

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th June, 2021 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, Church Lane, Elsham.

Present: Cllr Hill, Cllr Horner, Cllr Moir, Cllr Van Oosterhout (Chair), Cllr Ousby & Cllr Wood.

Also Present: Cllrs C & N Sherwood & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson

2106/01 To note apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Guest.

2106/02 Public Participation
No public present.

2106/03 Declaration of Interest

- a. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.
None declared.
- b. To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.
None outstanding.

2106/04 Minutes of Previous meeting
Resolved - Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Tuesday 18th May, 2021 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

2106/05 Procedure
To review and approve the Standing Orders 2020.
Resolved – the Standing Order were approved.

2106/06 Clerk's Report

- Clerk contacted MD Signs with regard to the repair of the Newland Hill signage, this has now been completed.
- Clerk has contacted Wildscape to investigate the possibility of installing a pond in the Nature Reserve. Clerk has chased a couple of times but so far, no response.
- Clerk to provide a plan to NLC and ask permission to site the plough and the trellis on the land near the kiosk. Exact location of the plan to be confirmed.

2106/07 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues
To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on North Lincolnshire Council issues.
Apologies received from Cllr Waltham.
Cllr C Sherwood updated the council with regard to the letter sent out to resident asking for any flooding/water concerns. To date 9 detailed responses have been received and NLC are allowing a few more weeks for responses. NLC will then process the responses and work with the Environment Agency and NLC Officers to resolve the issues. The Parish Council will be kept up to date with the actions. Covid vaccinations are now being offered to the over 25's and walk in facilities are available at the Baths Hall in Scunthorpe.

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Cllr N Sherwood informed the Council that PA/2021/68 has been called in and will be decided by the Planning Committee. 'Called in' is a term used when the Ward Cllrs (Cllr C Sherwood and Cllr R Waltham) have been 'lobbied' (approached by a resident (s)) with concerns over an application. This ensures that the application is not just decided by the Delegated Officer but a panel.

Cllr C Sherwood stated that there has been an issue with the weed spraying programme this year but it is now back on track although a 3-to-4-week delay.

Cllr N Sherwood stated that the programmed works on the B1206 have been delayed until autumn.

The Ward Cllrs left the meeting at 6.50pm.

2106/08 **Reports**

- a. To receive an update report on the play area determining actions required.

Cllr Ousby informed the meeting that the rota net had stopped spinning again. Clerk to contact the contractor to take a look.

There is evidence that only 2 moles are now on the site.

- b. To receive an update report on the Elsham Nature Reserve determining actions required.

NLC have approved the removal of the blackthorn suckers and the plants crowding out the orchids and primroses once they have finished flowering. Cllr Ousby to provide the Clerk with photos of the bee orchids to send to NLC.

Clerk to chase up if a bench can be located on the Reserve on the ridge.

Post Meeting – it has been confirmed that this is acceptable as long as the walk around the edge is not compromised.

Cllr Ousby to look at the removal of the nettles in the areas that have narrow paths.

The gates installed at the top of Middlegate Lane are on castors. Clerk to check that these are secure in high winds when open and that this was not on the original request as bolts were required.

Cllr Ousby to take a look at the gate when open to see if secure enough.

- c. To receive an update report on the Low Villages Forum determining any actions required.

The meeting is scheduled for 22/06.

2106/09 **Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)**

To receive an update verbal / written report from: -

Humberside Police/NATs – the next meeting is due 17/06. Some issues being discussion on social media are the speed of tractors in some of the villages and issues at Horkstow Bridge again.

NHW – no information received.

2106/10 **Highways / Neighbourhood Services / NLC issues/Parish Issues**

- a. To receive an update from NLC with regard to the drainage issues in the parish determining any actions required.

As discussed in item 2106/07.

- b. To be notified of the KCOM presentation determining any actions required.

Cllrs Horner, Van Oosterhout and Wood attended the online presentation. The presentation included introductions, benefits and how to apply for community funding.

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The aim of the meeting was to obtain support from the Parish Council to ensure a 30% uptake from residents.

If KCOM come to the village then there will be 'toby' boxes installed at the entrance to each property to allow connectivity as and when required.

Resolved – not to push the promotion of KCOM. KCOM should carry out their own marketing.

- c. To consider the design for a new NLC village entry sign determining actions required.

The size and details of the new sign was agreed from the information sent through from NLC.

Cllr Hill stated that her husband would be able to use a drone for taking photographs of the church and to carry out the survey of the Nature Reserve. Clerk to check with the insurers that this would be covered under their public liability.

- d. To receive an update on Post Lockdown Celebrations determining actions required.
Item deferred. Clerk to ask Cllr Guest to circulate the proposed resident's letter for comment.

- e. To elect a Parish Council Drainage Board representative.

The position is as a Parish Council representative. There are 3 meetings a year which are held locally. The area covered is from the Humber to Bishop Bridge.

Resolved – Cllr Moir was elected as the representative. Clerk to inform Cllr C Sherwood.

- f. To notify the Clerk of any further issues to be taken up with NLC.

No issues raised.

2106/11 **Planning**

To receive any decisions and to discuss the following applications received from North Lincolnshire Council.

The following decisions were received from NLC.

2021/559 – full planning permission granted to erect a detached double garage with an attached store/gym at The Old Vicarage, 4 Vicarage Lane.

2021/758 – prior approval of a household extension at Laringasetta, 23 Church Street is not required.

The following applications received from NLC were discussed by the Parish Council.

2021/68 – planning permission to erect a detached dwelling & detached double garage with office space above (amended plans) at The Old Cottage, 32 Church Street.

Resolved – to submit the previous objection and comments as follows:

- Outside the development boundary. Development limits have been set, in part, to ensure that access to facilities, services and infrastructure is maintained, and that levels do not exceed their respective capacities.
- To grant planning permission would set a precedent to allow more building outside the development boundary – which is there to protect those parts of the village.
- Too close to listed buildings in the most historic part of the village and the size of the proposed building would be out of keeping with them.
- Out of keeping with the rural appearance of that part of the village.
- Flooding & sewage issues in this area.

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- Are Heritage, Archaeological, Wildlife & Environmental surveys required? It is thought that these have been done but they are no on the website.
- Traffic safety
- Vehicles coming round the blind bend will not see cars emerging from the new drive.
- Delivery vehicles will block the road as it is narrow at this point.
- Close to a corner and steep drop.

2021/591 – planning permission for the erection of 5 wooden camping pods and 1 wooden toilet block at land rear of Hunters Lodge Fishery, Church Street.

Resolved - Elsham Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons: -

1. The proposal is outside the development boundary.
2. The area is a main scenic view.
3. The visual impact of the placement of 6 wooden structures on the ridge would detract from that view.

2021/823 – planning permission to erect 4 detached dwellings with associated new shared private driveway at land off Barnetby Lane.

Resolved – submit the following comment: -

Barnetby Lane has a narrow pavement and is the main route through the village. Provisions off this pavement should be made to allow the storage of waste bins for collection if the waste vehicle is unable to access the road down to these proposed properties. This will ensure the pavements are clear at all times.

2021/844 – planning permission for the construction of a 2,000-tonne potato cold store at Kirmington Potato Service Ltd, Pegasus House, Pegasus Road, Elsham Industrial Estate.

Resolved – no objection or comment.

2021/855 – outline planning permission to erect detached dwelling with some matters reserved at Orchard House, 12 Barnetby Lane.

Resolved – object as the proposal is partially outside the development boundary.

2106/12 Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- a. To be notified of the VANL Member Steering Group request, determining actions required.
Item noted.
- b. To be notified of the Queens Platinum Jubilee & the Lighting of the Beacons, June 2022 information determining actions required.
Clerk to register an interest in participating in the event.
- c. To be notified of the NLC Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting scheduled for 16th June determining any actions required.
Cllr Van Oosterhout to attend.
- d. To consider attendance to any of the ERNLLCA Finance Training.
Item noted.

