



**Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14th March 2016
7.00 pm at Elford Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors Wain (Chair), Collins, Gilbert, Jones, Smith, Standerwick, and Turley

In Attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk), three members of the public

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

Open Forum

The residents present gave details of the forthcoming visit from Awoingt. 23 visitors of all ages were due to arrive on May 5th, staying with 8 Elford families, and being shown around local sights over the weekend. Elford residents were welcome to attend the two evening functions at the Village Hall on the evening of Saturday May 6th and the Walled Gardens on the evening of Sunday May 7th. It was hoped that representatives of the Parish Council would also attend. Fund raising had been done by the organisers and it was hoped that the Parish Council would also assist with funding towards the visit. This request would be considered on the next agenda.

1. To receive apologies for absence

None received

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

None received

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8/2/16

The minutes were approved by all and signed by the Chair

Resolved: Approved

To receive information on matters arising from the meeting of 8th February

The church was organising an event at the Walled Garden for the Queen's 90th birthday.

4. To receive the Clerk's report

Community Paths Initiative; there were no bids to be made at present. Cllr Gilbert would look at the state of the path near The Beck.

Laptop; the replacement of the Clerk's laptop would be discussed on the next agenda.

School fund raising; the PTA were fundraising for work on the nature area.

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

There were no applications.

An appeal had been made against the wind turbine application at Haunton and the decision of the Secretary of State was expected shortly.

An application had been made locally for two wind turbines at Raddle Farm, Edingale

6. To consider waste recycling centre visit and spreading at Home Farm

It was hoped that a visit by some of the Cllrs to the waste recycling centre would be possible shortly; Cllr Collins presented a list of questions for the centre to answer. Spreading at Home Farm had recommenced but had halted when the tractor was grounded in heavy mud. Several complaints had been received by Environmental Health who had agreed that there had been a bad odour. A meeting of all parties concerned was to be arranged shortly and everyone would be kept informed.

Resolved: Approved

7. To consider the Neighbourhood Plan

A questionnaire was to be produced to seek the views of all residents, and it was resolved that this would be done by the steering group which would first meet on April 12th. It was important to involve as many local peoples' views as possible.

Resolved: Approved

8. To consider a CCTV system

Discussion regarding the advantages of such a system took place. It was agreed to ask to borrow a camera for 6 months in order to evaluate the advantages for the village.

Action: Cllr Turley

Resolved: Approved

9. To consider playground maintenance

Cllr Standerwick said that it was taking longer than expected to pressure wash the surfaces, and the work would continue. He proposed that the next volunteer day would take place on April 12th, with painting and sanding tasks to be done, and this would be advertised. The previous quotes for fencing would be considered at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Standerwick

Resolved: Approved

10. To consider grounds maintenance

A further quote had not been provided, and it was agreed that Rob Harcombe would continue to provide village maintenance. A contract for this year would be signed.

Resolved: Approved

11. To consider Best Kept Village entry

An improved map was needed. Cllr Wain would provide a larger scale map of the centre of the village and the Clerk would forward information on the criteria required to Cllr Standerwick, who would produce an improved map for the judges to use.

Action: Clerk

Resolved: Approved

12. To consider dog fouling

Large banners would be ordered to make dog owners aware of this ongoing problem on the field. An extra dog waste bin would be ordered and the District Council would be asked to put this near the school and to add it to their emptying regime.

Resolved: Approved

13. To consider weekend traffic and parking problems

The Football Club had been made aware at the Sportsfield Committee meeting of the problem of parking in Church Road during recent matches and would take action.

14. To consider the phone kiosk

The next meeting would consider whether to arrange for the phone to be disconnected as it was rarely used.

15. To consider a safeguarding policy

The draft policy would be considered at the next meeting.

16. To consider the Clerk’s pension

The Personnel Committee would report back on this to the next meeting.

17. To receive questions and reports from Councillors

Cllr Turley said that despite leaflets delivered twice to every household, the large banner at the Village Hall and various posters, the emails to residents and Facebook messages, three residents had told him they were unaware about the Neighbourhood Plan.

18. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Letter from a resident complaining about traffic in the Shrubbery

19. To receive a financial report.

(a) Bank reconciliation – this was noted.

(b) On- line Banking – Cllrs Wain, Collins, Turley and the Clerk were now registered for this with the Cooperative Bank.

Resolved: Approved

20. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment.

Payments to: M. Jones, total salary and expenses £343.52;

D. Beaumont, handyman work £130.00;

Elford Village Hall, room hire £173.50;

Prontaprint, printing £61.20

Scottish Power, playground electricity £0.55

Came & Co., insurance £641.98

Society of Local Council Clerks, membership £55

BPUD, consultancy fee, £3744

Resolved: Approved

21. Date of next meeting. Monday 11th April 2016, 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.