



## Minutes

**Meeting of the Parish Council  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
7 pm, at Elford Village Hall**

**Present: Councillors Jones (Chair), Gilbert, Hilderley, Turley and Wright**

**In attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk)**

### **Open Forum**

No members of the public had attended

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Payne and Cllr Oakley had apologised, the apologies were accepted.  
District Cllr Leytham had apologised.

#### **2. To receive Declarations of Interest**

None received.

#### **3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12/11/18**

The Minutes were approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. To receive the Clerk's Report**

A Christmas tree had been purchased and installed by Cllr Gilbert at the Village Hall and the lights had been put up by the Village Hall Chair. An extra set could be needed next year. Cllr Hilderley had suggested an alternative supplier for next year.

St Peter's Church had requested the sweeping of leaves in The Avenue before the Christmas services and the District Council had been informed about this and had said it would be done.

The carol service would be on 16th December, no request for a reader from the Parish Council had yet been received.

The Cricket Club had requested assistance in obtaining a recycling bin at a reduced rate and this had been discussed with Lichfield District Council, who would arrange this in time for next season.

**Resolved: Approved**

**5. To consider Planning Issues**

There had been no applications since the last meeting.  
The Neighbourhood Plan referendum had achieved a yes result.

**Resolved:** Approved

**6. To consider the Bus Service**

The service was of great benefit to a small group of residents, although passenger numbers and donations had reduced due to the winter and some users being unwell. Harlaston would not proceed after the trial period ended as there had been too few users. Edingale had agreed to continue with the service and to increase their precept to fund it. Cllrs discussed the costs, and various options which could be possible including sponsorship and local fund raising. It was agreed to continue to support the bus service and RESOLVED to fund one journey a week from 4<sup>th</sup> January, costs and usage to be reviewed in 6 months.

**Resolved:** Approved

**7. To consider the future of the Social Club**

At a recent well attended Extraordinary General Meeting the members had agreed to the closure of the club for financial reasons. Legal advice had been taken and the next EGM would vote on the dissolution of membership. Cllr Wright would keep the Parish Council informed.

**8. To consider repairs to stile on public footpath**

The stile behind the Village Hall had been reported to the Rights of Way team, it would be repaired when resources allowed.

**9. To consider quote for fencing repairs in the footway off the Square**

RESOLVED to proceed with this work.

**Resolved:** Approved

**10. To consider improving visibility for vehicles exiting the Sportsfield car park**

Following a report by Cllr Gilbert RESOLVED to cut the hedge lower, rather than installing a fence, as a cheaper and easier solution to ensure that drivers could see oncoming traffic.

**Resolved:** Approved

**11. To consider playground repairs required**

RESOLVED to action various minor repairs brought to the Parish Council's attention in the Annual Inspection report.

Quotes for pressure washing to clean the surfacing had been obtained and it was agreed to accept a quote for £440.



Cllr Payne had met one playground equipment representative and would meet another shortly. Proposals for improvements to the playground would be sent in January for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Gilbert advised that the existing surfacing would be expensive and difficult to remove and it would be preferable to install bark around new items.

**Resolved:** Approved

**12. To consider trim trail proposal**

The firm who had quoted for this had enquired whether it would go ahead. Cllr Turley would check whether the donor wished to proceed; if so the Parish Council would agree the location and check with the clubs before ordering the equipment.

**Resolved:** Approved

**13. To consider quote for tree removal in footway off Church Road**

A tree surgeon had quoted for the dead tree to be cut down and removed, it was RESOLVED to do this work.

Cllr Hilderley offered to remove a fallen tree from the cricket pitch.

**Resolved:** Approved

**14. To consider the draft budget for financial year 2019-20**

Various amendments were made to the draft figures, RESOLVED to confirm the final budget at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** Approved

**15. To receive questions and reports from Councillors**

Cllr Wright confirmed that the CCTV cameras continued to function at the club.

Cllr Wright had uploaded historic photos onto the Elford Parish website.

The recent rise in vehicle crime was mentioned.

Cllr Jones asked whether anything had been heard about the lagoon at Home Farm.

**16. To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Lichfield District Council news releases, referendum information.

Rawlett School, results of consultation on expansion

Royal Mail, still trying to resolve the Post Office provision

**17. To receive a financial report**

The bank reconciliation was given.

**Resolved:** Approved





**18. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment**

Payments to: M. Jones, salary and expenses; £332.50;  
Elford Village Hall, room hire £17.50;  
RW Harcombe, maintenance, £90.00;  
A. Robey, handyman work, £60.00;  
Solus Coaches, hire, £900;  
Lichfield District Council, playground inspection £62.40  
Prontaprint, printing £36.00  
Tim Gilbert, Christmas tree £140.00

**Resolved:** Approved

**19. Date of next meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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