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Correspondence for Information

- b. ERNLLCA Newsletter.
- c. Anglian Water Ecology Survey request.

2106/13 Accounts

- a. To receive an update on parish projects for 2021/22.

Seed exchange at the Kiosk – a sum not to exceed £100 was approved for Cllr Hill to manage the installing of shelving for various seeds which will be available to exchange. The door is to be oiled regularly to easy access.

Cllr Hill to circulate the proposals to all via email.

Village signage – as detailed in 2106/10c.

Plough – the plough is ready for collection and Cllr Moir will undertake this next Thursday 24th with the assistance of Cllrs Horner & Wood to lift from the vehicle when returning to the village. The handyman will then be engaged to add the finishing touches. Clerk to inform the contractor of the collection date.

The Clerk has received confirmation from Open Reach that the plough cannot be located adjacent to the Kiosk on the concrete pads as access is still required.

Cllr Horner to provide the Clerk with a diagram and details to concrete onto the Barnetby Lane/Front Street triangle. The Clerk will then seek permission from NLC.

Concerns were raised about Parish Council emails being sent on to other recipients, it was agreed this would not be the case in the future.

Cllr Van Oosterhout has spoken to the contractor at the church and the works have been confirmed. The hedge on Front Street will be cut after the nesting season has finished but, in the meantime, a small section will be cut back to allow visibility of the 30mph signage.

It was agreed that for this year the churchyard would be withdrawn from the Best Kept Village competition due to the regular contractor being unable to work at present. Clerk to arrange.

- b. To consider the purchase of plant trellis/support at the kiosk determining actions required.

It was agreed to put this on hold.

- c. To consider the sale of the current 4-in-1 petrol multi tool.

It was agreed not to sell the tool. Cllr Ousby will use to cut back the nettles at the Reserve and inform Cllrs of its capability.

Cllr Ousby to inform the Clerk if she will be keeping on her property so the Asset Register can be updated.

- d. To consider the membership renewal of VANL at a cost of £20.

Resolved – approval of the membership renewal.

- e. To approve the monthly accounts for payment. See financial report.

Resolved – approval of the accounts for payment. Clerk to arrange a new mandate.

19.05.21	ERNLLCA	Membership renewal	£317.93
24.05.21	Lincs Lowland Search & Rescue	Donation	£50.00
24.05.21	L Guest	Plants	£180.00
27.05.21	Zurich Municipal	Insurance renewal	£314.00
21.06.21	Balfours	Play area rent 24/06-30/09	£30.00
19.05.21	JB Rural Services	Verge cut 4	£162.00
08.06.21		Verge cut 5	£162.00

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19.05.21	JB Rural Services	Play area cut 4	£30.00
08.06.21		Play area cut 5	£30.00
09.06.21	JB Rural Services	PROW 1 st cut	£91.50
15.06.21	MD Signs	Repair of signage	£66.00
15.06.21	The Access Panel Company Ltd	Plough works	£140.00
15.06.21	D Hotson	Salary & Tax	
15.06.21	I Bowmer	Handyman	£47.50

2106/14 **Minor Items**

a. To take any points from members.

- Clerk to ask NLC, as part of the tree planting project if trees can be planted on the verges running throughout the village from New Street junction with B1206.
- It was agreed that now the meetings are back face to face no in-depth discussion are required via email, debating will be had at meetings. All other information can be circulated prior to meetings and the Clerk will state if a response is required prior to any meetings.
- Email topics are to be kept separate from each other so they are easy to locate/search in the future if required.
- Clerk to report the hedge on Middlegate Lane belonging to Anglian Water. This is over hanging the road and blocking pedestrians walking on the verge.
- The location code on the Defib has rubbed off. Clerk to report to NLC.

b. Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.

No further correspondence received.

2106/15 **Agenda Items for the next meeting**

- Leader – next edition.

2106/16 **To confirm the date and time for the next meeting as Tuesday 20th July, 6.30pm at Elsham Village Hall.**

2106/17 **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.