be of particular concern for nearby residents.

The general feeling was that the Hub was an excellent idea and that this could pool together some of the other sports associations within Elston for instance the Golf Club.

There was a request made by a resident to be kept involved with this project and he would like the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns for instance the potential for the area to be abused and used to drink alcohol and take drugs. Cllr Pinchera added that there would be plenty of opportunity to be involved and raise concerns with this project throughout this process in line with the planning approval process.

8. Resolutions:

a. To take forward the Development Proposals to the next stage

Cllr Wright proposed, Cllr Biddlecombe seconded and all were in favour

b. To Instruct BE Design to produce detailed drawings and plans

Cllr Pinchera proposed , Cllr Wright seconded and all were in favour

c. To establish a Working Group to progress planning details

Cllr Pinchera asked Mr Powell how much was left of the initial 2k and Mr Powell confirmed that this was 95% used with what had been prepared for today's meeting. Mr Powell stated that there was a certain amount of work to be done with the Residents and looking into funding options. It was agreed that a working group would be set up to iron out these issues and look to work collaboratively with Elston Football Club and the Parish Council in order to produce a more focused brief. Cllr Pinchera asked that we look to meet again in the early Autumn to take this forward, possibly in September. It was agreed that Cllr Clark, Cllr Biddlecombe and Cllr Wright would be the nominated Parish Councillors to be present at the working group with Cllr Pinchera as a reserve. There would also be 3 or so people from the Village sports clubs. Jim Sweeting to organise.

Cllr Pinchera proposed, Cllr Biddlecombe seconded and all were in favour.

It was agreed that Cathryn Crane would send presentations over to the Website Manager in order for the consultation with the residents to begin. Cllr Pinchera and Cathryn Crane would discuss this next week at their meeting how best to collect feedback and questions.

9 . Dates of next meetings

Thursday 18 June 2020 – Parish Council Meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm