



**Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th February 2015
8pm at Elford Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors Wain (Chair), Batchelor, Gilbert, Newport, Smith, Taylor and Standerwick

In Attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk).

Notice and quorum: Due notice of the meeting had been given and a quorum of Councillors was present. The Chair declared the meeting open.

1. To receive apologies

None

The Chair welcomed Cllr Taylor back after his recent illness.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation

Cllr Newport declared an interest in item 5(b).

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12/1/15

Resolved: Approved

To receive information on matters arising from the meeting of 12/1/15:

- i. **Rights of Way;** This matter was ongoing.
- ii. **Sportsfield;** Clearance had begun at the back of the Cricket Club building. Cllr Wain would confirm with the Football Club what was to be done next.
- iii. **First Aid;** The training session had gone well and it was hoped to arrange training for another group shortly.

4. To receive the Clerk's report

Annual Parish Meeting; This would take place on May 11th, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The Faster Broadband team from Staffordshire County Council had indicated that they would be able to attend to advise residents.

Elections; A meeting for prospective candidates in the May election would take place at the District Council at 6pm on Tuesday March 3rd.

5. To receive the Clerk's report on planning issues.

- (a) 14/00634/FUL Construction of a lagoon to hold liquid fertiliser at Home Farm, Elford. Following the very well attended public meeting on the issue held prior to this meeting, it was RESOLVED to submit a further letter of objection. However various conditions would be requested if the application was to be granted.
- (b) Application 14/01228/FUL Replace conservatory with a two storey rear extension. RESOLVED no objection.

6. To consider the Playground

Some new volunteers had come forward, the school would be contacted to ask if any other parents wished to volunteer. A list would be compiled and suitable dates for a first meeting to arrange working parties would be agreed. *Action : Clerk*

The monies raised by the previous committee had been donated to the Parish Council and would be kept in the deposit account and earmarked for spending on the playground when needed. A rota for inspections would be drawn up.

Action: Cllrs Gilbert and Batchelor

Resolved: Approved

7. To consider entry to Best Kept Village

The Social Club would be contacted.

Action: Cllrs Newport and Gilbert

The School would be asked to assist with posters.

Action: Clerk

RESOLVED to enter the competition in 2015.

8. To consider proposal to set up a Scout Group

Cllr Smith reported on discussions on this. The demand for such a group from local boys and girls would be investigated and a taster session would be held. The Walled Garden would be approached to ask if a venue there was available. *Action: Cllr Smith*

RESOLVED that the Parish Council was prepared to use some of the youth development budget for equipment if requested.

9. To consider village maintenance

Derek would undertake regular playground safety inspections until volunteers came forward.

It was agreed to ask Highways and the District Council to clear gullies on the A513, clear mud in Brickhouse Lane and sweep pavements.

Resolved: Approved

10. To receive questions from Councillors

Cllr Newport had attended the Village Hall meeting and also thanked Cllr Batchelor for requesting more copies of the Lichfield Mercury.

11. To receive the financial report.

(a) Bank statements had been forwarded and the bank reconciliation was noted.

(b) The precept request had been submitted to the District Council.

Resolved: Approved

12. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment.

Payments to: M. Jones, salary and expenses;
Elford Village Hall, rental December and January £252;
D. Beaumont, handyman work £50;
Society of Local Council Clerks, membership fee £49

Resolved: Approved

13. To receive correspondence.

Staffordshire Parish Councils Associations bulletins

Resolved: Noted

14. Date of next meeting.

Monday 9th March 2015, 7.00 p.m., Elford Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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