



Minutes

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 9th September 2019 7 pm, at Elford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Biden, Gilbert, Hidderley, Toon, Wright (acting Chair)

In attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk), one member of the public

Open Forum

A member of the public asked whether any consideration had yet been given to the celebration of next year's 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two, to be marked by a Bank Holiday. The Chair said that the Parish Council would welcome suggestions from residents. It was agreed to find out how other organisations planned to mark the occasion, such as the District Council, Royal British Legion and the Civic Society. The matter would be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Turley and Payne had apologised, due to holidays and family reasons. The apologies were accepted.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8/7/19

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. To receive the Clerk's Report

Various matters had been dealt with since the last meeting: new notice board locks, finger post off Church Road replaced by the Rights of Way team, fallen tree blocking the river reported to the Environment Agency and removed, Village Hall accounts reported to Charity Commission, Highways contacted about Church Road junction. Difficulties with the taxi service had become apparent and the organiser would be asked to contact alternative companies.

Resolved: Approved

5. To consider Planning applications

19/01215/FUH 8 The Beck, various internal alterations, demolition of single storey rear extension and replace with pitched roof bay window. No objection.

19/01191/FUL Greendales Farm, proposed 3 bay extension to Agricultural Store Building granted under 19/00031/ABN. No objection.

Resolved: Approved

6. To consider Right of Way off The Beck

Staffordshire County Council had provided forms to modify the route, it was agreed not to complete these until information and advice as to whether this was the most appropriate procedure had been received from the Ramblers Association. This would be considered again in due course.

Resolved: Approved

7. To consider the recommendations of the Sportsfield Committee

Legal advice would be obtained on the renewal of the underleases to the Football and Cricket Clubs. The insurers would be asked for clarification on the car park.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed that the Football Club could use the empty strip in the far corner which had remained in the Parish Council's control; to be reviewed on an annual basis. Cllr Gilbert would inspect the area suggested by the Football Club for ground levelling to create a pitch further from the houses and would report back. *Action: Cllr Gilbert*

Resolved: Approved

8. To consider maintenance

A new pedestrian gate had been fitted at the Brickhouse Lane entrance to the Sportsfield and it was agreed to order one for the entrance by The Square.

The contractor would be asked to repair a fence in the Croft Close gulley.

Action: Cllr

Gilbert

A Playground Working Party had been organised by Cllr Payne for Sunday morning 29th September and volunteers to help were welcome.

Alan would be asked to prune bushes in the alleyway, and winter plants for the tubs would be ordered.

Action: Clerk

Resolved: Approved

9. To receive questions and reports from Councillors

Cllr Biden asked for clarification regarding the levelling of the football pitch.

Cllr Toon said that several residents of the Beck had complained about a recent very noisy fireworks party. This was not a Parish Council matter but the Elford News Facebook page would contain a reminder to be considerate to neighbours.

Cllr Wright said that Romanies had camped at the picnic area for two days but no problems had been caused.

Cllr Hilderley asked if there was any information about the recent Scarecrow Festival

but the final figures for income and spending had not yet been announced. Cllr Toon felt it would be useful to post the information on the notice board as not everyone accessed the internet.

10. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Lichfield District Council; electoral canvass, Friary Grange meeting, Lichfield Prom, Parish Forum meeting

Staffordshire Police, information on PCSOs

Awoingt Group, thanks for use of the playground for pancake event on July 14th

Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership scheme

George Bryan Centre consultation events

11. To receive a financial report

The bank reconciliation was given.

No queries had been received on the Annual Audit.

Resolved: Approved

12. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment

Payments to: M. Jones, salary and expenses; £362.94; HMRC £78.20;

A. Robey, handyman work and materials £85.56

RW Harcombe, grounds maintenance £125.00;

A Cox, Avenue mowing £70;

Acorn Taxis, weekly taxi, July £199.92, August £282.60;

Andrew White Fencing, gate and fence repair, £336.00

Resolved: Approved

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 14th October 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.