

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Notes of the Discussions of Elsham Parish Councillors held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 commencing at 6.30pm, via the Teams platform.

Present: Chair - Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout
Cllr Andrew Horner, Cllr Sarah Burton, Cllr Mark Wood, and Cllr Jane Ousby
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors Cllr Carl Sherwood, Cllr Nigel Sherwood and Cllr Rob Waltham.

No members of the public attended.

T21/22 – 0201 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Moir.

T21/22 – 0202 Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

T21/22 – 0203 Declaration of Interest

a) No declarations of interest.

T21/22 – 0204 Minutes of Previous meeting

a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2022 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

T21/22 – 0205 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr Rob Waltham stating that meetings to set the budget for the forthcoming year would be taking place next week with an increase of resource to Adult Social Care.

The Government increase in National Insurance was being used to fund an Urgent Diagnostic Centre in Scunthorpe for referrals for MRI, CT scans etc.

The booster programme is still running with vaccines being provided in drop in centres at Scunthorpe and Broughton. Vaccines for eligible children would be continued to be offered in schools.

Amendments made to the Just Go bus service to enable easier bookings have resulted in an increase in capacity of a third in the last week.

NLC have launched the Wheels to Work and Education programme which makes electric scooters available to those struggling to access work or college.

The consultation on the Barton Relief Road is continuing ending 18th February 2022, with three potential routes being outlined, this will be the last stage of the consultation ahead of a route being chosen.

Teams have been out pothole fixing in the Low Villages over the last two weeks.

Resurfacing of the road from Church Lane to Middlegate Lane is in the programme from April 2022.

Cllr Van Oosterhout raised that a recent litter pick of Barnetby Lane had resulted in 40 Bags of litter collected between Elsham and Barnetby Top and asked if there was any policy regarding provision of litter bins by takeaways etc. Cllr Waltham stated he would check the planning conditions on the site, and if none had been stipulated would remind the business of their responsibility to manage litter. Cllr Horner asked if there were any signs that could be placed on the verge to encourage people to take litter home. Cllr Waltham to supply signs via the Clerk.

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T21/22 - 0206 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) To update on the following outstanding issues:
 - i) Church Street drainage issues – Ward Councillors reported that talks are ongoing with Anglian Water. Councillors highlighted that there were further loose chippings after the resurfacing work and requested that these be swept again.
 - ii) Waterlogged PROW alongside the Church – The Clerk reported that she had requested a quote for a bridge solution and also digging out and filling with stone.
 - iii) Cyclist signage knocked off the pole just before 5-way crossroads – this has been replaced, however the road closure sign in the hedge at 5-way crossroads, and faded bends in the road sign on the B1203 are yet to be resolved - Clerk to re-report these issues separately.
 - iv) Build up of leaves blocking gully on Barnetby Lane – Clerk to report
- b) Councillors raised the following highways and other issues:
 - i) Pothole on Barnetby Lane at the temporary traffic lights – Clerk to report to NLC
 - ii) Quantity of fly tipped waste in the Anglian Water compound off Middlegate as gates are being left open – Clerk to report to Anglian Water
 - iii) Dead peacock in the middle of a field at the top of Newland Hill
 - iv) Bags of cannabis dumped in the Quarry – has been reported to police.

T21/22 – 0207 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

- a) There were no updates from Humberside Police or Neighbourhood Watch Representative

T21/22 – 0208 Planning

- a) No planning applications received.
- b) Councillors discussed the following planning application:
 - Application No: PA/2021/2273
 - Proposal: Outline planning permission to construct a lorry park with up to 200 parking bays; erection of an amenity building; provision of a fuel filling station including the erection of a canopy and sales building comprising ancillary retail floor space; provision of electric vehicle forecourt and charging points; erection of up to two drive-thru restaurant units including associated car parking and access/exit from the A18 with scale, appearance, layout and landscaping reserved for subsequent consideration
 - Site Location: Land to the south of M180 Barnetby Top Interchange (Junction 5) and to the north and west of the A18, Barnetby

Councillors wished to object to this application on several grounds.
Cllr Van Oosterhout to prepare a statement of objection on behalf of the Parish Council for submission by the Clerk.

T21/22 – 0209 – Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) Councillors received updates on the following parish projects for 2021/22:
 - i) There was no update to planning permission for the Plough.
 - ii) The Clerk confirmed that no additional fixings were required for the bench. Clerk to work with Cllr Wood over the forthcoming month to resolve siting issues.
 - iii) There was no progress on the seed exchange at the Kiosk. IT was noted that the door sticks when fully closed
- b) Councillors received the following reports:
 - i) Play area.
 - Equipment needs cleaning
 - Rota Net requires further attention
 - Adult Gym area is currently waterlogged
 - Molehills have been removed and an defender granules applied although more are required.
 - ii) Elsham Nature Reserve.

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Clerk has requested a site meeting with NLC regarding the ivy covered trees alongside the highway.
iii) Low Villages Forum.

The Clerk gave an update stating that she was expecting delivery of the speed signs later this month and that the posts had been ordered for installation by NLC.

- c) Cllr Van Oosterhout presenting ideas for the Tesco Bags of Help Fund focusing on wildlife initiatives, including installation of owl and hedgehog houses as well as educational talks in wildlife for Elsham residents and a wildflower area. Councillors discussed these ideas and agreed that these would be explored further ahead of the March meeting,
- d) Councillors discussed entry into the Best Kept Village competition for 2022 and all wished to enter Action of Clerk – To complete entry into Best Kept Village Competition.
- e) To discuss the Parish Council website and a communications plan for 2022/23 – This item was deferred to the March meeting
- f) There were no other Parish Matters raised.

T21/22 – 0210 Jubilee Celebrations

- a) Councillors discussed plans for the Jubilee Celebration, detailing that £500 had already been committed through the booking of the band for the Saturday evening. It was agreed that future decisions be taken by the Jubilee Committee. Councillors wished to extend the budget for the Celebrations to a total of £1,000.

Councillors expressed their disappointment that the window for applications to the Jubilee Grant from NLC had closed, without either Councillors or the Clerk being aware of the deadlines.

T21/22 – 0211 Verge & PROW cutting 2022/23

- a) Councillors reviewed the anonymised quotes for the Verge & PROW Cutting for the 2022/23 season, and wished to award the contract to Contractor C – Sissons Gardening Services

Action of Clerk – To award the contract and organise a Village walkaround with Councillors and the contractor ahead of the first cut

T21/22 – 0212 Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2022/23

- a) Following the resignation of the previous Internal Auditor, Councillors discussed the appointment of a replacement Internal Auditor and agreed to appoint Brian Brooks as Internal Auditor to Worlaby Parish Council for the 2021/22 year.

This decision cannot be actioned by the Clerk under devolved responsibility and will need ratifying at the next formal meeting of the Parish Council.

T21/22 – 0213 Town and Parishes Code of Conduct

- a) Councillors reviewed and considered for adoption the updated Town and Parishes Code of Conduct received from NLC. Councillors were happy to adopt the updated Code of Conduct.

This decision cannot be actioned by the Clerk under devolved responsibility and will need ratifying at the next formal meeting of the Parish Council.

T21/22 – 0214 Clerk's Report

- a) Clerk did not have any items that had required attention since the January meeting.

T21/22 – 0215 Accounts

- a) Councillors reviewed, noted and agreed the current financial position which was signed by Cllr Van Oosterhout
- b) Councillors reviewed and noted the bank statements which were signed by Cllr Van Oosterhout
Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:
- c) 3rd February 2022 – Marmax – Bench - £448.80
- c) 3rd February 2022 – Vision ICT – Domain Renewal - £66.00
- e) 3rd February 2022 – ERNLLCA – Councillor Training - £180.00

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f) 3rd February 2022 – ERNLLCA – Councillor Training - £168.00

Councillors approve the following invoices for payment:

g) Cllr S Burton – Christmas Light Switch on Refreshments - £32.17

h) Cllr A Horner – Clerk Leaving Gift - £21.00

T21/22 – 0216 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting

a) Councillors raised that the Christmas Tree still required removing from outside the Village Hall.

b) Councillors noted the following item of correspondence received:

i) Saxby Parish Council

c) No correspondence had arrived since agenda was posted.

d) Website and communications strategy and KCOM to form agenda items for the March Meeting.

T21/22 - 0217 Date and time of forthcoming meetings

a) The next Parish Council meeting or discussion of Councillors will be held on Tuesday 15th March 2022.

T21/22 – 0218 To consider the exclusion of the public due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

No items were discussed in this section.