

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July, 2020 at 6.30pm. Due to the Coronavirus the meeting was held on a telephone conference call. All members of the public and press were invited.

Present: Cllr Busby, Cllr Guest, Cllr Horner, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Ousby & Cllr Van Oosterhout (Chair).

Also Present: Ward Cllr C Sherwood & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson.

2007/01 To note apologies for absence

All members present.

2007/02 Public Participation

No public questions raised.

2007/03 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.

2007/04 Minutes of Previous meeting

Resolved - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th June, 2020 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

2007/05 Clerk's Report

a. Clerk has written to Cllr Waltham with regard to the concerns raised about the inter mowing areas that are being cut too early in the season, resurfacing of the road within Elsham and flooding issues on Front Street and Church Street. No responses have yet been received.

Cllr Horner had been speaking with NLC Officer with regard to the Church Street drainage issues. While clearing the grass bank Cllr Horner had discovered that the grass verge had overgrown covering several drains and gullies which was stopping the water draining down Church Street along with the cracks in the road stopping the natural flow of the water.

The NLC Officer believes that Front Street and Church Street were also included on the road resurfacing programme. Clerk to confirm.

The NLC Officer has reported the overgrowing verge to the relevant department and the work has still to be done. Clerk & Cllr Sherwood to chase this up.

With regard to the Front Street flooding issues, while on site the NLC Officer had placed some barriers around a badly affected part of the highway which are still in situ and not works carried out. Again, Clerk & Cllr Sherwood to chase up.

b. Clerk has reported all highway issues to NLC.

c. Clerk has ordered the 3 replacement bins and confirmed their locations along with the re-location of the salt bin and litter bin on the triangle on Church Street.

d. NATs details completed and submitted to NLC.

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2007/06 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues

Cllr Sherwood informed the meeting that the council are trying to get back to a 'normal' and the car parking charges will resume on 1st August.

Barton Leisure Centre will reopen on 25/07 with limited use along with Brigg Leisure Centre. The pools will reopen on 03/08.

The Government have devolved local lockdowns down to the local authorities.

Cllr Sherwood was also asked to look at the delays to the flooding issues on the junction of B1206 with New Street.

2007/07 Reports

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

Cllr Guest stated that the inspection had taken place and the tree stump removed.

Clerk to chase up the cutting of the conifer hedge with the contractor.

A resident had raised concerns with regard to the moles and the witch's hat was stiff and needs greasing.

Cllr Ousby to take a look at the witch's hat and engage the handyman if required.

Cllr Ousby will get in touch with the residents informing them that the Parish Council are aware of the mole situation and are monitoring at present.

Cllr Sherwood added that mole can undermine and weaken the ground and to be aware of this.

Cllr Guest to add to the safety check sheet.

Moles holes to be trodden down frequently.

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

Notification that a rare moth had been present in the quarry and a report was provided by a member of the Lincolnshire county moth recorder.

There had been some bother with bikes, but nothing recent.

Cllr Ousby had been in touch with both Strava & Veloviewer website which feed the Strava site with data. Veloviewer website have placed something on the website stating that the route is no longer open to cycling and Strava have stated they are not able to put anything on the site as the public upload the routes.

Cllr Ousby had spotted NLC in the Reserve who were checking the site for future works in September to help encourage more wild flowers.

Cllr Busby to contact MD Signs to see when the new heritage boards will be installed.

c. To receive the completed safety check sheets determining any actions required.

Cllrs Guest & Van Oosterhout to send the Clerk the latest sheets.

2007/08 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

To receive an update verbal / written report from: -

a. Humberside Police/NATs – no meetings have been arranged.

b. NHW representative – no update received.

2007/09 Highways / Neighbourhood Services / NLC issues/Parish Issues

a. To receive an update on a footpath being installed on Barnetby Lane determining actions required.

Item deferred to the next meeting.

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b. To consider the creation of wild flower areas in the parish determining actions required.

Most of the documentation that was provided to the Council is not relevant to the parish apart from the information on creating wild flower meadows.

It was agreed the bank at the Church and the triangle would be created into wild flower areas. The area on the triangle will be kept within 1ft high due to visibility.

A meeting to be arranged with the resident who provided the report and undertakes this work as a profession, she has agreed to provide the report and her time free of charge. The resident cutting the bank currently has offered to scarify the area if required.

c. To consider the concerns raised by a resident with regard to spring water flooding gardens along Church Street, determining actions required.

Clerk to contact the resident who raised concerns stating that Anglian Water are aware of the issue and he will need to contact them direct.

d. To determine actions required with regard to the parish's general tree/hedge maintenance.

The Clerk had reported the concerns to NLC Tree Officer with regard to the trees along Doll Lane. There is some works to be carried out including pruning and removal of dead wood, this will be programmed in.

The Tree Officer has asked the PROW department to take a look at the area where the tarmac has lifted and it may be a trip hazard.

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

No other issues raised.

2007/10 **Planning**

a. To receive any decisions and to discuss the following planning application received from North Lincolnshire Council.

2020/874 – planning permission to erect a dwelling with integral garage including improved vehicle access and landscaping on land south of Church Street.

Resolved – no objection or comment.

The comments for this application were not available to view although some had been put on to the portal on 8th July. Clerk to ask if the lead times when comments are available can be reduced?

b. To determine actions required with regard to any outstanding planning enforcement issues.

- Stoneledge alleged breach of planning – item deferred as no update received.

2007/11 **Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

a. To determine actions required with regard to the exposed electricity poles and wires on land at Maltkiln Lane.

There has been no response received to the letter sent on 29/06 to the owner of the land.

b. To be notified of the Keep Britain Tidy – Great British September Clean, 11th – 27th determining any actions required.

Item noted. The Parish Council are currently arranging their own litter picks as and when deemed necessary.

c. To be notified of the NALC new model code of conduct determining actions required.

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It was agreed to wait for the NLC Consultation.

Correspondence for Information

- d. ERNLLCA newsletter 5 & 6.
- e. NLC Highway updates – the blocked gullies on Barnetby Lane and the drain on Church Street have been cleared.
- f. Confirmation of receipt from the External Auditor of the notification of exempt status, 2020.

2007/12 Accounts

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

17.06.20	JB Rural Services	Grass verge cut	£162.00
03.07.20	JB Rural Services	Grass verge cut	£162.00
20.07.20	D Hotson	Salary & Tax – July & August	
20.07.20	A Sissons	Play Area cut – July & August	£144.00 £96.00

2007/13 Minor Items

- a. To take any points from members.
 - CEP - Information updates on those able to provide assistance in the parish to be provided to the Clerk.
 - Cllr Taylor raised concerns over the state of the level crossing due to the large ramp that is now causing concerns for crossing. Clerk to report to NLC Highways.
- b. Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.
 - NALC Devolution information – item noted.

2007/14 Agenda Items for the next meeting

2007/15 To confirm the date and time for the next meeting of the Parish Council as Monday 14th September, 2020 at 6.30pm via a Zoom platform.

2007/16 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.

- Personnel Committee – Clerks Appraisal meeting to be arranged for when the Clerk returns from annual leave.

The meeting closed at 8pm.