

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July, 2021 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, Church Lane, Elsham.

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

Also Present: Cllr N Sherwood, 1 resident & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson

2107/01 To note apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2107/02 Public Participation

Resolved - to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of no more than 15 minutes to allow for a period of public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects, which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the/ meeting is declared opened.

A resident asked if private gardens affected the judging of the Best Kept Village competition to which he was told they do not.

A resident raised concerns about a large bus that travelled through the village every school day, not stopping but continuing a route to the other Low Villages. It is thought that the bus is over the weight limit.

Clerk will forward the information to Cllr N Sherwood to see if he can trace the company.

The resident also asked if anything could be done with regard to noise disturbance at a weekend, particularly on a Sunday from chainsaws and petrol hedge trimmers. Polite request to be put in the next Leader, but the Parish Council can only ask, they are unable to enforce.

Cllr Moir joined the meeting.

Resolved – to re-open the meeting.

2107/03 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.

2107/04 Minutes of Previous meeting

Resolved - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th June, 2021 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

2107/05 Procedure

To review and approve the Standing Orders 2020.

Resolved – the standing orders were approved.

2107/06 Clerk's Report

- Clerk has contacted the contractor to take a look at the rota net again.

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- Clerk has contacted the contractor with regard to the securing of the large reserve gates. This will be addressed.
- Information provided to Cllr Hill with regard to the Insurers requirements on the flying of drones. This is no longer relevant.
- Clerk has informed NLC of the elected Drainage Board representative.
- Clerk has registered an interest in the Queens Platinum Jubilee event, June 22.
- Permissions sought for the location of the plough.
- Churchyard withdrawn from the Best Kept Village categories.
- Anglian Water contacted and details passed to Cllr Moir for further communication.
- Clerk contacted NLC with regard to the Defib code. This is not required.

2107/07 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues

To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on North Lincolnshire Council issues.

Apologies received from Cllr C Sherwood and Cllr Waltham.

Cllr N Sherwood informed the meeting that PA/2021/68 had been called in by the other Ward Cllrs after being lobbied and this was now going to be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr N Sherwood confirmed that the Parish Council were aware of the proposed new motorway services at Barnetby Top to which he was told that they had.

The B1206 resurfacing has started.

Cllr Horner asked if Cllr Sherwood could take back to NLC the issue of litter from contractors who had recently been working on the local road including yellow spray can and food wrappers. This was also the case when contractors had been working on the new drain on New Street.

Cllr Sherwood left the meeting.

2107/08 Reports

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

Clerk to obtain costs from Streetscape and NLC to repair the Rota net which had ceased again.

Cllr Ousby to ask volunteers to ensure the bolt and padlock are free of each other when the park is opened up of a morning.

Cllr Ousby stated the moles are keeping a low profile at present.

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

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust have been approached for assistance but at present have no resources.

Clerk to ask when NLC are due to come and cut back in the Reserve.

Cllr Ousby to borrow a scythe to cut back some of the pathways which are more sensitive to a strimmer.

Cllr Van Oosterhout to ask if the Handyman can cut back the paths.

Cllr Ousby has reported that the tree stumps are beginning to sprout and these will be dealt with by NLC on the visit in autumn.

Clerk to ask that the contractor carries out the same on the left-hand side with regard to drilling holes to secure the bolts on the top gates and to spray a circle of paint round the hole for easy identification.

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- c. To receive an update report on the Low Villages Forum determining any actions required.
No report received.

2107/09 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

To receive an update verbal / written report from: -

- a. **Humberside Police/NATs** – Cllr Van Oosterhout attended the online NATs meeting and was impressed with PC Grant who showed much enthusiasm. The main issues of concern in the area at present are at Horkstow Bridge and the Millennium Green in Brigg.
- b. **NHW representative** – no report received from the representative.

2107/10 Highways / Neighbourhood Services / NLC issues/Parish Issues

- a. To receive an update on Post Lockdown Celebrations determining actions required.
Item to be removed.
- b. To consider when the next edition of the Leader will be sent out.
The next edition will be issued in September. Items for inclusion will be the Best Kept Village results and the Phone Box proposed seed exchange.
- c. To consider any additional grass cutting required.
Resolved – the area on Church Street as provided in the quote will be cut back as soon as possible and then included on a regular cut of an additional £20 per cut. The wildlife area will be left as is until at least the end of August and at the next meeting ideas for the future of the area will be discussed.
- d. To discuss the correspondence from Highways with regard to the delayed resurfacing determining any actions required.
Resolved - it was agreed to let NLC get on the programmed resurfacing.
- e. To notify the Clerk of any further issues to be taken up with NLC.
Clerk to ask Ward Cllrs for an update on the Church Street draining survey.

2107/11 Planning

- a. To receive any decisions and to discuss the following application received from North Lincolnshire Council.
The following decisions were received from NLC.
2020/2055 – planning permission to erect a storage tank for liquid organic waste on land south of Middlegate Lane and west of A15 has been withdrawn.
2021/68 – planning permission to erect a detached dwelling and detached double garage with office space above at The Old Cottage, 32 Church Street will be considered by the Planning Committee on 28/07. Cllr Ousby will be attending the Committee meeting to observe proceedings and report back to full council.
The following application received from NLC was discussed by the Parish Council.
2021/1121 – planning permission to vary condition 2 of approved PA/2020/874 (amended drawings to reflect amendments to proposed dwelling) at land south of Church Street.
Resolved – object to the application with the following comments: -
 - The scale of the building is out of keeping with the neighbouring properties.
 - Due to the elevation of the property, it will be dominating and overlooking neighbouring properties.

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- Due to the scale of the property, it will be overshadowing neighbouring properties.
- The Parish Council support the comments on the planning portal.

The following application was discussed and will be submitted to NLC under the Clerks delegated powers due to time constraints.

2021/1316 – application to undertake pruning on a sycamore tree (T1) at 23 Maltkiln Lane.

Resolved – no objection or comments.

- b. To consider correspondence received from Globe Consultants Ltd with regard to the land south of Barnetby Top Interchange proposed Motorway Services determining actions required.

Several parish councillors confirmed that they will be attending the consultation scheduled for Thursday 22nd between 2-8pm at Barnetby. The information has been circulated on Facebook.

2107/12 Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- a. To be notified of the correspondence received from the Armed Forces Covenant Officer regarding the 2021 Remembrance Day service determining any actions required.

Item noted.

- b. To be notified of the Statement from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Humberside on the OPCC Engagement Officer Role determining any actions required.

Item noted. The Clerk had submitted comments stating it would be a great shame if the Officer to the PCC was made redundant as she had been the interface for Town & Parish Councils.

- c. To be notified of the highway surfacing work on Doll Lane, Chapel Lane & Maltkiln Lane determining any actions required.

Item noted.

- d. To be notified of the correspondence received from Anglian Water with regard to the proposed Elsham to Lincoln pipeline determining actions required.

Clerk to arrange a meeting for Wednesday 11th August at 10am at the Village Hall.

Correspondence for Information

- b. ERNLLCA District Committee meeting – 13/07.
c. Police & Crime Plan Consultation.
d. ERNLLCA Invitation to participate in DCMS survey about rural network coverage.
e. Alliance Volunteer Hub information on summer roadshows.
f. Confirmation from PFK Littlejohn of receipt of Exemption Certificate for the external audit.

2107/13 Accounts

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

- Best Kept Village Projects – everything was in place although the plants and compost this year were a bit disappointing.

Once the view point in the Reserve had been cleared a new bench would be located in this area.

It was agreed to site the plough on New Street near to the corner with Hall Lane and adjacent to the street sign. Clerk to ask NLC for permission and for

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a quote to lay a concrete slab. Clerk to also obtain a further quote for works. An eye bolt is to be sunk into the concrete to secure the plough.

Update on the spraying of the plough has not been received to date.

- Seed exchange at the Kiosk – Cllr Hill waiting for quotes for scaffold boards.
- Village signage – in principle picture 1 was chosen. Cllr Ousby to try and photoshop the shadow from the church and will circulate.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting and celebrations, June 22. The Clerk has registered with the Pageant Master and a time of 9.15pm has been allocated to light the beacon. The beacon will need a new post.

b. To consider a donation/purchase towards/of litter bins at the service station at Barnetby Top.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with the owner of the garage to discuss the issue of litter bins.

c. To approve the monthly accounts for payment. See financial report.

Resolved – approval of the monthly accounts for payment.

16.06.21	VANL	Membership renewal	£20.00
21.06.21	ENLLCA	Training seminar	£24.00
18.06.21	JB Rural Services	Verge cut 6	£162.00
06.07.21		Verge cut 7	£162.00
18.06.21	JB Rural Services	Play area cut 5	£30.00
06.07.21		Play area cut 6	£30.00
25.06.21	L Guest	Pots and plants	£261.59
12.07.21	I Bowmer	Handyman	£80.00
20.07.21	D Hotson	Salary & Tax – July & August	

2107/14 **Minor Items**

a. To take any points from members.

- Cllr Van Oosterhout had been provided with a couple of old parish record books from 1895 which were given to the Council by a friend of a resident who had recently deceased.

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

- Low Villages speed sign – revised costs. Agenda item for the next meeting.
- CPRE membership renewal. Agenda item for the next meeting.
- NLC PROW Officer has confirmed that quotes have been requested for works to FP288.
- A VAT claim has been submitted for £834.30.

2107/15 **Agenda Items for the next meeting**

- Best Kept Village Results.

2107/16 **To confirm the date and time for the next meeting as Tuesday 21st September, 6.30pm at Elsham Village Hall.**

2107/17 **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 8.45pm.