



Draft Minutes

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 14th January 2019 7 pm, at Elford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Jones (Chair), Hilderley, Turley and Wright

In attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk)

Cllr Turley chaired the meeting until Cllr Jones arrived at 19.15

Open Forum

A member of the public had attended to discuss the provision of fitness equipment and he recommended the use of metal apparatus such as steppers which would be long lasting, popular and well used; items could be installed at intervals around the Sports field to create a circuit. Such equipment was very popular in other villages and towns and encouraged people of all ages to increase their fitness. He offered to research options and costs and to discuss some ideas with a local fitness trainer to bring to the next meeting. It was hoped that local people would be prepared to contribute.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Payne & Gilbert had apologised, the apologies were accepted. Cllr Oakley would be asked whether she wished to remain on the Parish Council.

District Cllr Leytham had apologised as he was away.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hilderley declared an interest in two planning applications for change of use of buildings at his property Elford Lowe.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10/12/18

The Minutes were approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising; the tree surgeon would be chased up, the contractors replacing the fence in the alleyway would also be contacted.

Bus hire – following the meeting the day had been changed to Friday at the suggestion of passengers. Edingale Parish Council would review the bus hire in March. Due to concerns over the costs this would be added to the next agenda.

Social Club – Cllr Wright reported back on the current position regarding discussions with the members and solicitors regarding the closure.

4. To receive the Clerk's Report

Playground update – the surface jet washing had been booked for February; quotes for play equipment had been recently received, this would be on the next agenda.

Side letters for the Sportsfield Leases – these had been sent to the clubs, the Cricket Club had signed their copy and the Football Club had been reminded to do so.

Maintenance contract – this would be renewed in February.

Insurance - renewal details had been received, this would be on the next agenda.

Scarecrow Festival – this would take place on August 24th and 25th.

Best Kept Village - a letter had been received from the new organisers of the competition. Although this had been raised at the last Annual Parish Meeting no residents had offered to organise the competition so Elford would not take part.

Hedge at Church Road/The Beck/ The Shrubbery junction – a resident had complained that visibility for drivers turning at the junction was poor and requested that the householder should be asked to cut the hedge. It had been previously discussed with him and he wished to retain privacy for his family. Highways had said that this junction would be added to projects for Cllr White to consider in due course. The Parish Council would continue to monitor this.

Resolved: Approved

5. To consider Planning Issues

(a) Applications; 18/01815/FUL Ivy Cottage, The Shrubbery, Single storey extensions to front, side and rear to form porch, utility and day room. No objection.

18/01821/COU & 18/01822/COU Elford Lowe Change of use of Buildings (Units 8-12) from Caravan Storage to Employment use (Classes B1(c) - Light Industrial, B2 - General Industrial and B8 - Storage and Distribution) Change of use of agricultural buildings (units 1-7) to employment use (Classes B1(c), B2 and B8).

Cllr Hilderley was asked to explain the proposals to the members. Following this it was agreed by the other Councillors that Elford Parish Council had no objection.

19/00021/FULH 45 The Beck, erection of first floor and single storey extension to rear and side to form 1 no bedroom, ground floor bathroom, hall and utility. Installation of porch to front. No objection.

19/00031/ABN Greendales Farm, erection of general purpose agricultural building. No objection.

18/01799/FUL Heatherington House, side extension. Responded no objection.

(b) Consultations; Lichfield District Council Planning – Modifications to Local Plan Allocations Document, Statement of Community Involvement, Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document

(c) Elford Neighbourhood Plan to be 'made' following consideration by Lichfield District Council's Cabinet.

Resolved: Approved

6. To consider fitness equipment

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Resolved: Approved

7. To consider Home Farm lagoon

A request had been received from the Action Group asking that the landlords should be contacted to ask whether they had now given permission for the construction of the lagoon. Birmingham City Council had not replied to this and it was agreed that the farmer would be contacted for information.

Resolved: Approved

8. To consider the draft budget for financial year 2019-20

Following discussion of the budget figures it was agreed that the cost of hiring buses was not sustainable and this would be reduced. The precept would increase to £14,000 to provide for contingencies.

Resolved: Approved

9. To receive questions and reports from Councillors

A deep pothole in front of no. 11 Croft Close would be reported to Highways.

10. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Resident, hedge at corner of The Beck and Church Road

Home Farm Action Group, lagoon

Came & Co, insurance renewal, next agenda

Lichfield District Council settlement facility study, consultations, news releases

11. To receive a financial report

The bank reconciliation was given.

Resolved: Approved

12. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment

Payments to: M. Jones, salary and expenses; £351.93;

Elford Village Hall, room hire £17.50; A. Robey, handyman work, £80.00;

Solus Coaches, December hire, £600; Scottish Power, electricity, £24.94;

ICO, data protection fee, £35.00.

Resolved: Approved

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 11th February 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm