



Minutes

Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 11th March 2019

7 pm, at Elford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Gilbert, Hilderley, Payne, Turley and Wright

In attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk), District Cllr Leytham, 4 members of the public

Open Forum

Two residents had attended to ask if there had been any progress on the hedge at the corner of The Shrubby/Church Road junction. They had reported this to the Parish Council at a previous meeting; they said that it was still a dangerous junction and there could be accidents here. Councillors said that the depth of the hedge had been reduced but the owner wished to protect the privacy of his family and there was no record in his deeds of any obligation to keep the hedge low. He had recently arranged with Highways for the road markings to be redone. The Clerk had contacted Staffordshire Highways but they would not take action at present. Suggestions on improving visibility were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Turley would speak to the householder again and report back to the Parish Council. A resident referred to the folder of information for residents and asked whether it could be updated. The Clerk had done this from time to time and put copies in the former telephone kiosk. The resident also commented that the website needed updating. Up to date information for the site should be sent to the Clerk or Cllr Wright to be actioned.

A resident said that bags of rubbish had piled up at the playground after the jet washing had been done. Cllr Hilderley offered to help with the disposal of these. Another resident said that progress was being made on the land at the Shrubby which would soon be sold to developers and asked about CIL payments; local people would be consulted in due course on which projects they would favour for funding. This would be an exciting opportunity to benefit the community.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Jones had apologised for work reasons; Cllr Payne took the Chair.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hilderley declared an interest in the planning application at his property Elford Lowe.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11/2/19

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the meeting of 11th February

The bus hire had now ended and a weekly Friday taxi service had been organised.

The contract had been agreed with Andy Cox and mowing had begun at the Avenue.

4. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Post Office had been chased up, but there was no capacity on the van route yet; it seemed unlikely that the service in the village would be resumed.

The Parish Forum meeting of Councillors in Lichfield would take place on 2nd April.

Adcocks had contacted the Parish Council regarding the storage of a Lease document, this would be returned to the Clerk.

The playground had been jet washed and would be finished shortly. Repairs were still to be done. Alan would be asked to tidy the bark areas near the fence.

Resolved: Approved

5. To consider Planning Issues

19/00022/FULM Elford Lowe, storage building, resolved that this would not have an adverse visual impact. No objection.

19/00224/FULH Millside Cottage, single storey side extension, no adverse effect on neighbouring properties. No objection.

19/00304/ABN Model Farm, potato store, no impact on other properties. No objection.

Local Plan Review consultation; The Parish Council would comment that it had no objection to the proposals. The policy of supporting development in larger settlements with infrastructure was the most appropriate. Elford would mainly need infill development as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved: Approved

6. To consider election information

Information for candidates had been made available on Lichfield District Council's website and circulated to Councillors. Nomination papers were to be hand delivered between 19th March and 3rd April, and the list of those nominated would be available shortly after that. If more than 7 people were nominated a poll would be held on May 2nd.

Resolved: Approved

7. To consider dates for Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting at 18.30 on Tuesday May 14th, followed by the Parish Assembly at 20.00.

Resolved: Approved



8. To consider fitness equipment

A quote had been received from Broxap Sunshine Gym. It was resolved to order 4 items of equipment with grass matting, to be sited at intervals near the hedge at Brickhouse Lane.

Resolved: Approved

9. To consider applying for Safer Roads Grant

Following the discussion at Open Forum it was agreed to discuss the visibility at the junction with the nearby resident to resolve the matter, Cllr Turley would contact him. It was agreed not to apply for the grant for improving signage as it would increase visual clutter and was not expected to improve the junction.

Resolved: Approved

10. To receive questions and reports from Councillors

Cllr Wright gave an update on the Social Club; an EGM would be held soon to discuss future arrangements.

11. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Lichfield District Council, news releases, electoral information

SCC requesting details of local activities to help prevent loneliness and isolation.

12. To receive a financial report

The bank reconciliation was given. £3,000 would be transferred from the deposit to current account to cover payments.

The end of year accounts would be finalised shortly and the Audit would take place on 8th April. The end of year reporting to HMRC would also be done in early April.

Resolved: Approved

13. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment

Payments to: M. Jones, salary and expenses; £369.81; HMRC 75.20

Elford Village Hall, room hire £17.50; A. Robey, handyman work, £55.00;

Solus Coaches, February hire, £400; A. Cox, Avenue mowing £70;

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, subs £193;

RW Harcombe, grounds maintenance £90.00

Resolved: Approved

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 8th April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

